



# AESA

American Educational Studies Association

**AESA Executive Council Mid Year Meeting**  
**March 17-18, 2018**  
**Hyatt Regency Greenville, Greenville SC**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9am-3pm**

### **Greetings, introductions, and welcome!**

*EC Present:* Ana Antunes, Silvia Bettez, Keffrelyn Brown, Roland Sintos Coloma, Abraham DeLeon, Nora Devlin, Nirmala Erevelles, Fran Huckaby, Sherick Hughes, Hilton Kelly, Pamela Konkol, Susan Laird, Isabel Nuñez, Sandra Spickard Prettyman. Dawn Hicks Tafari, Boni Wozolek.

*EC Absent:* Richard Kahn

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

- MOTION: Approve the minutes from the Sunday, Nov 5, 2017 meeting. PASSED.
- MOTION: Authorize up to \$1000 for travel expenses to finish the administrative documents. PASSED
- MOTION: Require 12 hours before voting on financial decisions. PASSED
- MOTION: A contract will be issued any time additional funds are being paid for work. PASSED
- MOTION: Create a standing Critical Disabilities committee. PASSED.
- MOTION: Explore the opportunity to video capture the Kneller, Butts, and Presidential lectures and make them available on the website PASSED.
- MOTION: Approve the slate for the nominations committee from Susie Laird, with the addition of the two graduate student EC members. PASSED
- MOTION: Make Parliamentarian a compensated staff position. PASSED
  
- MOTION FOR SUNDAY VOTE: Allocate up to \$100 to the Critical Disabilities Committee.
- MOTION FOR SUNDAY VOTE: Compensate the Parliamentarian \$500, plus two nights hotel at fall conference, plus travel to the MYM, as compensated for EC members.
- MOTION FOR SUNDAY VOTE: Pay the difference between the \$500 travel allowance and the actual costs of air transportation for this MYM only.

### **Approval of the minutes November 5, 2017**

- MOTION: Approve the minutes from the Sunday, Nov 5, 2017 meeting. PASSED.

### **Reports**

#### *Interim Executive Director*

Sandra Spickard Prettyman provided numerous updates. Of note:

- Finances: AESA continues to be in good financial state. The treasury report is available for review.
  - Discussion regarding the importance of EC members as good financial stewards of the organization and regarding the importance of institutional memberships ensued.
- Site coordination: Preliminary investigation into alternatives to the Grand Hyatt Seattle has begun (report available for review). Given the possibilities so far, SSP is also investigating Portland, OR as an alternative site city.
  - Discussion regarding the 2023 Wild Card city selection resulted in EC members being tasked with developing "short lists" to be discussed at the Sunday meeting.
    - Hilton Kelly established a committee tasked with mapping AESA membership.
- Policy documents: incomplete policy documents have been received from the contractor.
  - MOTION: Authorize up to \$1000 for travel expenses to finish the administrative documents.

- PASSED
  - MOTION: Require 12 hours before voting on financial decisions. PASSED
  - MOTION: A contract will be issued any time additional funds are being paid for work. PASSED
- Communication: the importance of using Slack as our primary communication tool was reiterated. EC members are responsible for participating in all communication and decision-making that is done via Slack.

#### *Secretary*

Pamela Konkol provided a brief report (available for review). Of note, membership continues to grow.

#### *Program Chair*

Roland Sintos Coloma provided a brief report. Of note:

- The program team anticipates having reviews back by late May and a preliminary program draft by mid July.
- The opening night session is envisioned as a creative space, and recruitment is underway.
- Reviewers are needed.

#### *Graduate Student Report*

Ana Antunes and Nora Devlin reported. Discussion regarding the challenges of funding, attendance, and organization ensued.

#### *Critical Disabilities Committee*

Boni Wozolek, Fran Huckaby, and Nirmala Erevelles provided an extensive report (available for review) and facilitated extensive discussion around issues of accessibility.

- MOTION: Create a standing Critical Disabilities committee. PASSED.
- MOTION FOR SUNDAY VOTE: Allocate up to \$100 to the Critical Disabilities Committee.

#### *Communications*

Sandra Spickard Prettyman provided the report from Jennifer Stoops. Of note, Jennifer's recommendation that she explore options for improving the website, including making it more mobile friendly, was favorably received. Additionally...

- MOTION: Explore the opportunity to video capture the Kneller, Butts, and Presidential lectures and make them available on the website PASSED.

### **Old Business**

#### *Institutional sponsorships*

AESA continues to seek institutional sponsorships as a way to generate revenue. Much discussion ensued. Of note:

- From what kinds of institutions are we willing to solicit funding?
- How might we best incentivize institutional sponsorships?

#### *Nominations Committee*

Susie Laird presented EC with a nominations slate.

- MOTION: Approve the slate for the nominations committee from Susie Laird, with the addition of the two graduate student EC members. PASSED

#### *Butts and Kneller Lectures*

Roland Sintos Coloma and Silvia Bettez will work collaboratively to establish nominating committees. The process will be concluded via Slack in short measure.

#### *Executive Director Position*

Extensive discussion regarding the Executive Director position ensued. Hilton Kelly will establish a committee to further develop roles, responsibilities, expectations, and compensation structure for this

position.

## **New Business**

### *Educational Studies*

A proposal from the Educational Studies editors was reviewed and tabled pending further research.

### *Awards*

Susie Laird will chair the Graduate Student Award, and Isabel Nuñez will chair the Lifetime Achievement Award.

### *Parliamentarian*

Discussion regarding making Parliamentarian a staff position resulted in several motions:

- MOTION: Make Parliamentarian a compensated staff position. PASSED
- MOTION FOR SUNDAY VOTE: Compensate the Parliamentarian \$500, plus two nights hotel at fall conference, plus travel to the MYM, as compensated for EC members.

### *Mid Year Meeting*

Travel costs for several EC members exceeded the \$500 travel allowance.

- MOTION FOR SUNDAY VOTE: Pay the difference between the \$500 travel allowance and the actual costs of air transportation for this MYM only.

## **Adjourn 3pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pamela Konkol, Secretary**