President Sue Dunston called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. About 14 members were present.

1. 2013 Minutes approved
2. 2014 Treasurer’s Report approved.

Announcements and Updates
1. Sue announces that the IRS has reinstated the Society’s tax-exempt status.
2. Website: Sue asks that members give any feedback on the newly redesigned website directly to her or to webmaster Amy Earheart.
3. Special Award Presentation: Noelle reports on efforts to advertise awards
4. Packer Fellowship: Sue recognizes the 2014 Packer Fellowship recipient, Peter Wirzbicki
5. Projected 2018 Heidelberg Conference: Sue passes around a sign-up sheet for members to join the planning committee; she mentions interest in co-sponsoring the conference from the Poe, Hawthorne, and Fuller Societies.
6. Other Announcements:
   a. The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy has invited the Emerson Society to offer a panel at their annual meeting in March, 2015; Sue invites any interested parties to let her know of their desire to get involved. She notes that there is a possibility for this to become a regular panel at future SAAP conferences.
   b. Jardin des Plantes: the Society is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a plaque commemorating Emerson’s formative experience at the Jardin; Joe Urbas and another member who is also based in France will pursue this.
   c. New/Forthcoming Publications: Phyllis Cole and Jana Argersinger’s new book, *Toward a Female Genealogy of Transcendentalism* (University of Georgia Press); David Dowling’s *Emerson’s Proteges: Mentoring and Marketing Transcendentalism’s Future* (Yale University Press)
   e. Bob Habich announces that he is writing the annual essay on American literary scholarship n the Transcendentalists, and asks that anyone publishing a relevant work provides him with a copy so that he may include it in his essay.

Presentations
1. Graduate Student Award: David Dowling presents the award, including a check for $1000, to Robert Rabiee, a Ph.D. student at the University of Southern California.

2. Distinguished Achievement Award: Sue presents the Distinguished Achievement Award to Bob Habich.

Business

1. Election of David Greenham and Neal Dolan to three-year terms on the Advisory Board.

2. Election of Roger Thompson to a three-year term as Program Chair.

3. Board approves a recommendation to form a Media Committee to advise the webmaster and coordinate the Society’s various media presences (website, Facebook, ESP). Sue passed a sign-up sheet and encouraged Members to sign up for the committee or recommend possible committee members.


5. Other Business:
   
   a. The members discussed ways of recognizing work on Emerson in digital-humanities environments with an award. There was consensus to change the language of the CFPs for awards to include DH projects as well as traditional projects.

   b. Sue reminds panelists to submit abstract of their papers to ESP for publication.

   c. Bob thanks officers for agreeing to serve.

Meeting adjourned, 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Emerson Society Secretary/Treasurer