
AESA
American Educational Studies Association
Executive Council Minutes Mid-Year Meeting
Wednesday, 11 April 2007
9:00AM –
Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Chicago, IL

Welcome and Introductions: Members Present – Paula Groves Price, Theodora Berry, Steve Tozer, Judith Preissle, Susan Franzosa, Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Michael Gunzenhauser, Dennis Carlson, Rhonda Jeffries, Tom O'Brien, Audrey Thompson, Kathy Hytten. Guest: Nick Burbules.

Nick reviewed the *Ed Theory* collaboration and encouraged the council to promote this new alliance. He suggested that if we get our numbers up this relationship will be successful and can continue. Judith asked for clarification on the benefit and draw for AESA members to opt in to this opportunity. Discussion occurred regarding the promotion of the journal on the web site and to express the fact that the journal is not exclusively for philosophical articles. To do list as recorded by Steve was to get an ad run in the journal (one free each year for each sponsoring society). Deron was to follow up on this venture. Steve recommended that we nominate regularly via an agenda item to get participation on this journal review board. Nick says this should be done in fall so that he can get them involved for each forthcoming year. Identifying dual members and collecting funds via our regular process would need to happen so that Deron can send one check to Blackwell for total opt-in amount. Dennis indicated that we're moving toward an opt-out proposition after the three year trial period. Nick is suggesting that this is the direction in which we'd go after the trial period. Judith suggested that if we're considering the opt-out process, we should begin informing the membership now so that they have time to consider the change.

Review of Minutes: Minutes were approved with one minor edit. WSU provided support; not UW.

Reports of Officers & Committees: Dennis reviewed agenda. Old business item added by Steve was to have small group meeting immediately after large meeting to consider the continued existence of CASA where CSFE can handle that business. Additional item added by Tom was to explore process for determining Ed Theory editorial board member.

Treasurer report: No report.

Secretary report: Rhonda reported the membership numbers for the past three conference years (2005-2007). Also included in the report were data on conference registrations and distribution of pre-payment and onsite payment and a brief review of mailing list purchases and journal label delivery for *Ed Studies*.

Related discussion on membership included discussion on increasing membership proactively. It was also suggested that we have the historians research the membership numbers for past years. We may be competing with NAME (National Association of Multicultural Education) which has their conference at the same time. Location may be encouraging folks to go elsewhere. Kathy suggested a joint conference with NAME. Jude also suggested that having a finite number of slots makes it impossible to grow. We could do poster sessions to increase participation without increasing the length of conference.

Program Chair Report: Susan distributed flyers to each member to post re: conference. Currently proposals are low but it is expected that they will come in at the last minute. If not, we will extend the deadline. Susan suggested that we have Maxine Greene come to the conference and we commemorate her work – she is approaching her 90th birthday. We could do a monograph funded in part by the Maxine Greene Fund. Perhaps we could do a distance interactive piece if she cannot travel. She was one of the founding individuals for AESA. Susan will continue to explore this for our Cleveland meeting. She distributed the Kneller, Butts and program committee lists as well as the top three lecture nominees in rank order: Kneller – Patti Lather, Catherine Elgin, Cynthia Dillard. Butts – C.A. Bowers, Gloria Ladson-Billings, Lois Weis. Dennis and Steve suggest that we consider the nominee lists in conjunction so that we have a diverse speaker representation. Moved by Tom that Patti and Gloria were first

choices if they're available and Dillard and Weis were second choices with Elgin and Bowers as last. Unanimously voted in support of Susan moving forward with this.

Site coordinator: Cleveland and Savannah are set; contracts have been signed. 2009 info was distributed. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Burlington, and San Juan are four cities. For 2010 we should explore opportunity to join with NAME. Motion to explore Philly for 2009 as first choice. 8 voted YES, 2 voted NO. For 2010 we had previously suggested a west coast venue. NAME connection might not have to be formal but we could meet in the same city so that people do not have to choose. Paula will check on the location, etc. re: NAME for 2010 for Sandra and Sandra will distribute matrix. We will vote electronically on 2010 site.

Book exhibit coordinator report: Alternative means to approach Critics' Choice Award. She reviewed the current process and solicited suggestion from among the council. Suggestions for name change include: AESA Critics' Panel Selection. This was unanimously voted to be accepted as the new name.

Ed Studies – No report

Nominations committee: Bylaws are specific and were read by Steve. Article 7 elections. Kathy recommended Ameer Adkins as chair of the nominations committee. Thea recommended Denise Basizille and Hilton Kelly to the committee.

Graduate Student Coordinator: Thea announced that the web page is up for grad student activities and she is sending Philip info to keep this updated. She is establishing a listserve by end of April and she solicited faculty to get grad students involved in organization this way. This is a good place to place job announcements, etc. and business meeting for grad students needs to go on the program and also assemble a panel for students re: research, writing and job market in foundations. Oklahoma grad group assumes that they are de-facto rep for AESA grad student group.

Communications Direction report – no report. It was mentioned that the pic on the website was a bit corporate. Dennis agreed to check into that.

Old Business:

AESA/CSFE white papers discussion was tabled until fall meeting. Susan will convene with subcommittee for fall meeting

Steve explored the need for CSFE (Council for Social Foundations Education) since CASA (Committee on Academic Standards and Accreditation) is doing the same work at this juncture. What process do we use to make this decision since it's been in existence since late 1970s. There needs to be some collective decision making process among the participating member agencies including AESA, HES, PES, etc.

New business:

Special interest group – Susan received request/proposal from ecological/democratic reform group to be recognized as a SIG in AESA. Audrey asked what would the SIG hope for through recognition. Dennis asked what are the expectations of a SIG such as space for business meeting and sessions based on submissions, etc. Suggested that we offer to assist with space for business meeting, etc. so that groups can convene and plan. Keep informal at this stage and perhaps formalize later. Status of affiliated groups was addressed by Kathy who has a process that is used by PES that we can replicate.

Process for Ed Theory editorial board nominations. Dennis will email and have electronic discussion. Audrey suggested we have at least one month lead time for consideration of nominations. Jude also suggested the criteria for selection – perhaps go for anthropology/sociology background to get diversity or someone with background with journal and some familiarity with journal.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.