

## **AAPT Board Meeting Minutes**

### **February 2, 2016**

#### **I. Opening**

A. Call to order: 1:02 pm ET

B. Roll call

Andy Carpenter, Rebecca Scott, Andrew Mills, Emily Esch, Scott McElreath, Jennifer Mulnix, Kevin Hermberg, Christina Hendricks, David Concepcion, Rory Kraft, (late)

C. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2015

Approved by consensus

D. Approval of Agenda

Approved by consensus

#### **II. Committee and Other Reports**

##### A. Executive Director (Esch)

- Publications Committee is now Editorial Board: Kevin and Rory are now editors in chief and they will report later
- Jeremy Cushing, the assistant editor for teaching issues for new APA blog, reached out to us; wants to do some collaborations for the blog
- Rebecca hosted APA Eastern session; we also co-sponsored a session with Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy
  - Rob hosting session at Central, Christina at Pacific
  - We have AV for Pacific session b/c cost went down to \$150 and it made sense for the session; we can talk later about whether we want to do this in future and the process
- Emily announced that she can't continue out her 5 year term as ED; will do another year or two years, possibly, but need to start thinking about a new ED
  - We should talk to people about this job at the conference
  - President needs to take the lead on this process; Andy and Andrew will take the lead
  - If you can think of anyone, pass their names onto Andy and Andrew

##### B. Communications Committee (Hermberg)

- Had some tech issues with service provider and website platform, but that has been fixed
- We've put up quite a few calls since December, about half for us, half for other groups
- Coming closer to moving into real discussions on identity and branding

##### C. Editorial Board (Hermberg)

- We have website up, will have electronic submissions section ready to go in time for call for Volume 3
- Will be bringing names ideas for editors for Volume 3 soon

- Editors for Vol. 2 are Andrew and Rob; have reviewed abstracts and have invited full papers

#### D. Awards (Mulnix)

- Starting process for merit awards, soliciting nominations right now
- New small grant program for innovations in teaching
  - To support teaching innovations, modifications, etc.
  - Committee has been working on things like eligibility, amounts of awards, timelines, criteria, etc.
- Also going to look into setting up a teaching award by researching best practices for these sorts of things, but want to do the first two things first

#### E. Lenssen (Mills)

- Currently doing initial readings of texts, then whole committee will read smaller set that individuals nominate
- As the range of articles relevant to us expands, maybe we could consider a system where people nominate articles, rather than trying to read through everything ourselves

#### F. Program (Esch)

- Russell Marcus is Chair of program committee, but Emily is reporting b/c Russell isn't on the board
  - He has said this will be his last conference, so we need someone else in that role going forward
- We have a theme for the conference this year; first time in Emily's memory: Inclusive Pedagogy (synergy between journal Vol. 2 and conference)
  - Not requiring people to present on the theme, but encouraging
  - This theme guiding how we think about the speakers
    - We may have Frank Tuitt, Centre for Multicultural Excellence; he has given a soft confirm
    - Also have talked to Phyllis Rooney, who has written on feminism and argumentation; she's still not sure if dates would work
    - Probably will also have plenary panel from Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy and Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy; probably about incorporating non-Western philosophy in classes
      - They're organizing this panel themselves
  - Numbers:
    - Early deadline: got 42 proposals (down 9 from last conference); first round of reviewing those proposals looking pretty good
      - Russell counted more than 20 people whose names he didn't recognize among these, which is good
    - Extended deadline (Feb 15)

- Costs, registration fees <<Rory entered at this point & reported>>
  - We aimed this year for the conference to net at \$5000 (pays for site visits and other projects)
    - The board decided to aim for \$5000 rather than the \$7000 in the past, because we had enough money
  - Estimated 100 people
  - PLATO rate is break-even
  - Rate to get us to \$5000: \$270 for members, Part time is \$200, Students at \$40
    - This is lower than our last conference, and Friday dinner is rolled into this time (different than the past)

#### G. Teaching and Learning (Hendricks)

- Summer grad Teaching and Learning Workshop
  - Facilitators: Donna Engelmann (lead), Paul Green, Dave Concepcion
  - Training for new facilitators at summer meeting: possible a training workshop, possibly people shadowing the facilitators (committee discussing options)
- Regional T&L workshops
  - Had one in Sept. 2015 in Dallas (Stephen, Dave, Donna facilitated)
  - Also one in January 2016 in LA (Paul, Bill, Betsy facilitated)
    - That one had so many applications from participants they're setting up another one in June of 2016 to capture the rest of those who want to go (they have enough money to cover this)
  - Another one in London, Ontario, Canada (Western Ontario University) April 9: Stephen, Rebecca, Dave facilitating
- Question: Do we want to ask the summer grad workshop participants to become members of the AAPT? The APA used to require that they be APA members, but that isn't happening anymore so we might ask them to become members of AAPT (\$25 for a year)
  - Call for participants has already gone out, though, and it didn't state that
  - T&L committee can discuss this issue

#### H. Treasurer (Kraft)

- Usually keep \$4000 in checking; just under that right now; \$57,000 in savings
- Already have deposit in for conference this summer; meeting budget projections for the year
- Will send financial reports to committee soon & forward to whole board

### **III. New Business**

A. Coordinate with APA Teaching Committee on incorporating teaching into Eastern Conference (Carpenter)

- APA committee on Teaching will be setting up teaching room for Eastern APA, open during the whole meeting, programming a variety of activities about teaching
  - We have been invited to collaborate with them on planning and also on providing people to do some of the activities
  - Want to meet with us at our summer meeting; the whole board can meet with them at our board meeting Wed. evening
  - If it works out maybe we can expand this idea to the other divisional meetings

**B. PLATO request for sponsorship (Esch)**

- We gave them money two years ago when they started up; they are asking for \$200 for sponsorship this year
- Consensus: yes, we'll do this

**C. Funding for AAPT small grant program (Mulnix)**

- We're short on time, so please look over the proposal that was sent over email;
- Teaching Fellows budget was \$1000; asking for more money for the program so we can give more grants; please send feedback to Jennifer over email
  - If we're at \$1000, the most people can get is \$500 because we'd like to give more than one
- Would like a call for applications to go out in May; considering making the deadline after the conference because people get great ideas at the conference

**D. Finding external grants for AAPT (Esch)**

- Need to start looking for different ways of raising money besides our dues and conference; we can talk about this at the next meeting.

**IV. Announcements (none)**

**V. Adjourn 2:00pm Eastern**

**Minutes approved: 6/3/2016**