

American Educational Studies Association

Executive Council Meetings Minutes Fall 2008

Thursday, October 30, 2008 & Sunday, November 2, 2008

Savannah Georgia

Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel

Thursday, 7:45 – 10:00am & Sunday, 8:00 am - Noon

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Raji Swaminathan, Cathryn Chappell, Lisa Weems, Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Deron Boyles, Susan Schramm-Pate, Andrew McKnight, Rebecca Martusewicz, Pamela Smith, Julie Carter, Dennis Carlson, Hilton Kelly, Mike Gunzenhauser, Stacy Otto, Rick Lakes, Pat Carter, Jolie Medina, Kathy Hytten, Audrey Thompson, Susan Franzosa, Nick Barbules.

2. Review of minutes: Spring 2008 – New York City

- a. Approved with minor typographical corrections.

3. Overview of Agenda

- a. Susan Franzosa reviewed agenda and stated that agenda will begin this morning and continue on Sunday morning (one two-part meeting).

4. Reports from Officers & Committee Chairs

- a. **President** – Suggested Wednesday morning at 2009 AERA in San Diego for mid-year meeting. After voting was calculated both online and here at the meeting, Dr. Franzosa announced the new members of the Executive Committee – Kristin Luschen, Silvia Bettez, and Raquel Farmer-Hinton. Audrey Thompson was elected as the new Vice-President.
- b. **Treasurer**- The Treasurer's stipend was motioned and approved to increase to \$1000 per year to defray costs.
- c. **Secretary**- Cathy Chappell presented information on membership and attendance. It was suggested that meeting minutes, including back issues, be posted on the website for info purposes. Both attendance and membership are up and new procedures for badges and registration will be implemented for the 2009 conference in Pittsburgh.
- d. **President Elect/Program Chair**- Kathy Hytten reported extensively on this conference. 361 proposals were submitted with a 70% acceptance rate. 527 people are on the program. Hytten reported on the new submission, review process, along with suggestions for next year's process.
- e. **Site Coordinator**- Seattle was suggested for 2012, along with Phoenix. Deron Boyles moved and Audrey Thompson seconded that Sandra will send a hotel

comparison guide via email for all committee members to vote on. Most sites now demand from \$17,000 to \$25,000 in food charges. Group generated a list of possibilities for 2013 & 2014. These included: Queens or other non-Manhattan New York, Vegas, Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Louisville. Suggestions for retreats, greener conferences, etc. were discussed but no concrete plan has been proposed. Groups such as Ecojustice are welcome to submit proposals for discussions, etc. at next conference. It was also suggested that a better system for messages at the conference needs to be in place.

- f. **Book Exhibit Coordinator** – with new changes to book exhibit give-aways, exhibit does not generate as much \$\$ as in the past. The needs of graduate students – either with free books, or possibly the proceeds of book distribution need to be explored.
- g. **Critics' Choice Coordinator**- Lisa Weems presented ideas and discussion on how the new CC should operate. This included reviewers, committee, possibility of self-nomination for consideration, nominations and terms for Coordinator/Chair (future). Mike Gunzenhauser is also assisting with this endeavor.
- h. **Historians** – no report.
- i. **CASA**
- j. **Graduate Student Coordinator** – A space for donating \$\$ to the Graduate Student fund will be added to the membership and conference forms as well as Paypal.
- k. **Communications Director**- A \$500 yearly stipend was motioned and approved for this position Philip Kovacs reported on the creation of a bulletin board, increased presence of Ed Theory on the website, as well as other improvements and suggestions.
- l. **Educational Studies**- Rebecca reported a 59% acceptance rate for manuscripts and shared other data concerning reviewer turnaround, revisions, etc.
- m. **Educational Theory**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Updates of AESA Officers' Responsibilities and Conference Guide
 - b. Recognition of SIGS
 - c. Critics' Choice By-law amendment
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Review Rates for Membership/Registration** – rate increases were presented by Sandra Spickard Prettyman for membership and conference fees. She limited the impact on students to \$5 increases. Increases were approved.

Secretary Chappell was unable to take complete minutes of the meetings. Additional minutes may be available from Lisa Weems, Audrey Thompson, and possibly others.

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