

# American Educational Studies Association

Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting  
Saturday, April 14, 2012, 8 am – Noon  
Port of Hong Kong, Renaissance Hotel, Vancouver

## Minutes (abbreviated)

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Present: Executive Council members - Sofia Villenas, Lynda Stone, Cris Mayo, Audrey Thompson (via skype), Hilton Kelly, Gretchen Givens Generett, Sue Ellen Henry (skype); Staff – Carolyn Vander Schee, Pat Carter, Rick Lakes; Guest – Pamela Konkol, CASA
  - b. We did not have quorum

II. Review of Minutes : We did not have minutes nor quorum to approve

III. Overview of Agenda

IV. Reports

- a. Treasurer
  - a. Discussed overall budget with questions about spending and saving. The council recognized the outstanding work of the CASA committee but had questions about continued spending in the same amounts. Dismay over the \$2000 for Educational Theory was also expressed. Discussion of savings items will be continued at AESA council meeting in Seattle.
- b. Secretary
  - a. Not present, no report
- c. Program Chair
  - a. Vice President and Program Chair offered a report. There were 372 total submissions (371 last year). Innovations this year include nominations for Program Committee, and Chair's invited Session. The Eco-justice and Women's SIG will also have sessions. Cris Mayo organized the membership for the Butts and Kneller lecture committees. Ranked nominees for both Lectures were presented to the Council. Though we could not vote, the general sense was that we should go with the committee selections in ranked order. Lynda will do contacts. I am reminded that we need to vote on this item.
- d. Site Coordinator –
  - a. Sandra was not present but sent a report. We have locations and contracts lined up for 2012-2014, and 2017. The sites and venues are as follows:
    - i. 2012 Seattle – Grand Hyatt Seattle
    - ii. 2013 Baltimore – Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor
    - iii. 2014 Toronto – Hyatt Regency Toronto
    - iv. 2017 Pittsburgh – Omni William Penn

- b. Included in the report were city comparisons for Atlanta, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Austin, Kansas City, & Salt Lake City. Council members expressed concerns holding the meeting in Atlanta due to Georgia's anti-immigrant legislation (AERA canceled its annual meeting in Atlanta for 2013). The issue of accessible restaurant venues was also brought up. The idea of Austin and New Orleans received positive reception, and support for New Orleans in particular seemed to be high.
- e. Historians: Rick Lakes and Pat Carter answered a few questions on the topic of digitization - did not seem practical at the current moment. Also, the collection includes mostly presidential papers, and it would be good to have the papers concerning other facets of the organization.
- f. Graduate Student Coordinator: Not present
  
- g. Communications Director: Carolyn Vander Schee led a discussion about AESA's technological needs for website and registration. She and John Petrovic will continue exploring technology for our needs and will report progress at our Fall meeting.
  
- h. Book Exhibit Coordinators: Not present
  
- i. Critics' Choice Award Committee: Not Present
  
- j. CASA: Pamela Konkol presented updates on the committee's work from last year's retreat and pre-conference meeting. On their first retreat meeting, the CASA committee accomplished a lot of conceptual work with the standards. On their second pre-AESA meeting, they crafted an actual document and they have a good draft. They have been soliciting input from the membership. Will the new document be a tool that clarifies our profession and that can be used in our home institutions to say what we're doing. They are needing another meeting and possible funding for it. The report is available. The Council had questions about the need, amount and use of funding. Voting for funding will be taken up via email.
  
- k. CSFE: No report
  
- l. *Educational Studies*: Not present

## V. Old Business

- a. *Educational Theory*
  - a. Audrey Thompson has been in contact and conversations with Chris Higgins, associate editor, about the Council's decision. The Council agreed that it is best, as expressed by the previous meetings' vote, to let the issue rest.
- b. *Educational Studies*
  - a. The conversation about having something in the bylaws concerning selection of editorship when needed should continue as a collaborative discussion in the near future

- c. OESA
  - a. Oklahoma Educational Studies Association. At the request of member Susan Laird, Hilton Kelly brought up the issue of possible links and support.
- d. SIG Business – None
- e. Executive Council member responsibilities
  - a. Discussed having the elections and voting earlier so that elected members can be sure to make plans for traveling to conference.

## VI. New Business

- a. Facilitating mid-year meeting attendance & ensuring quorum
  - a. We discussed the idea of teleconferencing for the midyear meetings as an issue of equity and making sure we have quorum. Gretchen and other AESA members (for example, Daniella Cook) have much experience with group web/internet conferencing. Will follow up at annual meeting
- b. Web infrastructure for recruitment and growth (C-Vent and LUNA Web) – See communications report above.
- c. Graduate student assistance for Secretary: John Petrovic will discuss at AESA meeting