

American Educational Studies Association

Business Meeting Minutes Fall 2009

Saturday, November 4, 2009

Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

Omni William Penn Hotel

10:15 – 11:45 William Penn Ballroom

1. Welcome & Announcements: Meeting brought to order by President Kathy Hytten. Approximately 32 in attendance at the beginning of the meeting – more filtered in later. Numbers are up for this conference and participants are generally happy with the conference. Need to revisit and discuss bylaw changes and ongoing and increasing costs. Results of recent elections:
 - Vice President = Sofia Villenas
 - Executive Council = Denise Taliaferro-Baszile
Sheryl Conrad Cozart
Enrique Murillo, Jr.
2. Reports
 - a. Program Chair: Deron Boyles:
 - i. Conference Participants represent 40 states and many countries.
 - ii. Issues concerning timeline and acceptance of proposals were discussed and while it is a good system, OCS needs to be improved.
 - iii. At future conferences, more rooms = more sessions can be accepted.
 - iv. Institutional Memberships were encouraged with multiple displays of these, ie. Programs, website, etc. Ads also encouraged.
 - v. Expressed appreciation to Program Committee – most comments were quite useful.
 - vi. Kneller & Butts Committees – Thanks to them for their service.
 - vii. Looking for input on the session chair and discussant format.
 - viii. Thanked Sandra Spickard Prettyman and Cathryn Chappell for their work.
 - ix. Thanks William Penn staff – they were wonderful.
 - x. The Book Exhibit was extraordinary.
 - xi. Much appreciation to Michael Gunzenhauser and the Hospitality Committee for their great efforts on behalf of the conference.
 - xii. Apologized for double booking of one session/room.
 - xiii. Appreciation to Nancy for her help in providing sign language interpreters for the conference's 2 deaf attendees.

- xiv. Thanked Philip Kovacs for being a pain in the &%\$ and for all his and Carolyn Vander Shee's work.
 - xv. Thanked assistant Tony Carusi for his hard work on proposal reviews, program, and other various tasks.
- b. President: Kathy Hytten
- i. Thanked Board of Tellars: Tony Carusi, Carolyn Vander Shee,
 - ii. Most votes electronic
 - iii. Conference acceptance rates: 1 out of 3 are rejected.
 - iv. Need more volunteers, particularly if you know technology.
- c. Secretary: Cathryn Chappell:
- i. Our membership roster currently has 1067 names, addresses, etc. Our membership is 653 at the beginning of the conference. This is an increase of 130 since April. Only current members receive journals. Others on the roster are included in mailing lists and the listserv.
 - ii. Preregistration = 383 total with 138 Students and 145 Regular
- d. Site Coordinator & Treasurer: Sandra Spickard Prettyman
- i. Good contract for this conference and next several conferences.
 - ii. AESA finances are healthy; conferences are majority of expenses.
 - iii. New contract and adjusted royalties from Taylor and Francis for Ed Studies.
 - iv. Spend about \$50,000 per conference on food, AV, and other costs.
 - v. Revenues come from conference fees but AESA contributes lots.
 - vi. Discussed need for a Refund Policy.
 - vii. Discussed Eco-justice SIG.
 - viii. Pleaded with folks to buy a Tee-shirt.
 - ix. Other funds include Maxine Green, Kneller and Butts, and a Reserve Fund
 - x. Future goals, needs, need to be considered.
 - xi. We have sites scheduled until 2014.
 - xii. Background research has been done on sites and Executive Committee will vote and rank those.
 - xiii. Need further discussion of joint conferences with History of Education. Have been some issues in terms of facilities and services.
 - xiv. Member asked that we try to avoid Halloween. SSP stated that we attempt to do so but sometimes it can't be avoided. Costs can become prohibitive.
 - xv. Member suggested a joint conference with Critical Race Studies and Education association, another member felt that was problematic but good for activism. Another member suggested D.C. as a future site.
 - xvi. Members were reminded to let Executive Committee members know of their issues and concerns year round.

- e. Hospitality Committee Chair: Mike Gunzenhauser: Reviewed highlights of the extensive offerings at conference, community school visit, gallery party, etc.
 - f. Ed Theory: Briefly described Summer Institute.
3. Old Business
- a. Critics Choice Bylaws
 - i. Past confusion discussed
 - ii. Changes in 2 reads
 - b. Audrey Thompson & Deron Boyles 1 & 2. Unanimous!
4. New Business
- a. Voting online – almost 300 votes.
 - b. Role of grad students: coordinator and structure. Needs to be clear and transparent. Still a work in progress. Grad students make up about ½ of conference attendees.
 - c. Philip Kovacs- Website needs to be dynamic. More interactive.
 - d. Philip Kovacs- Discussed activism and engagement. Noted that AESA is not one voice/one agenda. AESA needs credibility: perhaps 2 websites was suggested. Proposals about activism, etc. can be submitted to be on program. Attendees supported group in theory but needed clearer details.
5. Passing of the Gavel: Kathy Hytten happily passed the gavel (metaphorically more than literally) to Deron Boyles. Deron Boyles and attendees thanked Kathy for her excellent service to AESA.