

Minutes of 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Charles S. Peirce Society

March 14th 2026

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

President Cornelis de Waal called the meeting to order at roughly 11:50am. In attendance were Aaron Wilson, Cornelis de Waal, Shannon Dea, Mark Migotti, Scott Metzger, Cassiano Rodrigues, Claudia Cristalli, Chiara Ambrosio, Jon Alan Schmidt, Richard Atkins, Jimmy Aames, Yi Jiang, and Michael Raposa.

1. Moment of Silence for Peircean scholars and academics who recently passed.

A moment of silence was held in memory of recently deceased past presidents Cornelius Delaney and Susan Haack.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2025 meeting

Aaron Wilson asked for approval of the minutes from the 2025 meeting. The minutes were approved

3. Report from the Executive Committee

Aaron Wilson read the following report.

The executive committee this past year included Cornelis de Waal, Shannon Dea, Aaron Wilson, Hans Joas, Maria Regina Brioschi, Diana Heney, Cassiano Rodrigues, and Scott Metzger. We met over Zoom twice this past year, and corresponded several other times over email, and the following were our significant activities.

- a. First and foremost, each member of the committee, except for me, served as evaluators in selecting this year's Peirce essay prize winner. Although it was still a competitive pool, we received only 6 qualifying submissions, which is a decline from 9 submissions the year before and also 9 the year before that, however, the year before that, the 22-23 contest, saw only 5 submissions. So, the decline this past year can be interpreted as a part of normal fluctuation pattern.

Further, we want reassure everyone that the identity of the author of each submission is completely anonymous to the evaluators. Only the director knows the identity of the authors, and the director plays absolutely no role in selecting the winner. And for transparency, we follow the following selection process.

The director asks the committee to evaluate the submissions in two phases. In the first phase, the director distributes each submission to at least two evaluators, based as best as possible on specialty, and asks them to score the submissions from 1 to 10 on quality of organization, quality of research, strength of argument, and originality of contribution, doubling the score for originality, as that is the criterion we emphasize in our call for submissions, so that each submission gets a score out of 50. We then average the scores from each evaluator and select ones with the highest averaged scores—which are two to four depending on how close the scores are together—for final consideration in phase two. At phase two, each evaluator evaluates each the finalist paper, and we schedule a meeting to reach a consensus on the prize winner. Only after the rest of the committee comes to a final decision does the director reveal the identity of the prize winner.

Again, we mention all this because we want to be very transparent in how we select the prize winner, and to assure the community that our process is as fair as it reasonably can be, as we think that will help encourage more submissions. One more point regarding the essay prize, the committee decided to increase the travel stipend from \$750 to \$1,000.

- b. Further, in an effort to maintain a presence at each of three division meetings of the American Philosophical Association, we put out a call for submissions for our affiliated group sessions at each the 2026 Central division meeting and the 2026 Pacific division meeting. Generally, we organize affiliated group sessions at the APA meetings simply on request by interested members, and at the 2025 Pacific division meeting we held an author-meets-critics session on Richard Atkin's book, *Peirce on Inference*, which included Chiara Ambrosio, Francesco Bellucci, and Jeff Kasser, and we held a panel on Pragmatist approaches to Animal minds at the 2026 Eastern meeting, which included Vincent Colapietro, Daniel Brunson, and Jessica Wahman. These sessions were just by request. For this past Central division meeting, we held one session by request, an editor-meets-critics session on the Peirceana Logic of the Future series by Ahti Pietarinen, and it included Kees de Waal, Nathan Haydon, and Nathan Houser, and another session comprised of papers that were anonymously evaluated. At the upcoming 2026 Pacific division meetings, which will be entirely online, we are holding two affiliated group sessions based also on anonymous evaluation. Thanks Diana Heney, Shannon Dea, Maria Regina Brioschi and Cassiano Rodrigues for serving as evaluators.

- c. The executive committee voted to renew our \$500 annual support for the Pike County Historical Society in Milford PA, close to Peirce's Arisbe home, whose Columns museum houses an exhibit on Charles and Juliette Peirce. As a reminder to all members, if you plan on visiting Milford, let us know we'll reach out to museum director to get you free admission.
- d. The executive committee also voted to approve five different funding requests. We received five requests, 3 of which were for speakers who were selected to presented at our affiliated group sessions at the APA meetings. Our procedure and criteria for funding requests are posted on our website.
- e. Next the executive committee voted to purchase equipment for live streaming talks, as we had just done for the speaker portion of our annual meeting. This includes a computer, camera, tripod, lavalier microphones, support equipment and carry case totaling around \$1200. These are first tangible goods owned by Peirce Society, and until we decide otherwise, the equipment will be kept in the care of the director. Our Society does not have its own physical office that is distinct from the spaces that its executive members have personally or through their full-time jobs.
- f. Finally, perhaps the most significant decision that we made this past year was to organize a mini-conference in 2027 celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary—that is, 150 year anniversary—of the start of *Peirce's Illustrations of the Logic of Science* series, which will also serve as our annual general meeting for 2027. Since our president this coming year, Shannon Dea, is based in Canada, the decision was made to hold this mini-conference in Canada, and Mark Migotti graciously agreed to host this mini-conference at his institution, the University of Calgary, around May or June in 2027. Along with professor Migotti, Daniel Brunson, Diana Heney, Scott Metzger, and Aaron Wilson constitute the organizing committee for this conference. More details and likely a call for submissions will be released by late Summer of this year.
- g. Lastly, a reminder that membership options include electronic or print subscription to Transactions or direct dues paid through paypal. Also, current graduate students and past presidents / fellows of the Society have free membership. Now a further reminder that if you subscribe to the Transactions, please also email the Society, at peircesociety@gmail.com, to notify us. Not only do we only get subscriber lists from IUP only once or twice a year, but these

subscriber lists do not include those who subscribe to the Transactions through Project Muse. Currently we have 120 members, including graduate students and living past presidents.

4. Report from the Editor-in-Chief of the Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society

During the 2025 calendar year we published three issues of the Transactions, with the fourth shifting into 2026 due to a confluence of factors. One problem is that the number of quality submissions to the journal remains at the low end. Even this year's Peirce Essay Contest does not appear to net us much beyond the contest winner. In 2025, we published the Chris Hookway Memorial Lecture, delivered by Cheryl Misak and Bob Talisse and a book symposium on Richard Atkins' *Peirce on Inference: Validity, Strength, and the Community of Inquirers*, as well as a wide variety of papers on Peirce, pragmatism and American philosophy more generally. We currently have a number of projects in various stages of completion, including a book symposium on Ahti Pietarinen's *Logic of the Future*, one on Paniel Reyes Cardenas' *American Pragmatism and Christian Spirituality*, and a third symposium on C.I. Lewis. If all goes well, some of the papers presented at Peirce sessions held at the APA, and sponsored by the Society, will also translate into submissions to the Transactions.

The numbers

Following several years of decline, subscriptions seem to have stabilized. The latest Project Muse subscription count is 2,056, which is the same as the year before. Over the same period, however, the number of Project Muse downloads pretty much doubled, from 5,743 to 10,825. This does not seem to have generated an increase in citations (or at least not yet), as the journal's H5-index, as reported by IU Press, has remained the same. The Transactions has an H5-index of 8 (meaning that we published 8 articles in the last five years that have been cited at least 8 times each). The median H5-index was 11, meaning that of those 8 articles, four had 11 citations or more.

Individual subscriptions are up from 73 to 89; we lost one individual subscriber and won 17 institutional subscribers. Print subscriptions increased from 40 to 68; this growth too is primarily with the institutional subscriptions. As in previous years we sold no individual print issues.

In FY25, the Transactions made a gross profit of \$ 41,485, which is slightly more than FY24 (\$40,776). Of this 15% went to the Peirce Society, which comes to \$6,222.83.

Cornelis de Waal,

Editor-in-Chief

5. 2025 Financial Statement for Charles S. Peirce Society (January 1st 2025 to December 31st, 2025)

Aaron Wilson read the following financial statement:

As of December 31st 2025 our checking and savings account balances totaled \$61,714.

This is down from \$61,947: our account balances as of January 1st 2025, for a difference of -\$233.

Our revenue totaled: \$9,107

Royalties from the Transactions: \$6,223

Direct Membership Dues paid: \$1,830

Interest from Saving Account: \$1,054

Our expenditure totaled: \$9,340

Peirce Essay Prize winner: \$2,000

Pike County Historical Society: \$500

Mailchimp: \$339

APA: \$250

Wordpress: \$103

Zoom: \$205

Banking Fees (inc. international wires): \$302

Filing Fees: \$22

Funding Requests: \$2,425

Peirce Society Dinner: \$360

Executive Committee Reimbursement: \$1,500

Purchase of New Equipment: \$1,334

6. Nominations and Elections for the Executive Committee

This year we had three upcoming vacancies, one for vice president or president-elect, one for executive director, and one of the three at-large members. Per our Constitution, our president nominated a nominating committee, which was composed of Rosa Mayorga, Yi Jiang, and Nial Rowe. The nominating committee returned 1st choices for nominees for the offices, Mark Migotti for Vice President/President-Elect, Aaron Wilson for Director, and Claudia Cristalli for at-large member.

A note about my nomination as director. Under our constitution, the director can serve two consecutive terms. I volunteered to continue for a second term, one to help maintain continuity in the executive committee, but also because the director does carry the brunt of the responsibility for the Society, and as we've also agreed to do this mini-conference next year, and we would need to be more carefully prepared for a transition in director.

A message was sent to members on February 4, announcing the three-week window for members to make alternative nominations. We received no alternative nominations. So on February 27, an email ballot went out to members to approve the election of Mark, Claudia, and me, and the members who voted, voted overwhelmingly to approved them. So I'm happy to announce that Mark and Claudia will be joining our committee for the next three years. Congratulations to them! And that I will continuing on the committee for the next three years.

7. Other Business

Attending member Jon Schmidt asked for an update on the Peirce Edition Project and the *Writings*. Cornelis de Waal explained that currently the Project's work on new volumes is dormant, although the physical space and scholarly resources in the PEP are secure. On top of the lack of institutional support and grants, the director of the PEP, Andre de Tienne, now has a full teaching load and does not have much time or resources to work on his editing platform that he was developing for the *Writings*. In addition, there have been no updates from Andre de Tienne, including no updates about his proposed \$25 million campaign.

Attending fellow Rosa Mayorga asked about a memorial event in honor of Susan Haack. It was agreed that it should be in Miami, ideally at the University of Miami, and that it should be either a memorial lecture with one speaker or an event with multiple

speakers. Shannon Dea agreed that we would put it on the agenda for our first executive committee meeting.

8. Installment of New President and Adjournment

The meeting ending at approximately with the symbolic passing of the torch from Professor de Waal to Dr. Dea, the Peirce Society president until the 2027 annual meeting, who adjourned the meeting at approximating 12:45pm.