In memory
This summer, Edward Dudley, retired Professor of Spanish and
Comparative Literature, State University of New York at Buffalo, died from the
effects of Parkinson’s disease in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was 82.
As most of us know, Ed was a respected and admired scholar on the works
of Miguel de Cervantes. He taught Spanish and comparative literature at the
University of California, Los Angeles, the University of Pittsburgh and most
recently, the University of Buffalo, from which he retired in 1999. He is
survived by his wife, Patricia, and two sons, John and David.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Executive Council and thanks to other
nominees for your willingness to serve. The following members will serve on the council from
2009-11.
Joan Cammarata
María Antonia Garcés
Charles Presberg
Steve Wagschal
Amy Williamsen

Call for Managing Director and Communications Director
When Theresa Sears retired this spring, I stepped in as interim secretary-treasurer. This year we
plan to divide the position into two different positions: Managing director (responsible for
business and financial matters) and Communications director (responsible for newsletter and web
pages). If you are interested in either of these positions or know someone who might serve the
Society well in this capacity, please consider nominating yourself or another member (with their
permission). Please send your name or the nominee’s name and a brief note to me or either of the
other committee members in charge of the search.
Ignacio Lopez (ilopez@duke.edu)
Rogelio Minana (rminana@mtholyoke.edu)
Carolyn Nadeau (cnadeau@iwu.edu)

The newsletter is going electronic!
Starting Jan. 2009 the newsletter will be published electronically and available on the CSA website
(http://www.h-net.org/~cervantes/bcsalist.htm). The new Communication Director will send e-
mail notices when the newsletter is published and reminders to those whose membership is in
arrears.
Payment available on line
CSA members now have the option to subscribe/renew with a credit card on our website: http://www.h-net.org/~cervantes/csa/SubscribeCSA.htm. We hope this will facilitate paying dues for overseas members and others who prefer to go paperless! 2009 dues are $25.00 a year for individuals, $50.00 for institutions, $30.00 for couples, and $10.00 for students.

Constitutional Changes
Following are the proposed changes to the constitution. The officers of the CSA and the Executive Council will vote on these proposed changes at the annual meeting this Dec, 2008. You can find the current constitution online: http://www.h-net.org/~cervantes/csa/artics86/constitu.htm.

CONSTITUTION
The Cervantes Society of America

ARTICLE I—NAME
The name of this Society shall be THE CERVANTES SOCIETY OF AMERICA. The Society shall be a corporation.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE
The purpose of this Society shall be to advance the study of the life and works of Miguel de Cervantes through the promotion of communication and cooperation among its members, through the publication of reviews of books and articles and reports on pedagogical approaches to Cervantes' work, through descriptions of research currently in progress by members, through discussions at annual meetings, and through such other means as may tend to deepen and broaden understanding of Cervantes and his works. The official languages of the Society shall be English and Spanish.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1
The Society shall consist of individuals and institutions that have paid current dues to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society. Institutional members shall have all privileges except that of voting. Provision for non-dues-paying members (honorary, corresponding, etc.) may be made in the By-Laws, but they shall not be voting members.

SECTION 2
Those members who signified their intention of joining the Society, and paid their dues, before December 27, 1979, shall be known as FOUNDERS.

SECTION 3
Those members who joined the Society within the first calendar year, i.e., before January 1, 1981, or who paid dues from the first year, shall be known as CHARTER MEMBERS.

SECTION 4
Those members who contribute $100.00 or more to the Society within any calendar year shall be known as PATRONS.

SECTION 5
No special rights or privileges shall derive from the status or designation of FOUNDER, CHARTER MEMBER or PATRON.

SECTION 6
Student membership is open, for a maximum period of three years, to graduate students.

SECTION 7
Each member shall pay as annual dues a sum fixed at any annual meeting of the Society. No member in default may exercise any privilege of membership. Annual dues are payable in advance before January 1. Any member whose dues have not reached the Secretary-Treasurer by February 15 will be dropped from the rolls.

SECTION 8
Each dues paying member of the Society shall be entitled to receive one annual subscription to any regular periodical publication issued by the Society.

ARTICLE IV—ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1
The government and control of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors called the Executive Council. Every member of the Executive Council shall be a member in good standing of the Society. The Council, through its Secretary-Treasurer Managing Director and/or Communications Director, shall make a report of its activities at each Annual Membership Meeting. Its policies and actions shall be subject to the direction and approval of the Society.

SECTION 2
The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer Managing Director, Communications Director, Editor of Cervantes, Chairman of the standing Committee on Bibliography and ten elected Council Members, including at least one representative from each of the five following geographical areas: (1) Northeast, (2) Southeast, (3) Southwest, (4) Midwest, and (5) Pacific Coast.

SECTION 3
The President, Vice-President and elected Council Members shall be elected by the entire membership. The Secretary-Treasurer Communications Director shall send to all members ballots containing the names proposed by the nominating committee at least six (6) weeks in advance of the Annual Membership Meeting. Ballots must reach the Secretary-Treasurer Communications Director by February 15.
ARTICLE VI—OFFICIAL ORGAN

SECTION 1

The Communications Director shall attend all sessions of the Executive Council and all meetings of the Members, and shall attend all sessions of the Members and the Executive Council and all meetings of the Members. The Communications Director shall record all votes and minutes of all proceedings for both groups; He/She shall give, or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Members and the Executive Council; and shall perform other such duties as shall be prescribed by the Executive Council or the President. The Secretary-Treasurer Managing Director shall be custodian of all funds and shall collect membership fees, dues and other money due the Corporation, and shall pay bills owed by the Corporation.

SECTION 2

Vacancy in the presidency shall be filled by the Vice-President. Should vacancies occur in both offices during the year, the presidency shall be filled by election of the Executive Council until the next annual election. In the event of other vacancies, the remaining members of the Executive Council, by a majority vote, may choose a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect to which such vacancy occurred.

SECTION 3

The Chairman of the standing Committee on Bibliography shall appoint two (2) other members, who must be members in good standing in the Society, to the Committee.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The Annual Meeting of the Executive Council shall be held immediately preceding and at the place designated for the Annual Membership Meeting and/or at such other time and place as the Executive Council may determine from time to time.

SECTION 2

Three-fifths of the Council Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of the Council Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Council.

SECTION 3

Members present at all Membership Meetings shall constitute a quorum. For all purposes except where otherwise required by law, a majority of those voting shall be required for election or other action by the membership.

SECTION 4

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. SECTION 5

Written notice of the Annual Membership Meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer Communications Director to each member entitled to vote at such address as appears on the records of the Corporation at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting, and publishing notice of the Annual Membership Meeting in Cervantes and transmitting a copy of Cervantes to each member entitled to vote at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting shall suffice.

SECTION 6

Special meetings of the members for any purpose unless otherwise proscribed by statute may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Council and shall be called by the President or Secretary-Treasurer Managing Director at the request, in writing, of 20% of the members entitled to vote. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the object stated in the call. Written notice of all special meetings of the members, stating the time and place and object thereof, shall be mailed at least two (2) weeks before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat to such address as appears on the books of the Corporation.

SECTION 7

Every member shall have the right to examine in person, or by agent or attorney, at any reasonable time for any reasonable purpose, the By-Laws, membership roster, books of account and records of the proceedings of the members of the Executive Council and to make copies or extracts of the same at his or her sole expense.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICIAL ORGAN
SECTION 1
Cervantes, Bulletin of the Cervantes Society of America, the official publication of the Society, shall be furnished to all members in good standing.

SECTION 2
The Editor of Cervantes shall be responsible for editing and publishing all material appearing in Cervantes.

SECTION 3
The staff of Cervantes, other than the Editor, shall consist of the Editor's Advisory Council of not more than five (5) members, not more than ten (10) Associate Editors, an Advertising Manager and an Assistant to the Editor.

SECTION 4
The staff shall be appointed by the Executive Council on nomination by the Editor.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1
Five or more members in good standing may propose an amendment altering, appealing or amending this Constitution, provided that notice of any such proposed amendment shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer-Communications Director two (2) months before the Annual Membership Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer-Communications Director shall mail written notice of any such amendment to all members entitled to vote at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Annual Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2
Any amendment may be adopted by two-thirds of the members present and voting at any Annual Meeting of the Members.

ARTICLE VIII—DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

The Society may be dissolved only at a special meeting called for the purpose, by vote of three-fourths of the members present. Subject to compliance with any applicable provisions of the law, upon any such dissolution of the Society, all its property remaining after the satisfaction of all its obligations shall be distributed to one or more organizations, funds or foundations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes (no part of net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, member, or individual, and which does not carry on propaganda or participate or intervene in any political campaign), as the Executive Council of the Society may elect.

Conference announcements

1. MLA: Cognitive Approaches to Cervantes (Dec. 29th at noon)
   Chair, Howard Mancing, Purdue University, Vice President
   1. Barbara Simerka, Queens College, and Christopher Weimer, Oklahoma State University:
      “Cognition, Immersion and Narrative Technology in Don Quijote”
   2. Theresa McBreen, Middle Tennessee State University:
      “Negotiated Character Development and Reading Experience in Don Quijote’s Third Sally”
   3. Catherine Connor, University of Vermont:
      “Cervantes’ Mind: Cognitive Models and Literary Criticism”

2. California Cervantes Symposium (Los Angeles, Saturday April 25, 2009).
   Hosted by the University of Southern California, Abstracts due December 1, 2008. Papers and topics for roundtable discussions on Cervantes and Cinema encouraged but proposals on any Cervantine topic will be considered. Send proposals to Sherry Velasco: svelasco@usc.edu

3. For other conferences related to Cervantes, consult the agenda page of the Hispanismo website: http://hispanismo.cervantes.es/agendas.asp