

Secretary's Report  
Executive Committee  
January 2022

1. Membership numbers remain stable.

<b>Year</b>	<b>End-of-May Membership</b>	<b>Year-End Membership</b>
2015	?	229
2016	186	290*
2017	197	202
2018	266	284
2019	247	265
2020	219	223
2021	188	263

The pandemic continues to influence membership numbers. We hope to see an even greater rebound in June 2022, if the Minneapolis conference can take place in person.

2. Spengler award: we had 23 books nominated, and it will be a difficult decision for the committee.
3. The HES June 2022 Exec meeting is tentatively scheduled to be primarily in-person on Thursday, June 16, 2022, from noon to 4pm. Lunch will be provided.
4. Registration and call for papers will open on January 15, 2022 for the conference on the St. Thomas campus in downtown Minneapolis. We hope to have a substantial portion of the conference in-person. There are some outside spaces available, which we may attempt to use. Further, the classrooms should be sufficiently high tech to be able to accommodate mixed in-person and virtual attendance. Input on conference structure would be very welcome.