



AESA

American Educational Studies Association

Executive Council Meeting
November 3, 2011
St. Louis

Members present: L. Stone, A. Senta, K. Luschen, A. Thompson, D. Smith, R. Martusewics, Y. Medina, D. Taliaferro, R. Farmer-Hinton, D. Cook, S. Bettez, H. Kelly, L. Urrieta, S. Villenas, C. Vander Schee, J. Petrovic, D. Boyles, S. Spickard-Prettyman

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from April 2011. Approved
4. Reports

Treasurer

- The goal is to balance out, but not last year given website. The website is also a new line item that we did not have in the past. Also, this year we had a one time expense of casa retreat, so we may go slightly under even.
- Interest rates going down. Therefore not much.
- Conference is more or less same costs.
- We are down on institutional memberships. Program chair should communicate with secretary and treasurer to corroborate these memberships to be sure they get listed.

- \$2000 institutional membership to Ed Theory. Do we want to continue that? We currently have 50-60 members subscribing. Motion made and seconded to vote on continuance. Discussion: Has ET made steps to include AESA issues? Can we use the funds in more practical ways? Question called: **9 discontinue 3 continue**. Audrey and Sofia will write letter. Should the 2k go now to Ed Studies to support grad students? Rebecca will ponder it.

Secretary

Registration continues to be a problem. Vander Schee, Petrovic, and Prettyman will try to troubleshoot some of these. Also, they will “attend” a webinar from C-Vent, a conference organizing service.

We agree that non-presenters are able to register without paying membership dues. Unanimous.

Program Chair

371 proposals, april 1 deadline (under 200 proposals) – extended 5 days. 20 fewer proposals from last year. 72% acceptance. 512 people on final program.

Call for proposals should go out in mid-January and should coincide with putting it up on the website.

Need to look into a new system to replace OCS .

Site Coordinator

Set thru 2014: Seattle, Baltimore, Toronto. We have bids out for 2015 and 2016. Perhaps Santa Domingo (but no meeting room space), perhaps Atlanta or new Orleans.

Historians. Not present

Graduate Student Coordinator. No report.

Communications Director

Webpage to change “institutional membership” to “Institutional Sponsorship.” Some members confused “institutional membership” to mean that everyone from that institution was, therefore, a member if they wanted to be.

The listserv and ocs are not in sync. So when acceptance letters sent out, it is highly recommended that you confirm that you are on the list serv with Vander Schee.

Book Exhibit Coordinators. Not present

Critics’ Choice Committee Chair

44 nominated books, 44 committee members, 23 recipients.

Will keep the ceremony on Wednesday nights to become tradition, with reception following.

The EC appreciate Medina making the certificates....really beautiful.

CASA Chair. (Sunday)

CSFE. Not present

Journal Editors

Rebecca announced Michael Jennings (UTSA) has taken over Ed foundations editorship. We should invite him to speak at the Sunday EC meeting and the business meeting.

Ed Studies in great shape. Pamela K. Smith brought in as co-editor.

50% release from teaching in fall and winter. \$6000 x2 from AESA. + \$1000 subsidy from Inst. + GA. AESA contract thru 2013. Now have 500 active reviewers.

2 special issues per yr (as a rule of thumb)

Acceptance rate is currently 17.89%

There is no process for changing editorship. Should we put something in the by-laws? Should there be term limits?

Ad hoc committee to continue discussion and present a formal proposal at the spring meeting or next fall. (either procedural rec or change to by-laws).

Martusewicz reported a record number of submissions from November 2010 – November 2011. One hundred and twenty seven articles accepted with an overall 20% acceptance rate. Taylor and Francis report that the journal is healthy. An ad hoc committee with draft a proposal for putting in place a process to create a healthy relationship between the journal and the organization.

American Educational Studies Association
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Sunday, November 6, 2011

I. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Villenas, Mayo, Spickard Prettyman, Stone, Thompson, Vander Schee, Senta, Kelly, Urrieta, Taliaferro, Cozart, Lochte, Cook, Winn Tutwiler, Carter

II. Review of Minutes from previous meeting (2/11/11). Minutes approved.

III. Agenda approved. No additional items.

IV. Reports

- a. Treasurer. Spickard-Prettyman noted that the organization is in healthy shape. We are a bit under budget given recent contributions to CASA. The CASA contribution was in the budget, however, and was a one-time contribution. In considering next year's conference there was a discussion about whether to have an event at an alternative location. This will cost money. One drawback of this idea, pointed out by Stone, is that an event outside the hotel does not contribute to our financial obligations to the hotel. There was discussion as to whether holding an outside event could be added as a standard line item to the budget (approximately \$2500). No decision was made
- b. Cite Coordinator. Spickard-Prettyman continues to collect data for 2015 and 2016. Possible locations are Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Salt Lake City. There was a suggestion to add El Paso and Austin to possible site locations for 2015. The group will discuss this at the April 2012 meeting.
- c. Program Chair. Villenas reported that overall the conference was a success. The group concurred. There was discussion on the following items (no items were voted on):
 - i. Is the 8-9:30pm slot an acceptable time for alternative sessions?
 - ii. How many concurrent sessions should we hold?
 - iii. How can we encourage more attendance in the sessions?
 - iv. Is there a way to encourage more graduate students to come to the business meeting?
 - v. Is the program too graduate student heavy? Villenas received some comments suggesting this.
 - vi. How can we do a better job at working with graduate students and encouraging them to give professional papers? Perhaps we can include some "helpful hints" on the webpage.
 - vii. Do we want to include a memorial for past members in the program?
 - viii. We need to make sure the nominating committee communicates to the new Executive Council members that attendance to the Sunday AM meeting is expected.

- d. Historians. While the historians were not present there was a discussion about how we could possibly make the records more accessible. Do we want to re-imagine their role? Perhaps they do not function as historians so much as archivists? There was also a recommendation that the President communicate to them that an annual report is expected.
 - e. Graduate Student Coordinator. Cook reported that the sessions designed for graduate students were well attended. Students thought they were valuable. There was a recommendation for there to be clear instructions communicated with graduate students regarding the expectations for volunteering at the book exhibit and registration (i.e., arrive on time, stay for duration of shift). Cook suggested that for next year she is thinking about looking for institutions to sponsor graduate student events at the conference.
 - f. Communication Director. Vander Schee described how she will work with Stone during the year to get everything on the website for next year's conference.
 - g. Book Exhibit. Lochte reported that 55 free books were given out for a total cost of \$440. There was a recommendation that students are not provided free books. There was a motion to remove the policy of giving students 1 free book. Five people in favor, 3 opposed – motion passed. There was another motion to set the cost for the price of the first book to \$5. Six people in favor, 2 opposed – motion passed. There was also concern that the 'book chats' were not well attended. There was a recommendation to list book chats in the program.
 - h. CASA. Winn Tutwiler discussed the accomplishments and ongoing activities of CASA.
 - i. They were able to revise the standards for social foundations, develop a list of goals to guide the committee, and define their relationship with NCATE.
 - ii. Goals for upcoming year include: collecting, analyzing and getting feedback on new standards. There is also a desire to move forward on publications and research.
 - iii. CASA Reaffirmed Hilton Kelly as the AESA Exec. Council representative.
 - iv. One potential bylaw change for next meeting is to consider the membership changes to CASA and consider whether term limits are necessary. To this end, CASA is going to revise their bylaws and propose these changes at the April meeting.
 - v. CASA will continue to collect feedback on the new standards and will bring these to the April meeting for the Executive Council to review.
 - vi. There was a recommendation to put the new standards on the AESA webpage.
 - i. CSFE. The current chair Jan Armstrong will be replaced. This will be an internal decision made by CASE
- V. Bylaw Changes. Cris Mayo will head a committee to review the bylaws and make recommendations for changes. This committee will specifically be looking at the issue of online voting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Invite the Oklahoma of Education Studies Association to the Executive Committee meeting next year.
- b. Executive Council Responsibilities. There was a recommendation to hold the EC vote earlier in the year. This means that the work of the nominating committee needs to be completed earlier as well. The nominating committee needs to better communicate the obligations that EC members have (i.e., attending the annual meeting, and EC meeting).
- c. Sunday Executive Meeting. There was a proposal to change the Sunday meeting to Saturday. No vote was taken. There was also a recommendation to “skype in” folks who cannot attend AERA.
- d. There was a motion to provide the Ecojustice and Democratic Reform SIG and Women’s Education SIG a donation. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned, 12:00pm