

WSSA Executive Committee Meeting September 11, 2009

Members Present: Jack Hou, President, Phadrea Ponds, Immediate Past President; Prabha Unnithan, Social Science Editor, Gil Fowler, President Elect, Larry Gould, Executive Director, Kate Herke, WSSA Administrative Assistant, Gary Lin, Director of Recruitment and Board Members: Doug Nord, Tom Isern, Donna Lybecker, Leslie Alm, Vic Heller, Chris Brown, Eileen Luna, and Betsy Rankin

Jack called the meeting to order and gave a brief review of the 2009 conference.

Gil followed with an update on the 2010 conference. He stressed that WSSA will not provide LCD projects or computers. Individuals may bring their own but they will need to provide their own security and technical support.

Wireless internet will be available throughout the hotel but there will be a charge to connect. The cost of this service will be discussed in the newsletter and will be provided to conference participants through the section co-coordinators. There will also be an internet café available for registered conference participants.

Section coordinators should encourage students and others to bring posters for display. Kate will check on how posters might be displayed. Gil and Phadrea will help with the poster display.

Gil indicated a special event is needed for the opening reception. Eileen will contact the Indian community in Reno about providing this event. There was also some discussion about holding a roundtable discussion on gambling or gaming at the conference. Jack will talk to some people from UNR and Eileen will talk with someone with the responsible gambling group about this.

Larry and Kate gave a newsletter update. The newsletter goes to around 400 people. Both stressed that everyone needs to be aware of the deadlines and to follow them.

Phadrea presented the Nomination Committee's slate of candidates for the upcoming WSSA elections. The President-elect will be Vic Heller. At present we have only one Vice President candidate Tom Isern (there are normally two). We also have a slate for the election of council members that has been balanced by discipline.

Prabha presented a report on the *Social Science Journal*. In general things are going well. Relations with Elsevier are good. The SSJ's impact factor continues to show improvement increasing to 0.220 for 2008. Prabha pointed out that he has, on the direction of the Executive Council, thoroughly revamped the Editorial Board since the beginning of 2006 trimming the number of Associate Editors to 18. He asked the Executive Committee to allow all the current Associate Editors to continue until the last issue of 2011 which will be the end of his term as editor. Doug moved that the current set of editors remain in place through the last issue of 2011. The motion was seconded by Gil and passed unanimously.

The book editor was not in attendance so no report was given. Larry, however, did ask Jack to contact the Social Science book representative to determine if he will attend this year's convention. There was also a discussion of encouraging Elsevier to have a larger presence at the annual meetings. The University of Arizona Press has volunteered to help with recruiting additional publishers for the annual conference.

Larry presented two documents that discussed changes in membership and dues. Copies of these are attached (Attachment A and B). All changes described in these documents are to take place beginning at the 2011 annual conference in Salt Lake. After some discussion Chris moved that the proposed membership fee schedule be amended so that the student fee is changed from \$70 to \$60. Tom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Tom then moved that the Executive Council adopt the fee structure as amended. Gary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Larry initiated a discussion of the strategic plan. This is needed to restructure the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Council. There was also a lengthy discussion of domain areas as contained in the handout attached (see Attachment C). It was decided that several standing committees were needed including: (1) Finance (2) Governance and Administration (3) Publications (4) Membership and Marketing (5) Nominating (6) Student Paper. The duties and responsibilities of these committees will be described in a forthcoming Operational Manual and will be reviewed each year.

Larry informed the council that Irasema Corinado had reluctantly resigned from the Executive Council. Gill moved that Gary Lin be elected to serve the remaining year of Irasema term. Phadrea seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

WSSA Executive Committee Meeting September 12, 2009

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Today's meeting was primarily devoted to the constitution. A draft document that was prepared by the Strategic Planning Group which consisted of current and past presidents who met in Denver was presented to the Executive Council. The Executive Council spent the rest of the meeting going through the draft line by line suggesting wording and content changes. This work led to three motions:

1. Gil moved that the Executive Council approve the work of the Strategic Planning Committee on the revised constitution. Tom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This group was also thanked for their hard work.

2. Gil moved that the Executive Committee approve the constitution as discussed with the understanding that it will be distributed to the Executive Committee for comment prior to its distribution to the WSSA membership. (Note the constitution was distributed to the Council on 9/28/09). Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. Tom moved that the Executive Council recommend that the revised constitution be presented for adoption by the membership at the annual business meeting. Doug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

It was generally agreed that prior to the annual business meeting members should be encouraged to express the opinions and concerns regarding the revised constitution to any member of the Executive Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leila J. Pratt