



AESA

American Educational Studies Association

Executive Council Special Meeting

Thursday September 16, 2021 12pm-130pm (EST)
Online Zoom Meeting

Greetings and Welcome!

EC present: Silvia Bettez, Nickie Coomer, Noah DeLissovoy, Gretchen Givens Generett, Pamela Konkol, Hollie Kulago, Kevin Lam, Johnny Lupinacci, Paula Groves Price, Sophia Rodriguez, Hannah Stohry, Luis Urrieta

EC Absent: Iesha Jackson, Jamie Lewis, Ganiva Reyes, Donyell Roseboro

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

Guests present: Tim Monreal

Quick guide to motions

- MOTION: Approve the VP candidate slate. PASSED
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Points of Business

Nominations committee – approval of candidate slate

Silvia updated the group on the Executive Council nominations process. It was a particularly difficult year, but the nominations committee was able to secure a strong, diverse, and committed group of people to run for VP and EC. The Graduate Student Council was able to secure one candidate for the open graduate student position. Discussion ensued, and special accommodation was made to allow for a single graduate student candidate on the ballot.

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Discussion regarding Portland 2021

The group engaged in significant discussion regarding the Annual Conference in Portland. Of note:

- Barring external factors that could impact this decision, AESA will proceed with an in-person annual conference.
- Significant discussion regarding hybrid or virtual options continued. In short, AESA does not have the human or financial resources to engage either pursuit. AESA will proceed with an in-person annual conference. AESA will make significant efforts to continue providing virtual opportunities for engagement.
- It is understood that the conference will likely be smaller than previous years. That is not a bad thing.
- Significant discussion ensued regarding issues of equity, inclusion, exclusion, etc. AESA is aware that any decision rendered will include some and exclude others. AESA encourages

all members to make attendance decisions that are in the best interest of themselves and their families. Member decisions to forgo the conference or a presentation will have no future impact on member status or participation.

- Significant discussion ensued regarding masking, vaccination status, negative testing, and social distancing. Attendees will be asked to provide evidence of vaccination status and/or a negative test up on registration at the desk.
- Current City of Portland guidance requires indoor masking.
- The EC meetings will be held in-person and via zoom.
- We will have a special session that invites membership to help brainstorm the future of AESA, conferences, and engagement needs.
- A statement to be released to the membership will be prepared and sent via the Round Up.

The discussion and development of the statement will continue on Slack.

Adjourn