

Business Luncheon
GEMELA Minutes
October 3, 2008

Present at the meeting: All members of GEMELA participating in the conference.

Call to Order. Sarah Owens called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

Conference Overview. Sarah O. proceeded to welcome all the attendees. Lisa V. acknowledged all the people from California State University who contributed to the conference.

2008 GEMELA Honors and Awards. Lisa V. introduced the speakers who were in charge of the In memoriam for Georgina Sabat de Rivers. Stacy Schlau, Emilie Bergmann, Electa Arenal and Susan Smith spoke about Georgina. Lisa V. then announced the Honorary Lifetime membership awarded to Asunción Lavrin. Lisa V. proceeded to announce the winner of the graduate student paper.

2008 MLA sessions. Sarah O. reminded attendees of Allied status at the MLA and the need to attend the sessions at the San Francisco conference in December.

Update on Future Conferences 2010 and 2012. Sarah O. mentioned that we have several good possibilities for our future GEMELA conferences and invited people to look at the host form in the GEMELA web page if interested in hosting the conference.

Future elections. Sarah O. mentioned that nominations will be taken between May and August of 2009 for all posts in the Board except Treasurer and Web Director. Elections will be conducted in September 2009.

Announcements. Lisa V mentioned the importance of having GEMELA sessions at other conferences to maintain allied status. Amanda Powell announced the translation workshop for summer 2009 in Mexico, and Stacey Schlau reminded people to contribute to the GEMELA journal.

Adjournment. The meeting ended at 1:20 p.m.