

American Educational Studies Association
Executive Council Meeting Spring 2010
Sunday, October 31, 2010
8:00am – Noon
Denver, Colorado

Welcome and Introductions

President Audrey Thompson facilitated the meeting. Members introduced themselves. Members present: Silvia Bettez, Deron Boyles, Alana Butler, Daniella Cook, Racquel Farmer-Hinton, David Gabbard, Hilton Kelly, Hillary Lochte, Kristen Luschen, John Petrovic, Sandra Spickard Prettyman, Lynda Stone, Denise Taliaferro Baszile, Sandra Winn Tutwiler, Carolyn Vander Schee, Sofia Villenas.

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the Thursday, October 28 Executive Council will be made for review at the next meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda items J and H were moved up in the agenda so that those who needed to leave early could. No other changes were made.

Treasurer's Report Sandra Spickard Prettyman

1. We will be approximately \$1,500 in the red for this year's conference.
2. \$15,006 has been spent so far for the website redesign.
3. Executive Council members were encouraged to ask for institutional support.

Program Chair Audrey Thompson (outgoing)/ Deron Boyles

1. Received 351 submissions, extended deadline to April 15.
2. Acceptance rate was 79.5% (279)
3. Boyles reminded the incoming program chair that changes to the program should be minimized, except for special situations (e.g., religious observances). Any changes can affect the entire program.
4. Recommendations for improving the printed program included listing rooms or including a hotel map and putting day/time in the footer.

Site Coordinator Sandra Spickard Prettyman

1. Update on future conference locations. These are posted on the webpage.
2. All members noted the excellent service, at all levels, provided by the Hyatt.
3. The free wine and cheese was not successful in attractive more participants to the scheduled presentation. It will be up to the incoming program chair's discretion whether or not to continue the reception for the next annual meeting.
4. Need better delineation of "alternative sessions" in the call for proposals.
5. Members noted that attendance at sessions seemed to be down.

Secretary's Report (John Petrovic)

1. Petrovic was welcomed as new Secretary. Having no clue, he had no report.

Historians Lakes/Carter (not present)

Grad Student Coordinator (Daniella Cook)

1. Discussed the possibility of creating an interface on the webpage for grad students to connect (e.g., for room sharing). Perhaps a link to facebook somewhere on the main page.
2. Need to add a grad student "get involved" link on the webpage.
3. It was suggested that a hospitality group could be formed.
4. Grad student panels (3) were well attended.

Communications Director (Carolyn Vander Schee)

1. The new website is up and running.
2. Carolyn can do text updates, but major things (anything involving html code) have to be done through the web tech.
3. There was a consensus that major updates should be done no more than quarterly. This will allow us to send more changes at once to the tech.
4. AESA members should request changes/additions to the website through the Executive Council for discussion/approval.

Book Exhibit (Hilary Lochte & Julie Carter)

1. There were 9 table displays and 15 item displays.
2. 13 publishers participated.
3. \$680 was received.
4. There was discussion of how to avoid a "mob" during the book give away. Motion made to charge grad students \$5 and faculty \$10 for the first book. All books after the first to be \$8 (approved unanimously).
5. Recommendation to increase the fee for publishers who sell books. (No action taken)
6. There is a need to coordinate the book exhibit with program times and not have it open during keynote sessions, e.g.

CASA (Sandra Winn Tutwiler)

1. Sandra reviewed the responsibilities of CASA.
2. The committee's goal is to rebuild by bringing in new members.
3. The committee will revise the standards next year
4. The committee requested action on 5 items:
 - a. Update CASA chair on website (approved unanimously)
 - b. Schedule CASA and CSFE at different times (approved unanimously)
 - c. Add CASA to the website in a more prominent position (to be considered at mid-year meeting)
 - d. Allow CASA to post foundation standards-based syllabi and programs on the website (to be considered at mid-year meeting)

- e. Allocate \$7,500 to support a CASA retreat (approved unanimously)

Critics Choice Award Committee

1. The Chair of the committee is now a staff position.
2. There was discussion of how to renumerate this new position. Moved to comp one night in the conference hotel (approved unanimously)

Educational Theory

1. There will be a \$5 price increase for Ed. Theory (\$20 →\$25)
2. 80 AESA members currently have individual subscriptions.
3. We will continue our relationship with Ed Theory (@ \$2,000). However, the President was asked to send a letter to the Editors delineating the expectations of AESA in this partnership.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Kovacs' motion:

Whereas AESA membership has expressed interest in engaging the communities we visit, and
Whereas AESA seeks to acknowledge community members whose actions support matters of foundational concern with education, and

Whereas AESA seeks to increase public recognition of the relevance and importance of the foundations of education,

Be it therefore resolved that the Executive Council establish a standing committee tasked with creating the awards and identifying recipients in the cities we visit,

Be it further resolved that AESA contribute *\$1,000 annually for the next three years* to be distributed amongst *winners*

Be it further resolved that the committee seek matching funds from like-minded entities outside AESA [deleted: raising the award pool to \$10,000]

Motion amended as indicated in italics and in brackets. Approved unanimously.

Philip Kovacs will chair this committee for the experimental period of three years.

2. There was discussion as to whether or not to raise the stipends for the Kneller and Butts lecturers. There was consensus that we should not.

3. The President will send letters to the Executive Council members and to designated recipients (Deans, Dept. Chairs, etc.) when each member is elected and when each member's tenure expires.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18. Minutes respectfully submitted by John Petrovic