

AAPT Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2013  
Room Warwick

I. Opening

A. Called to order @ 3:00 CT

Attending: Bill Anelli, David Concepcion, Emily Esch, Andrew Mills, Rory Kraft, Scott McElreath

B. Approval of Minutes of Feb. 8, 2013 by consensus

C. Approval of Agenda with changes

D. Guests - George Leamann with the PDC to stop in.

II. Committee Reports/Updates on on-going ventures

A. Communication with PLATO (Emily) -

Met with Jana, about moving forward with joint work. Members rate will apply for other group @ meetings. Desire is to piggy-back on our conference with a high school T&L seminar. Would run parallel to our T&L. Consensus was that was a good idea.

B. Financial report (Rory)

Questions about the awards/grants category were discussed. 2012 amounts did not include the teaching fellows. We are going to pay half now to teaching fellows and half at end of term. In future the ED will be in charge of communicating with the fellows and arranging for payments.

- George discussion:

Introduced self, PDC. Some discussion of the potential of them digitizing/archiving old records (newsletters, etc.) Possibility of using them for conference registration. PDC will distribute CFP at conferences. (Note for communications: set-up email of [submissions@philosophyteachers.org](mailto:submissions@philosophyteachers.org)?) Some discussion of a potential book collecting Lenseen award winners and commentary. (We asked George about this, not him bringing it to us.) Roughly at least 6 weeks lag time – certainly doable before the next conf. Big thing is what is the content? What sets it apart from the already available essays alone? Also discussed the possibility of a bibliographic listing of philosophy text books, moving toward reviews of them. To be explored further.

George then left the meeting.

Some discussion on the listing continued. The scope of the project and the need for ongoing updates were concerns. To be discussed again with larger board.

Return to Financial report: The unpaid bills referenced in the treasurer's report have since been paid. The new balances are: \$3,000 operations, \$60,671.10 Savings. Working on bringing some budget possibilities to the finance and then to board. Some discussion of the historical trends of costs, amounts brought in by conferences, cash on hand.

C. AAPT Job Descriptions (Emily)

Emily has gotten some, but not all. Still working on them. The timeline pulls some of these things together. The committees already have the duties as they have been laid out, but beyond that little of how to do the duties has been compiled.

While talking about duties/descriptions, we discussed some concerns that Scott's committee has had: Discussion of requirements for fellows applications, money for the work. Agreed to try to get some more publicity for next round applications. Process of getting call to communications needs to be firmed up.

Question about goals for speaker at conference? History is to get one non-philosopher, one AAPT person – both with recognition in area of teaching.

Question about fellows again: what does the end of the fellow term look like, travel/registration, etc. That is to be reexamined/determined after a budget is set.

Emily is going to take the Timeline document and also prepare a month-by-month listing of what needs to be done.

#### D. Website (Bill)

Question about resources on website. Going to get in contact with Alan Fox, Russell Marcus.

#### E. Open Forum

Arranging the APA sessions: Good to have a committee of folks to review, rather than just have one person select? Perhaps from folks who asked to be on program review. Consensus was to move to committee model for selection of panelists/papers/themes. – APA Sessions Committee. Chaired by Andrew Mills.

### III. New Business

#### A. Populating committees:

Committees were populated based upon preferences expressed, reached out to the membership, and especially to those who ran but lost. Committees were formed up much more quickly this time than in the past as the ED did the work of populating them, rather than bringing it all to the board to decide. Emily used everyone's self-ranked preferences to assign. Everyone got onto a committee they desired.

Some concern about balance of transparency and efficiency. Method of populating and selecting folks from volunteers was seen as largely successful. Consensus that we are aware and be mindful of if people are disgruntled and re-evaluate the process.

#### B. Developing T&L Workshops

Discussion of the three models of T&L workshops that have been done. T&L Committee is tasked with discussing criteria for evaluating methods, how to ensure "AAPT stamp of approval" is protected.

Potential of having AAPT mini workshop or conference @ Central? Perhaps concurrent? Discussion will continue.

#### C. Book Project

Discussion of Paul's ongoing project. Consensus was that the ball was in his court going forward.

#### D. Outreach to AAPT "Founders"

Discussion of what that would look like. ED will talk to program chair about some possibilities. The potential Lenssen book would also be a way to celebrate the history of the organization.

#### E. Partial subsidy to attend odd year Board meetings

Discussion of benefits, look into best practices. What does budget allow? What level of subsidy would be appropriate? Broad consensus that it is best to have face-to-face meetings, but concerns raised about potentially profiting from serving. To be revisited after budget models.

Other – related: Travel funds for grad students to T&L workshops/regional conferences? Revisit after budget models are in place.

For future discussion: perhaps compensation for specific tasks

Plan for a conference call at end of March.

Adjourned at 5:55 CT

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