



AESA

American Educational Studies Association

Executive Council Mid Year Meeting

Friday March 19, 2021 11am-2pm (EST)

Online Zoom Meeting

Greetings and Welcome!

- Special welcome to new staff members who are beginning the transition into their roles— Dr. Tim Monreal Communications Director; Dr. Amy Swain Secretary; Dr. Pamela Konkol Executive Director!

EC present: Silvia Bettez, Nickie Coomer, Noah DeLissovoy, Gretchen Givens Generett, Iesha Jackson, Pamela Konkol, Kevin Lam, Paula Groves Price, Luis Urrieta, Jamie Lewis, Pamela Konkol, Hollie Kulago, Johnny Lupinacci, Ganiva Reyes, Donyell Roseboro, Sophia Rodriguez, Hannah Stohry

Staff present: Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Dawn Hicks Tafari, Jen Stoops

Guests present: Tim Monreal, Amy Swain

Quick guide to motions

- MOTION: Approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting. PASSED
- MOTION: Approve the Nominations Committee. PASSED
- MOTION: Approve the Graduate Student Paper Committee. PASSED
- MOTION: Accept the proposal from the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque and pursue a contract. PASSED
- MOTION: Accept the proposal from the Hyatt Regency Greenville and pursue a contract. PASSED
- MOTION: Accept the proposal from the Hyatt Regency St. Louis and pursue a contract. PASSED
- MOTION: Confirm the Coordinator of Accessible Services. PASSED

Approval of Minutes

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Old Business

President's Update:

Reminder of Slack Engagement Policy

- All Executive Council members and staff will download Slack on their devices, with notifications.
- EC members will check Slack regularly, engage in discussions, and vote accordingly.
- Any new items that require voting will have 3 days for discussion and 3 days for voting (if EC members are checking Slack at least every 2-3 days that will ensure everyone's participation in each aspect).
- Exceptions to the 6-day deliberation/voting process can be made in emergencies that are time sensitive. If this is necessary, an email will be sent to all EC members with directions.

- If an EC member needs to be away from Slack (for personal issues, work issues, or lack of internet access) for more than 5 days, it would be helpful if they would inform the Executive Director, Secretary, and AESA President.
- Note on voting: Voting happens through Slack via Survey Monkey (posted by the secretary). We do not vote directly on slack. We do make motions and second them through Slack.

Reminder: even if you do not have anything substantive to contribute to a SLACK discussion, please provide some indication (like an emoji) that you have read and are up to speed on the discussion.

Institutional Sponsorship/Membership

- Institutional funds are an important operating resources.
- Highly encouraging folks to reach out to their institutions to see if they can be an institutional sponsor or member. We can modify this to suit the needs of whatever organization is making the purchase.
- Spring UnConference
 - GGG and PGP are planning the spring UnConference given the successful fall endeavor. The Spring UC will be a very similar format
 - Emphasis on connecting with folks who are not able to attend in real life and keep them engaged so they continue to feel connected.

President-Elect and Program Chair

- AESA 2021
 - Thanks to Silvia and Paula for all the work they did, which reflects their level of leadership and engagement.
 - Call for proposals seeks to acknowledge the uniqueness of coming back together, reclaiming our SFE heritage, and how we are uniquely prepared to engage moving forward in this weird time.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the need to be clear with the membership that we are planning on doing a F2F meeting and regarding what our expectations are in order to have a safe meeting in the fall.
 - The PDX hotel has made it clear that there will be extra space for seating set ups.
 - Discussion regarding how to think about a conversation around vaccination, and how we must be both inclusive of all perspectives and safe.
 - Discussion regarding what kinds of guidance we should send out and when.
- Butts and Kneller
 - Luis is picking up the torch with David Stovall and Sandy Grande. SSP will provide him with the paperwork.

Immediate Past President

- Joint presidential address is going to fit AESA, continues the theme of collaboration and fellowship.
- Nominations Committee
 - MOTION: Approve the Nominations Committee. PASSED
 - Mike Gunzenhauser, University of Pittsburgh
 - Nirmala Erevelles, University of Alabama
 - Boni Wozolek, Penn State Abington
 - Kristal Moore Clemons, CDF Freedom Schools at Children's Defense Fund

- Cristina Dominguez (graduate student member), University of North Carolina, Greensboro
 - SB discussed her process for committee selection, and privileged being inclusive, diverse, and making sure folks had not served within the last few years. This committee is comprised of former EC members or folks who have been on EC, chosen for their institutional knowledge, experience, and understanding of the tasks.
- Graduate Student Paper Award
 - MOTION: Approve the Graduate Student Paper Committee. PASSED
 - Jamie Lewis and Lalenja Harrington will serve on the GSPA

Secretary

MYM Secretary Report

Membership	3/15/21	11/1/20	10/26/20	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Regular	208	234	224	399	377	377	542	502
Student	51	53	56	206	183	226		
Emeritus	10	15	12	12	11	12		
Teacher/IR	23	27	23	64	27	16		
TOTAL	292	329	315	681	597	631		
Annual average			548	629	587	553	508	--

Registration	3/15/21	11/1/20	10/26/20	11/3/19	2018	2017	2016	2015
Regular	4	M = 58 NM = 11	M = 47 NM = 6	273	258	263	421	478
Student				151	157	162		
Emeritus				4	6	6		
Teacher/IR	1			49	18	19		
Guest Pass				7	17	4		
Unconference	--				37	--		
TOTAL	5			506	456	454		

Interim Executive Director

- Finances
 - SSP shared the details of the financial report, which is available for review
 - Overall, we are in decent financial shape despite not having the conference.
- Future Meeting Sites
 - Extensive discussion regarding the process for how potential sites are evaluated, how we fit into the jigsaw puzzle for the hotels and how that impacts availability, the criteria that we consider in thinking through decisions (cost to members, cost to AESA, etc., concessions the hotel offers),
 - Discussed each of the cities in turn, and what went into the decision to recommend these particular locations.
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Graduate Students

Report available for review.

Communications Director

Report available for review. Of note:

- Social media numbers continue to increase 2800+ FB, 1000+ twitter. Jen described the various “campaigns” she sent out, which included weekly roundups and special emails such as unconference info.
- Our voting subscription software is scheduled to expire on 9/15 – the election must conclude by the 15th.

Committee on Accessible Services

- Coordinator of Accessible Services applicant
 - Originally did not receive any applicants, PGP explained the overall process.
 - Discussion regarding the scope of responsibilities and any mentoring that this person will receive.
 - MOTION: Confirm the Coordinator of Accessible Services. PASSED
- Constitute committee
 - Discussion regarding the role and constitution of the committee
 - Ganiva was asked to serve as chair of the committee.
 - Nirmala Erevelles and Nickie Coomer will be asked to serve one-year terms.
 - One more member is needed.

New Business

- Land Acknowledgement as a practice during upcoming conferences
 - PGP introduced the concept of land acknowledgement as standard practice for our opening, at our big lectures, in the program, acknowledged verbally, needs to make its way into multiple places, like PPM, on website, etc. Can vote on SLACK for this
 - Hollie, Jamie, Luis, GGG all offered to work on this. Hollie emphasized the importance of reaching out to communities.
 - Noah suggested establishing a set of goals and principles versus a template for such a statement.
- MYM 2022
 - Please put March 3/9-12 and 3/16-19 on calendars. We are unclear if this will be on site or virtual.
- Statement re: Asian hate
 - Discussion ensued regarding the history of statement making, what’s included and what’s excluded, what are our responsibilities in terms of addressing all of the things that pop up on our social radar.
 - A Slack channel and googledoc are forthcoming.

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