

2012 Business Meeting Minutes | American Educational Studies Association

Saturday, November 4, 2012

5:00-6:00 pm

2012 AESA Annual Conference
Seattle, Grand Hyatt

≈ 56 Members in Attendance

President, Sofia Villenas, Cornell University

President-Elect & Program Chair, Lynda Stone, University of North Carolina

Treasurer, Sandra Spickard Prettyman, The University of Akron

Site Coordinator, Sandra Spickard Prettyman, The University of Akron

Communications Director, Carolyn Vander Schee, Northern Illinois University

Secretary, John Petrovic, The University of Alabama

President's Welcome

Meeting brought to order by President Villenas. The 2011 Business Meeting's Minutes were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report

AESA has ≈ \$387,000 in accounts, less \$62,000 for 2012 Annual Conference. This should leave us in the black by about \$2,400. Our goal is to break even or close every year since we are non-profit.

We have a new contract with Taylor and Francis that should lead to an extra \$10,000 in royalties for AESA. Previous royalties were approximately \$30,000. Running costs are \$18-\$20,000.

Full report available from Secretary by request.

Site Coordinator's Report

Future Locations:

2013	Baltimore
2014	Toronto
2015	<i>Location not yet chosen</i>
2016	<i>Location not yet chosen</i>
2017	Pittsburgh

Two concerns about sites were raised: The need to book in places in economic need and two not book in places where there are political concerns (e.g., immigration policy, union issues with hotels, etc.). As regards the first, Spickard-Prettyman explained the process of selecting the conference site. The EC generates a list, SP researches 3-4 sites and collects bids. We are somewhat limited by the fact that we are too small for some of the larger hotels to get good rates and too big for some smaller hotels. Much of the

decision turns on room rate and food/beverage minimums. As for the second, it may be more politically active to attend those cities where we have political concerns and make a public statement about them. Petrovic asked the membership to send recommendations about how we might approach that.

There was a question about the availability of technology in the hotel. Providing technology for presentations is VERY expensive. Most hotels do not permit bringing in your own technology. Or if you do, the hotels do not provide a screen or technology support.

Program Chair's Report

There were 367 submissions and a 68% acceptance rate. 506 people appeared in the program.

The program included an in memorium section.

There were 4 program chair invited sessions, including one "local" session by a group of high school students on Wednesday evening.

Stone reported that reviewers (+-500) did an excellent job of providing constructive feedback.

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Secretary Report

We had 182 early and 40 late regular registrations on line; 32 early and 74 late student registrations on line. As of 2:00 October 30. There were 28 regular and 23 student onsite registrations as of meeting time. Totals: 250 regular, 129 student = 379. There were 40 no-shows of online registrants. But given that there were 506 people on the program, the attrition rate was much higher, 25%. This may be attributable to the storm on the East Coast.

Communications Director's Report

No Report.

Committee for Academic Standards and Accreditation's Report

No Report.

Educational Studies, Editor's Report

Alison Happel was announced as a new Board member.

There were 2 special issues published (Critical perspectives in Educational Foundations regarding the new standards and Ecodemocratic reforms in education). The latter is still accepting proposals (at time of meeting).

The acceptance rate has gone up to 29% overall. It used to be 18%. Most reviews end up being revise and resubmit. Reviewers have been giving very constructive feedback.

We are working on getting the journal in the Institute of Science Index. ISI looks for the number of downloads to calculate the impact factor. Therefore, Martusewicz encourage faculty to use Ed Studies articles in their classes and ask students to download the journal articles as opposed to providing copies.

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Old Business

The membership was reminded that AESA has suspended its relationship with *Educational Theory*. Members who have a discounted subscription through AESA will continue to receive it until the end of their subscription.

New Business and Announcements

President Villenas introduced and passed the gavel (literally, one she had bought) to Lynda Stone.

Michael Jennings, Editor of *Educational Foundations*, reported that the journal now has an online submission system. Information about EF can be found at <http://www.journalofedfoundations.com/>

Lorraine Kasprisin, Editor of *Journal of Educational Controversy*, encouraged members to submit manuscripts to the journal. She also pointed out that the journal now has a relationship with the local television station in Washington (TVW) where some authors discuss their research.

Villenas thanked outgoing EC members, past president Audrey Thompson, and EC members Denise Taliaferro Baszile, and Sheryl Cozart for their service and introduced the new EC members: Kristal Clemons-Moore, Margarita Machado-Casas, and Ty-Ron Douglas. Yolanda Medina, Borough of Manhattan Community College, was announced as incoming Vice-President.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John Petrovic
Secretary