

# Silver Jackets Meeting

April 8, 2014 at 11:00 A.M.

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

## Minutes

**Members Attending (19)** Ian Gatland, Ward Winer, Susan Keenan, C. A. Johnston Folds, Mary Duncan, Roger Rupnow, Robert Green, George Cain, Jo McIver, Annette Satterfield, Pat Davis, Steve Bomar, Frank Roper, Sally Jackson, Sandra Thornton, Raziya Chapman, Walter Allen, Steve Dickerson

**Visiting (1)** M. A. Winer

### **Business Meeting**

Ian Gatland, President of Silver Jackets, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and visitor.

**Ward Winer**, Vice-President, announced that the speaker for the May 13 meeting will be President G. P. Peterson. **NOTE:** This meeting will be in the President' Suite of the Success Center. Paid public parking is available across North Avenue from the Tech Tower.

Vice President Winer introduced Thomas Lux, the Henry and Margaret Bourne Professor of Poetry and Director of the McEver Visitng Writer Program and Director of Poetry at Tech. In the course of that introduction, Vice President Winer noted some of Professor Lux's grants, fellowships and publications including his most recent book of poetry, Child Made of Sand published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.

### **Program**

Professor Lux reviewed the chain of events and influences which led to his arrival at Tech and noted that Tech was the only major university now having two Endowed Chairs in Poetry. He teaches two classes, one in Poetry Reading and one in Poetry Writing. To him, Community outreach is very important leading to Community Workshops including seven in the Spring Semester and one International Reading per year. With respect to general and engineering education, the study and writing of poetry enhances one's general writing skills and thus has practical educational value. It is something that can be taught.

At the request of the members present, Professor Lux read from one his poems entitled "Refrigerator in 1957."

The meeting was adjourned. Some members gathered in the Student Center Restaurant for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Earl Green, Silver Jackets Secretary