

American Educational Studies Association

Executive Council Meeting
Saturday 9 April, 2011, 8:00-12:00

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Introductions. President Thompson opened the meeting and asked member present to introduce themselves.

Present: Luschen, Cozart, Spickard-Prettyman, Baszile, Cook, Carter, Lakes, Villenas, Urrieta, Bettez, Boyles, Stone, Thompson, Kelly, Generett, Petrovic

II. Petrovic read the minutes from the previous meeting. Correction/change in the minutes regarding the Chair of the critics choide award committee: "There was discussion of how to remunerate this new position. Moved to comp one night in the conference hotel." Corrected to "There was discussion of how to remunerate this new position. Moved to comp one night in the conference hotel if a comp room is available. If a comp night is not available, AESA will pay for the room." Change approved.

III. Agenda approved. No additional items.

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer. Last year's spending was unique given expenses for the website. But spending on updating and maintenance will continue and can be expensive. Spickard-Prettyman reported an Association balance of \$326,531.38. CASA asked if they can use the remainder of the retreat funds granted last year for another retreat in 2011. Approved with no dissent heard pending submission of a report on their activities which should include an action plan.

b. Secretary. Petrovic reported that PayPal information has to be transferred manually to the membership list as neither PayPal nor the AESA site provides an acceptable alternative. A system offered by a company called Avectra would solve these problems; too expensive given recent website redesign. Petrovic reported cutting off approximately 200 members from Ed Studies as their dues are still being paid in arrears. Petrovic offered three options to getting dues caught up: providing members 9 months of free membership and then restarting their membership renewal date; forcing a double payment at conference time; or allowing subscriptions to Ed Studies to expire (so that AESA is not covering the cost) and then resubscribe members as they pay their dues at conference time. Consensus built around the last.

c. Program Chair. Villenas reported that we are up to 250 proposals (most received during the extended deadline period). This is down from 330 last year. Last year's rejection rate was 33%. It was decided that the proposal deadline should be allowed to expire prior to offering an extension in an

effort to not have to extend the deadline every year. Thompson recommended that we have fewer competing sessions in order to try to get attendance up. Petrovic recommended that we do more active recruiting by seeking out and creating a list of Foundations faculty across the country. Stone agreed to chair a committee of executive council members to do this and would divide the task into regions. Other members of the committee include: Kelly, Luschen, Generett, Urrieta, Villenas, and Cozart. Moved and approved unanimously that the committee could invite up to 12 graduate students to work on this project to be remunerated with free conference registration. Villenas reported that the Butts and Kneller lecture committee are about 3 weeks behind. Speakers will be invited about 5 months before the conference. We need an operator's guide for the OCS.

d. Site Coordinator. 2012, Seattle; 2013 Baltimore; 2014 Toronto; 2015, Santa Domingo, Atlanta, or New Orleans (Atlanta is the cheapest so far, SD probably too expensive); 2016, Salt Lake City, Kansas City (MO), or Oklahoma City; 2017, Pittsburgh (already approved).

e. Historians. Lakes and Carter reported that the Presidential papers/records sent to them by Boyles have been indexed and uploaded to the website. They asked that members please send them any papers that should be in the archives. Thompson asked if perhaps we should have a session of the history of AESA at the conference. No action taken.

f. Graduate Student Coordinator. There was discussion about the kinds of experiences that the organization would graduate students to have. Since we don't have a graduate student council, there needs to be a discussion of what the group is and wants to be. That should not be determined by the Executive Council. Graduate student sessions (on, e.g., publishing, politics, vita building etc.) are well-attended and should continue. The Graduate Student Coordinator should work with the Program Chair to make sure there is space in the program for these kinds of sessions. It was suggested that the Butts and Kneller lecturers be asked to meet with graduate students. (No action taken). There was discussion of how the graduate students could raise money. Asking the Butts and Kneller lecturers to donate some of their stipend was suggested but generally not seen as a good idea.

g. Communications Director. Van derSchee (not present) submitted a written report. The website has been updated so that international members can register as well as other ongoing updates. There are 1,394 members and former members of AESA on the current listserv.

h. Book Exhibit Coordinators. Not present. No report.

i. Critics' Choice Award Committee Chair. Not present. No report. (The call has gone out several times over the listserv.)

j. CASA. DeMarrais and Konkol reported on the CASA retreat. They have revised the standards to make them meaningful to a wider audience and to look like other standards in a way that joins the language being used. Next step is to get feedback on the document from the membership. Future action plan is to do white papers, reestablish relationship with NCATE, and conduct empirical studies. CASA will meet a day before the fall conference begins. It was recommended that CASA be provided a slot on the fall conference program (no action taken). The Council recognized and thanked the members of CASA for their diligence, time, and work on the standards project.

Non-Agenda discussion: Hilton Kelly pointed out how wrathful Boyles can be. Everyone seemed to already know that. Hilton raised the issue of the expense of having to attend AERA for the AESA meeting. Can we do it by videoconferencing in the future? No action taken.

k. CSFE. Not present. No report.

l. Journals. Individual subscriptions are down but institutional subscriptions are up (going against the trend). After expenses, Ed Studies generates approximately \$15k a year for AESA. There was further discussion of the need for Ed Theory to be more responsive to AESA concerns. Kelly raised the need for a more formal procedure for determining editorship of Ed Studies and suggested that the editorship rotate to keep the journal healthy and vibrant. There was discussion of what all is required in a proposal for editorship and what expenses housing institutions take on. These include course releases, graduate student help, mailing and copying costs. AESA contributes \$6k a semester for course releases for the academic year for the editor and another \$6k for the summer. Additionally, \$3k is provided for a GA for the summer. (The current home institution of the journal contributes a GA for the academic year, an office, computer, printing, copying, and mailing.) AESA contracts with the editors for a three year period. It was suggested that this should be longer, 5-8. Generett agreed to Chair a committee to discuss this, committee to include Villenas, Urrieta, and Spickard-Prettyman. It was recommended that the committee include the current editor in their discussions. Finally, it was noted that this discussion was in no way meant to suggest any dissatisfaction with the current editorship.

Meeting adjourned, 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

John Petrovic, Secretary