

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.

American Educational Studies Association
 Executive Council Meeting Fall 2010
 Sunday, October 31, 2010
 8:00am – Noon
 Denver, Colorado

Welcome and Introductions

President Audrey Thompson facilitated the meeting. Members introduced themselves. Members present: Silvia Bettez, Deron Boyles, Alana Butler, Daniella Cook, Racquel Farmer-Hinton, David Gabbard, Hilton Kelly, Hillary Lochte, Kristen Luschen, John Petrovic, Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Lynda Stone, Denise Taliaferro Baszile, Sandra Winn Tutwiler, Carolyn Vander Schee, Sofia Villenas.

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the Thursday, October 28 Executive Council will be made for review at the next meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda items J and H were moved up in the agenda so that those who needed to leave early could. No other changes were made.

Treasurer's Report Sandra Spickard Prettyman

1. We will be approximately \$1,500 in the red for this year's conference.
2. \$15,006 has been spent so far for the website redesign.
3. Executive Council members were encouraged to ask for institutional support.

Program Chair Audrey Thompson (outgoing)/ Deron Boyles

1. Received 351 submissions, extended deadline to April 15.
2. Acceptance rate was 79.5% (279)
3. Boyles reminded the incoming program chair that changes to the program should be minimized, except for special situations (e.g., religious observances). Any changes can affect the entire program.
4. Recommendations for improving the printed program included listing rooms or including a hotel map and putting day/time in the footer.

Site Coordinator Sandra Spickard Prettyman

1. Update on future conference locations. These are posted on the webpage.
2. All members noted the excellent service, at all levels, provided by the Hyatt.
3. The free wine and cheese was not successful in attractive more participants to the scheduled presentation. It will be up to the incoming program chair's discretion whether or not to continue the reception for the next annual meeting.
4. Need better delineation of "alternative sessions" in the call for proposals.
5. Members noted that attendance at sessions seemed to be down.

Secretary's Report (John Petrovic)

1. Petrovic was welcomed as new Secretary. Having no clue, he had no report.

Historians Lakes/Carter (not present)

Grad Student Coordinator (Daniella Cook)

1. Discussed the possibility of creating an interface on the webpage for grad students to connect (e.g., for room sharing). Perhaps a link to facebook somewhere on the main page.
2. Need to add a grad student "get involved" link on the webpage.
3. It was suggested that a hospitality group could be formed.
4. Grad student panels (3) were well attended.

Communications Director (Carolyn Vander Schee)

1. The new website is up and running.
2. Carolyn can do text updates, but major things (anything involving html code) have to be done through the web tech.
3. There was a consensus that major updates should be done no more than quarterly. This will allow us to send more changes at once to the tech.
4. AESA members should request changes/additions to the website through the Executive Council for discussion/approval.

Book Exhibit (Hilary Lochte & Julie Carter)

1. There were 9 table displays and 15 item displays.
2. 13 publishers participated.
3. \$680 was received.
4. There was discussion of how to avoid a "mob" during the book give away. Motion made to charge grad students \$5 and faculty \$10 for the first book. All books after the first to be \$8 (approved unanimously).
5. Recommendation to increase the fee for publishers who sell books. (No action taken)
6. There is a need to coordinate the book exhibit with program times and not have it open during keynote sessions, e.g.

CASA (Sandra Winn Tutwiler)

1. Sandra reviewed the responsibilities of CASA.
2. The committee's goal is to rebuild by bringing in new members.
3. The committee will revise the standards next year
4. The committee requested action on 5 items:
 - a. Update CASA chair on website (approved unanimously)
 - b. Schedule CASA and CSFE at different times (approved unanimously)
 - c. Add CASA to the website in a more prominent position (to be considered at mid-year meeting)
 - d. Allow CASA to post foundation standards-based syllabi and programs on the website (to be considered at mid-year meeting)

- e. Allocate \$7,500 to support a CASA retreat (approved unanimously)

Critics Choice Award Committee

1. The Chair of the committee is now a staff position.
2. There was discussion of how to renumerate this new position. Moved to comp one night in the conference hotel (approved unanimously)

Educational Theory

1. There will be a \$5 price increase for Ed. Theory (\$20 → \$25)
2. 80 AESA members currently have individual subscriptions.
3. We will continue our relationship with Ed Theory (@ \$2,000). However, the President was asked to send a letter to the Editors delineating the expectations of AESA in this partnership.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Kovacs' motion:

Whereas AESA membership has expressed interest in engaging the communities we visit, and
Whereas AESA seeks to acknowledge community members whose actions support matters of foundational concern with education, and

Whereas AESA seeks to increase public recognition of the relevance and importance of the foundations of education,

Be it therefore resolved that the Executive Council establish a standing committee tasked with creating the awards and identifying recipients in the cities we visit,

Be it further resolved that AESA contribute *\$1,000 annually for the next three years* to be distributed amongst *winners*

Be it further resolved that the committee seek matching funds from like-minded entities outside AESA [deleted: raising the award pool to \$10,000]

Motion amended as indicated in italics and in brackets. Approved unanimously.

Philip Kovacs will chair this committee for the experimental period of three years.

2. There was discussion as to whether or not to raise the stipends for the Kneller and Butts lecturers. There was consensus that we should not.

3. The President will send letters to the Executive Council members and to designated recipients (Deans, Dept. Chairs, etc.) when each member is elected and when each member's tenure expires.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18. Minutes respectfully submitted by John Petrovic