

American Educational Studies Association  
 Executive Council Meeting Fall 2010  
 Thursday, October 28, 2010  
 8:00am – Noon  
 Denver Colorado  
 Grand Hyatt Castle Peak

**Welcome and Introductions**

President Deron Boyles facilitated the meeting. Members introduced themselves. Members present: Silvia Bettez, Deron Boyles, Cathryn Chappell, Sheryl Conrad Cozart, Raquel Farmer-Hinton, Dave Gabbard, Kathy Hytten, Hilton Kelly, Rebecca Martusewicz, Andrew McKnight, Ezella McPherson, Jolie Medina, Susan Schramm-Pate, Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Audrey Thompson, Denise Taliaferro Baszile, Carolyn Vander Shee, Sofia Villenas.

**Review of Minutes**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2010 were reviewed and unanimously approved with minor corrections.

**Educational Studies Report** Rebecca Martusewicz

1. Taylor and Francis reports to the Ed Studies Board. Will be seeking nominations for the board. Currently have 322 reviewers. Acceptance rate at 20-25%, up a bit from last year. We need to ensure that rating lists accurately reflect our rates. Receiving good submissions. Special issues have been great. Upcoming ones include Neoliberalism – Rick Lakes, Xenophobia – Hill and Kransdorf, and one with Abe DeLeon.
2. Ed Studies is healthy although we receive slightly lower royalty rates. It may be necessary to increase editorial dollars. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report** Sandra Spickard Prettyman

1. Increase in # of Ed Theory subscribers – about 80.
2. New Website cost about \$15,000 – slightly under budget. The costs were paid for out of membership and conference revenues.
3. Discussed food and coffee desires of membership. Executive committee members should report back feedback on Sunday.
4. Accounts – See Treasurer's Report for details and data.
5. Barb Stengel donated a portion of her stipend to the Grad Student Fund.

**Secretary's Report** Cathryn Chappell

1. Conference Numbers - Total number of conference attendees was 374. This included 192 Regular members and 180 Students.
2. Membership stands at 704.
3. Committee voted to have T & F issue electronic vouchers to members for online access to Ed Studies.

**Program Chair** Deron Boyles

1. Some issues with reviewers rejecting proposals due to names being on documents. Paper proposals need to be blind, symposia etc. can include names.
2. Fairfield University has been added to our list of Institutional Sponsors at the \$500 level.
3. Conference venues for 2015 and 2016 are on hold for better conference proposals.
4. Thanked Sandra Spickard Prettyman for a great job (to much applause!).

**Historians** No report.

**Grad Student Coordinator** Hilton Kelly

1. 3 sessions on the program
2. Need(?) for bylaws discussed.
3. Fund raising was also discussed.

**Communications Director** Carolyn Vander Shee

1. Discussion limited to listserv due to Website rollout.

**Book Exhibit** - will take place on Sunday

**Critic's Choice** – Jolie Medina

1. 35 books were nominated – 18 chosen
2. Ordered extra copy of each book for the book exhibit.
3. It was recommended that publishers be contacted with blurbs along with award.
4. Executive Committee approved increasing the term for Coordinator to 3 years with the overlap of one year for continuity and elevated the Coordinator to a staff position.

**CASA**- No report

**CSFE** – No report.

**Break****Old Business**

1. Discussion of Executive Council Members responsibilities and when they are conveyed. The need for a summary of roles and responsibilities was discussed. Sofia Villanas will craft this.
2. Nominating committee needs to request a list of current members from the Secretary.
3. The bylaws were read aloud. The democratic process was reiterated.
4. It is the President's responsibility per the bylaws to ensure fulfillment of duties by committee members, officers, and staff. President brings issues and

- recommendations to the executive committee for a vote. Language in bylaws is inconsistent and members decided that 2/3 of Executive Committee members present must vote on removals, etc.
5. It was felt by many that the Executive Committee member involved in the current email exchange and misunderstanding should contact the list of folks emailed to update them on the President's apology and the dismissal of the plan to remove.
  6. A discussion about race, given the races of those involved in the email exchange was initiated. It needs to be made clear to the membership that folks cannot be kicked out of AESA.
  7. The committee felt that it was important that these issues be discussed. Respect beyond the bylaws was stressed.

#### **ByLaw Revisions – Kathy Hytten**

1. Changes that were requested were made – with the understanding that this is a ongoing process.
2. Graduate Coordinator position needs to be added.
3. Changes were approved pending minor changes.

#### **NCATE – Dave Gabbard**

1. NCATE merged with TEAC on Tuesday so it is unclear what the future holds. Currently NCATE seat is \$20,087. This would require a \$50 increase from each member (or a \$100 increase for Regular members). The increase does not cover travel and training expenses of representative.
2. CASA needs to revise our standards – out of date. Dave Gabbard is now a member of CASA.
3. Additional ways to increase Social Foundations presence are needed as well (Strategic Initiative outlines several).

#### **WEBSITE**

1. Currently under budget. It was proposed that \$4000 annually be approved for use by the Communications Director for maintenance and changes. It was determined that the bylaws allow for this so no vote was needed.

#### **Ed Theory**

1. Discussion on whether or not it is serving AESA. Most articles are on policy, specifically with regard to philosophy.
2. Chris Higgins will be transitioning into the role of Nick Burbules over the next 2 year.
3. Rates may be going up soon – ex from \$20 to \$25 with an option for \$20 for website only.
4. At this point, it does not seem like a formal contract exists.

Meeting was adjourned at Noon. To be resumed on Sunday. Minutes submitted by Cathy Chappell.