



**AESA Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting**  
**Monday, April 11, 2016**  
**American Immigration Lawyers Association**  
**1331 G Street NW, Washington, DC**  
**8:00AM-2:00PM**

## **Minutes**

### **Greetings and Welcome**

*EC Present:* Yolanda Medina, Denise Taliafiero-Baszile, Dawn Hicks Tafari, Richard Kahn, Sherick Hughes, Michael Jennings, Hilton Kelly, Cheryl Matias, Kurt Stenhagen, Pamela Konkol, Sandra Spickard Prettyman

*EC Absent:* Thea Berry, Daniella Cook, Susan Laird

*Staff and Guests:* Jennifer Stoops, Tiffany Nyachae, Binaya Subedi, Roland Sintos Coloma

### **Quick guide to motions:**

1. MOTION: Approve the minutes with minor amendments. (SSP/HK). PASSED.
2. MOTION: Increase the stipend for the Communications Director from \$500 to \$1000. (SSP/JM). PASSED.
3. MOTION: Accept the appointment of Chris Meyers as book exhibit coordinator. (DTH/SH). PASSED.
4. MOTION: Modify the stipend for the Book Exhibit Coordinator to two nights paid hotel. (DTB/DHT). PASSED.
5. MOTION: Accept the primarily black cover design, understanding font changes and logo placement will occur, as the new Educational Studies cover. (SS/DTB). PASSED.
6. MOTION: Per the recommendation of the Butts Lecture Committee, invite Prudence Carter as the Butts lecturer. If she is unwilling or unable to accept, invite Bettina Love. (JM/DTB). PASSED.
7. MOTION: Per the recommendation of the Kneller Lecture Committee, invite Nel Noddings as the Kneller lecturer. If she is unwilling or unable to accept, invite Cris Mayo. (SSP/DTB). PASSED.
8. MOTION: Purchase the mid-range Guidebook app for the Seattle annual meeting for \$3500. (DTB/DHT). PASSED.
9. MOTION: Support the housekeeping staff at the Grand Hyatt Seattle through donations generated from the sale of EC created t-shirts and other donated monies. T-shirts will be created and thank you notes purchased. (DTB/SSP). PASSED.

### **Approval of the minutes November 15, 2015**

MOTION: Approve the minutes with minor amendments. (SSP/HK). PASSED.

### **Reports**

#### *Secretary*

The transition from outgoing Secretary John Petrovic to incoming Secretary Pamela Konkol is going well. John, Pamela, and Jennifer (Communication Director) continue to work with E-Register to optimize the site for our purposes.

*Program Chair* – No report

#### *Site Coordinator*

1. As SSP is stepping down from Site Coordinator in 2017, it is imperative we begin transitioning to a new one. Denise will receive nominations and an appointment will be made at the fall meeting.
2. Reminder, 2017 is in Pittsburgh, and 2018 is in Greenville.
3. We are set on conference sites through 2020. The 2021 conference site is a wild card site. Discussion ensued about how wild card decisions are made, and how we might consider

patronizing cities that would benefit from our presence (Detroit, Memphis, etc.)

*Treasurer*

The final financial report for 2015 was submitted and discussed. The organization is in good financial shape.

*Historian – No report*

*Communications Director*

The transition from outgoing CD Richard Kahn to incoming CD Jennifer Stoops is going well. Other bits:

1. The website continues to be user-unfriendly. We will continue this discussion, as well as consider what our options might look like, at the fall meeting. Editing sessions are costly, so bulking edits together is preferred.
2. Registration information is still not on the website. This is due to in-progress upgrades at E-Register.
3. There was much discussion regarding the nature and scope of responsibilities for the various staff and board positions.
4. MOTION: Increase the stipend for the Communications Director from \$500 to \$1000. (SSP/JM). PASSED.

*Book Exhibit Coordinator*

Although there was not a BEC report, much discussion occurred regarding nominations and remuneration.

1. MOTION: Accept the appointment of Chris Meyers as book exhibit coordinator. (DTH/SH) PASSED.
2. MOTION: Modify the stipend for the Book Exhibit Coordinator to two nights paid hotel. (DTB/DHT). PASSED.

*CASA*

Pamela reported for CASA.

1. Work has begun on the session possibilities that were forwarded at the fall meeting. Sophia Rodriguez, CASA chair, will follow up Susie.
2. CASA will be forwarding a call for membership to Denise and the nominations committee within the next few weeks, and hopes to fill both the regular member slots and the international member slots soon.

*CFSE – No report*

*Educational Studies*

Roland Cintos Coloma and Binaya Subedi presented the EC with three draft choices for a new Educational Studies cover design.

1. MOTION: Accept the primarily black cover design, understanding font changes and logo placement will occur, as the new Educational Studies cover. (SS/DTB). PASSED.

*Graduate Student Coordinator*

Tiffany Nyachae reported for the GSC.

1. One of the big take-aways from the GSC sponsored survey was that although students express interest in being involved, the GSC needs to explore new ways of encouraging students to *actually become involved* and do the work of the group.
2. The GSC has not been successful in recruiting graduate student members to serve in the EC. We are hopeful to have a vote at the fall meeting.
3. Jennifer asked the GSC to let her know what the group would like included on the official website.

### *Butts and Kneller Lectures*

Hilton convened sub-committees to assist in lecturer selection. Lecturers will receive an honorarium of \$4000, and alternative remuneration structures were discussed (for example, lower the dollar amount and include travel).

1. MOTION: Per the recommendation of the Butts Lecture Committee, invite Prudence Carter as the Butts lecturer. If she is unwilling or unable to accept, invite Bettina Love. (JM/DTB). PASSED.
2. MOTION: Per the recommendation of the Kneller Lecture Committee, invite Nel Noddings as the Kneller lecturer. If she is unwilling or unable to accept, invite Cris Mayo. (SSP/DTB). PASSED.

## **Other Business**

### *Membership*

A short discussion regarding the benefits of membership occurred. Of note:

1. It is important that the membership at large is aware of benefits, including:
  - a. Hard copies of Educational Studies
  - b. Opportunity to present at the annual meeting
  - c. Access to a professional network, including high profile scholars
2. Although a membership list is accessible to each member, it is important to ensure that we protect member privacy.

### *One-day registration*

A short discussion regarding one-day registration occurred. Of note:

1. One-day registration is not intended for members or presenters, only for attendees or guests.
2. We will work with E-Register to provide an easy and clear one-day option.

### *Guidebook demo*

Guidebook demonstrated three versions of their conferencing app. Discussion regarding sufficient access to wifi, general costs, and projected use occurred.

1. Per our decision at the fall meeting, paper programs will be available for pre-order at time of e-registration for \$5.00. Fifty paper programs will be printed and available for purchase at on-site registration for \$10.00.
2. MOTION: Purchase the mid-range Guidebook app for the Seattle annual meeting for \$3500. (DTB/DHT). PASSED.

### *Executive Council manual*

Jolie shared a draft document. All changes are due to Jolie by June 1, 2016 for a fall vote.

### *By-laws revisions*

The committee shared a draft document. Sandra, Pamela, and Jolie will continue to iron out the remaining details.

### *Seattle update*

Sandra lead the discussion regarding the Seattle meeting.

1. Membership voted to keep the annual meeting in Seattle at the original hotel. This decision is final.
2. Support strategies: various members have forwarded suggestions for supporting hotel workers. See new business.
3. Flood email: Sandra contacted both the hotel and Seattle Health Department regarding the flood email received from Unite HERE. There have been no reports or complaints filed with the city; raw sewage in a restaurant is a mandatory health department issue.
4. Site visits: Sandra has visited the hotel within the last few weeks and intends to visit again this spring. She has not witnessed any actions, picket lines, or demonstrations. The hospitality employees she spoke with did not indicate there was strife.

## **New Business**

### *Supporting workers at the Hyatt*

Extensive discussion occurred regarding how we might best support hotel workers, both as individual attendees as an organization. Of note:

1. It is important to remember that not all hotel workers are/would be in the same union/bargaining unit.
2. Gratuities: it is important to remind membership to tip the service staff.
  - a. Hilton will tweet reminders to membership.
  - b. Pamela will ask E-Register about a donation button on the registration site, and will make sure we have a donation box at the registration table.
  - c. Extensive discussion regarding how to best tip individuals resulted in:
    - i. MOTION: Support the housekeeping staff at the Grand Hyatt Seattle through donations generated from the sale of EC created t-shirts and other donated monies. T-shirts will be created (Jolie, Denise) and thank you notes purchased (Jolie). (DTB/SSP). PASSED.

**Meeting adjourned**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Pamela Konkol, Secretary*