



# AESA

American Educational Studies Association

**AESA Executive Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 31, 2019**  
**Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor**  
**8:00am-12:00pm**

### **Greetings, Welcome, and Good News**

**Members present:** Pamela Konkol, Hilton Kelly, Roland Sintos Coloma, Silvia Bettez, Paula Groves Price, Abe DeLeon, Boni Wozolek, Fran Huckaby, Isabel Nunez, Nirmala Erevelles, Sophia Rodriguez, Ganiva Reyes, Jamie Lewis, Nora Devlin, Robin Roscigno, Keffrelyn Brown

**Staff and guest present:** Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Jen Stoops

### **Quick Guide to Motions**

**MOTION:** approve the minutes of the 2019 Mid Year Meeting (passed)

### **Approval of Minutes – March 29, 2019**

**MOTION:** approve the minutes of the 2019 Mid Year Meeting (passed)

### **Reports**

#### *President-Elect and Program Chair*

Full report available for review. Thanks to the hard work of the program team.

Theme: “El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido!” Critical Community Building in Divisive Times

REVIEW PROCESS	INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS	SESSION SUBMISSIONS
Proposal reviewers: 86 Back up reviewers: 9	Total: 292 Rejected: 31 Accepted and on Program: 249	Total: 79 Rejected: 10 Accepted and on Program: 66
Notice of acceptance sent out on July 1	Accepted but Participant Cancelled: 12 Withdrawn: 0	Accepted but Participant Cancelled: 3 Withdrawn: 0

The team made several changes for 2019, including the Unconference, accepting submissions into a general pot and using the conference tracks internally, and smaller paper sessions. The chair also made several recommendations for the future, which are detailed in the full report.

### **Vice President – Butts and Kneller Lectures**

Thanks to our Kneller committee, Walter Gershon, Erika Bullock, Michael Gunzenhauser, Stacy Otto, and Theadorea Berry, and to our Butts committee, Ashley Boyd, Shaka Rawls, Maria Isabel Morales, Rhonda Jeffries, and Michael Jennings.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of speakers meeting contractual obligations.

### **Past President**

Thanks to the Nominations Committee, Mary Kay Delaney, Tim Monreal, Heather Moore Roberson, Mark Stern, and Luis Urrieta and to the Graduate Student Best Paper Award Committee, Ganiva Reyes and Nirmala Erevelles.

New EC members: Gretchen Givens Generett, VP; Noah De Lissovoy, Kevin Lam, and Donyell Roseboro, EC; Nickie Coomer, Graduate Student EC.

The 2019 Taylor & Francis Best Graduate Student Research Committee has decided not to give an award this year. Discussion ensued regarding the scope and intent of the award.

### **Interim Executive Director**

Interim financial reports available for review. Discussion regarding our organizational growth and related expenditures ensued.

The final decision regarding the 2023 Wild Card year will be made after Sandra has had the opportunity to do

the site visit. Discussion regarding the opportunities and challenges presented by conferencing in small versus large cities ensued, as well as states that pose challenges for members in states with travel money restrictions.

Discussion regarding how to best address ASL/Accessibility requests ensued.

EC members should forward their roles and responsibilities documents to Pam and Sandra for the Policy and Procedures Manual no later than January 1.

**Secretary**

As evidenced by the annual averages, membership in AESA continues to grow.

<b>Membership</b>	<b>11/3/19</b>	<b>10/15/19</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Regular	401	428	377	377		
Student	206	217	183	226		
Emeritus	12	11	11	12		
Teacher/IR	64	59	27	16		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>631</b>		
<b>Annual average</b>		<b>629</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>--</b>
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Regular	274	256	258	263		
Student	173	151	157	162		
Emeritus	4	4	6	6		
Teacher/IR	49	30	18	19		
Guest Pass	7	0	17	4		
Unconference	37	33	--	--		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>454</b>		

**Communications Director**

Full report available for review. Of note, we have experienced significant jumps in our social media activity, the website facelift has been completed and works well, and the election went smoothly. The various processes we have codified are helping to streamline this work.

**Graduate Students**

Full report available for review. Of note, the graduate students decided to use their funds for programming instead of social events this year. Discussion ensued about the podcast, plans for grad student networking at the conference, and the blog.

**New Website**

Sandra and Jen solicited three bids and received one. Extensive discussion regarding what it is we are looking for in a new website and organizational identity. Discussion will continue on Slack.

**Committee for Equitable Accessibility and Inclusion**

Discussion regarding transitioning from a committee do a dedicated staff member to do this work. This will be taken up on Sunday.

**Adjourn**



**AESA Executive Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 3, 2019**  
**Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD**  
**8:00AM-12:00PM**

**Greetings, Appreciation and Welcome**

*EC Present:* Silvia Bettez, Keffrelyn Brown, Roland Sintos Coloma, Nickie Coomer, Noah de Lissovoy, Nirmala Erevelles, Gretchen Givens Generett, Pamela Konkol, Kevin Lam, Jamie Lewis, Isabel Nunez, Paula Groves Price, Ganiva Reyes, Donyell Roseboro, Robin Roscigno

*EC Absent:* Sophia Rodriguez

*Staff and guests:* Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Jennifer Stoops, Peter Renn, Chris Myers, Ellie Blair

**Welcome New Officers and Executive Council Members**

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**MOTION:** reappoint Ellie Blair as CCBA Chair for another three year term. **PASSED**

**MOTION:** invite Kathleen DeMarrais and Hilton Kelly, and one of the Chief Editors of Educational Studies to serve on the Executive Director Search Committee. **PASSED**

**MOTION for SLACK VOTE:** Recruit new Book Exhibit Coordinator and ask Chris Myers to facilitate the transition process for one year. In acknowledgement of his service in this regard, Chris will receive two nights as mentor. **PASSED**

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**Reports**

*Executive Director (Sandra Spickard Prettyman)*

Finances: final reports available for review. SSP walked the team through the numbers and answered questions. AESA is financially healthy. SSP noted that our organizational growth has resulted in increased organizational costs; for example, we are in a new category with taxes/accountant.

Future conference sites: Extensive conversation about future sites, including the 2023 Wild Card, the use of union hotels, and the no-go lists for various universities.

*Secretary Update*

The final 2019 membership and registration numbers are as follows:

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Student	206	217	183	226		
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<i>This year we made significant push for pre-registration. That did not compromise on-site registration numbers, which remained consistent between 2018 (405 --&gt; 456) and 2019 (456 --&gt; 507).</i>						

Discussion ensued regarding the number of hours grad students should work for registration compensation and the registration status of contingently employed recent graduates, print copy opt-out possibilities, and applying for Slack for non-profits.

The memorial session for Bernardo Gallegos was both moving and important. Several emeritus members made a special trip to attend the sage ceremony, performed by Joel Spring. The ceremony in many ways of the very mindful AESA legacy that's been built over time by these folks.

*CASA/CFSE (Peter Renn)*

CASA in a state of rebuild and renewed agenda setting. PR's plan includes: 1) seek nominations for members to fulfil the bylaw requirements. Goal is to have nominations in place to have at MYM for ratification; 2) a commentary piece for Ed Studies is in progress; 3) facilitating a session at AESA2020 that's not just a thought exercise; 4) developing a framework for serving our members and their institutions in matters germane to CASA.

CFSE: no formal report

*Critics Choice Book Awards (Ellie Blair)*

Full report available for review. EB outlined the process and recommendations for the future. Discussion regarding streamlining the process in terms of volunteering, electronic submission of recommendations, and submission ensued. Further discussion ensued regarding the competitive structure of the award. As EB's term is over:

**MOTION:** reappoint Ellie Blair as CCBA Chair for another three year term. **PASSED**

*Book Exhibit Coordinator (Chris Myers)*

Full report available for review. Discussion was had regarding how the payment and participation process has become more streamlined. Feedback has indicated that we are one of the easiest organizations with which to work, which is important because we are a comparatively small organization. This is a dynamic meeting for acquisitions. Further discussion regarding author talks and the future placement of the exhibit hall ensued.

If we are interested in doing book talks again, happy to do it if we automate the process. Average author talk attracts about three people. Not a big event, didn't hear any feedback that authors wanted to do it this year. Discussion regarding the ghost town nature of the exhibit hall. The publishers that sent reps were concerned about the lack of folks walking through. Simple solution... suggestion to combine the registration, exhibit, and coffee area all in the same space. Chris's third year... happy to continue to do it. Suggest if we can find someone for 2021 who Chris can mentor and then be fully responsible in 2021.

CM's term is also over. To that end:

**MOTION for SLACK VOTE:** Recruit new Book Exhibit Coordinator and ask Chris Myers to facilitate the transition process for one year. In acknowledgement of his service in this regard, Chris will receive two nights as mentor. **PASSED**

*Editors, Educational Studies (SSP for Editorial Team)*

Full report available for review. Extensive discussion regarding membership and connection to the organization. SSP will communicate with the current editorial team and bring more information to a Slack discussion.

**Old Business**

*Role and Search Process for the Executive Director*

At the 2019MYM, EC established that the Executive Director Search Committee is comprised of the current president, the current vice-president, one of the chief editors of Educational Studies, and two past presidents. Discussion ensued regarding potential invitations to the committee. EC will ask Ming Fang He and Bic Ngo to decide which of them would like to serve on the committee. EC generated a list of potential past presidents.

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*Historian position*

SSP provided a history of the historian position/responsibilities as well as a synopsis of where we are now in the search process. Discussion around interest in the position and the current state of the archives.

*Proposal AESA Community Award*

Tabled to MYM 2020

*Website*

JS provided an overview of the recent new website discussions and scope of the new committee. SSP provided an update on the capacity of AllAcademic to provide this. Discussion will continue in Slack. JS will serve as chair of the website committee, with Ganiva Reyes, Donyell Roseboro, and SSP as members.

*Graduate student blog*

Full report available for review. RR and NC presented the proposal forwarded by Tim Monreal to make *Extending Bridges* an official part of the AESA Graduate Student Coalition. Extensive discussion about the role of the entity and about the involvement, or not, of anyone other than graduate students. Discussion of the usefulness of the forum, how mentoring might be involved, and the danger of the space being an “idea factory” in which students work could be exploited ensued. NC and RR will bring more information to the MYM.

**Adjourn**