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American Educational Studies Association
BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 27, 2007
7:00 – 8:20pm
Cleveland, Ohio

Minutes - DRAFT

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm by President Dennis Carlson. About 30 members were in attendance. The meeting was facilitated by Dennis Carlson and President Elect/Program Chair, Susan Franzosa. In the absence of a secretary, Vice President Kathy Hytten took meeting minutes.

Election Results

Deron Boyles was elected to the office of AESA Vice President. New board members Andrew McKnight, Yolanda Medina and Susan Schramm-Pate were announced.

AESA Vacancies

Two vacancies in the Executive Council were discussed. Rhonda Jeffries completed her term as Secretary and Deron Boyles was elected as the new Vice President, making him ineligible to continue in his role of Treasurer. Both of these positions are integral to the everyday functioning of the organization. Several members weighed in on how to address these vacancies, raising concerns about the election process, the degree to which we have been following AESA bylaws, and the overall inclusivity of the organization. There was some concern about replacing these positions during the annual meeting, especially with so few members actually present at the business meeting. At the same time, members recognized a need for committed people in these roles right away in order to ensure the professional functioning of the organization. After much discussion, two people were nominated for each vacancy: Sandra Spickard Prettyman and Lisa Zagamny for Treasurer and Cathryn Chappell and Theodora Berry for Secretary. These nominations were brought to Sunday morning's Executive Council meeting.

Conference Site Selection

Site Coordinator Sandra Spickard Prettyman updated the society on conference planning. Meetings for the next two years are set: Savannah in 2008 and Pittsburgh in 2009. The 2010 meeting is tentatively set for Denver. We are working on getting meeting dates set 5 years in advance.

Program Report

Program Chair Susan Franzosa read the Program Report. 404 total proposals were submitted, 258 were accepted (an acceptance rate of 64%). 513 people were listed on the program, up 85 people from last year. Susan indicated that the current proposal submission process is cumbersome and recommended redesigning the web based submission process and clarifying the submission categories. She asked that we work to ensure that all people listed on the program register for the conference. She also thanked all the people who helped make the program a success, including the Program Committee, the Election Committee, the Butts Lecture Committee, Program Assistant Diane Briele, and members of the AESA executive board.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Deron Boyles updated members on the financial health of AESA. Because we are still in the process of transitioning the publication of *Educational Studies* to Taylor and Francis and have not yet received money from them, the budget numbers are incomplete. Overall, the financial status of the organization is sound.

***Educational Studies* Report**

Editor Rebecca Martusewicz updated the status of *Educational Studies*. She began by thanking Joe Bishop for his work as Acting Editor for the previous four issues while she was on leave. The journal is in the currently being transition to Taylor and Francis and a new, web-based submissions process should be up and running soon. There was some discussion of the review process of submitted articles. Becky indicated that she has about 100 current reviewers and that the web-based submission system will help to better systematize this process.

***Educational Theory* Report**

Educational Theory editor Nick Burbules updated members about the status of AESA's relationship with the journal. He reminded the members that as of this meeting, we were initiating a three-year trial relationship with *Educational Theory* where members had the option of purchasing a low-cost subscription to the journal (\$20/yr). With this subscription, members also receive on-line access to *Educational Theory* and four additional journals: the *British Journal of Educational Studies*, *Curriculum Inquiry*, *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, and the *Journal of Philosophy of Education*. Nick described other benefits of this relationship, including the opportunity to nominate members to be reviewers and to diversify the theoretical work of the journal.

New Business

AAUP Resolution

Steven Abby presented background information on AAUP and offered the following Resolution. **Resolved:** The American Educational Studies Association (AESA) fully supports and endorses the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) *1940 Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure*, and upon approval of this resolution will transmit this endorsement to the AAUP for inclusion on its list of endorsing organizations and associations. Member Joe Nichols moved to endorse the resolution. Member Jamie Lewis seconded. By unanimous vote, the resolution passed.

Service Recognition

President Dennis Carlson presented a motion to thank Secretary Rhonda Jeffries for 3 years of service as Secretary and Deron Boyles for 6 years of Service as Treasurer. Member Kathleen DeMarrais moved to endorse these recognitions, Member Steven Abby seconded. By unanimous vote, the resolution passed.

Rescinding the Ban on Holding Meetings in California

Member Bernardo Gallegos reminded the organization of a decision that we had made a number of years ago to not hold meetings in California until they rescinded Proposition 187. That

proposition has been stuck in the courts. Bernardo moved that we rescind our ban on holding meetings in California. Member Barbara Thayer-Bacon seconded. The move passed unanimously with four members abstaining.

Passing of the Gavel

Dennis Carlson introduced Susan Franzosa as the new President of AESA. Susan thanked Dennis for his service, invited us all to Savannah next year, and adjourned the meeting at 8:20.