

Minutes

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

Board Meeting, 4/1/11 (3:35-5:00) & 4/2/11 (9:30-11:15), Minneapolis, MN

Present: Nils Rauhut, President; Donna Engelmann, Executive Director; David Concepcion, Vice President; Joan Forry, Treasurer; Betsy Decyk, Past Executive Director; Emily Esch, Member-at-Large; Andrew Mills, Member-at-Large.

- Motion: Approve minutes of 7/29/10 meeting (Esch, Forry). Passed
- Motion: Approve minutes of 7/30/10 meeting (Esch, Concepcion). Passed
- Motion: Approve minutes of 9/30/10 meeting (Esch, Concepcion). Passed
- Motion: Approve agenda (Rauhut, _____). Passed

Discussion: General

- Update on 2012 site visits: Concepcion/Mills to St. Edwards; Forry/Hermberg to McDaniel
- Update on AAPT T&L Workshop at Ball State

Discussion: Recommendations from Attorney Hannah Dugan

- (i) Provide advanced public announcement of board meetings
- (ii) provide rank and file members with a way to participate
- (iii) publish minutes soon after the meeting
- (iv) acquire standing liability insurance, beyond conference liability
- (v) register the name of an AAPT member who is a resident of New York with the Attorney General's office to receive legal and incorporation mailings for the organization.
- Merits/demerits of telephone and email discussions and voting
- Action: **Forry** agreed to check on the cost and coverage of standing liability insurance.
- Action: **Rauhut** will ask Kevin Hermberg if he would be willing to be on record for the AAPT with the State of New York.

Discussion: Appointment of Executive Director, 1/1/11 to 12/30/12 (nominees not present for discussion)

- Action: **Esch** appointed Executive Director

Discussion: Committee Chairs

- Nominating Committee: Bill Johnson (Chair, 8/10-7/12)
- Communications Committee: Webmaster Kevin Hermberg (Chair)
- Motion: Teaching & Learning Committee should select T&L seminar leaders (Mills, Rauhut). Passed
- Action: **Rauhut** will
 - (i) ask Paul Green and Russell Marcus to be Program Co-Chairs
 - (ii) ask Andrew Carpenter to serve as chair of the Speakers and Awards Committee
 - (iii) ask Mimi Marinucci to serve as chair of the Teaching & Learning Committee
- Lenssen Prize Committee, Concepcion/VP (Chair)

Discussion: Organization of AAPT sessions at APA divisional meetings:

- Point of Information: APA central open call received 25 proposals
- Motion: Each member-at-large should be responsible for an APA divisional meeting (Esch, Mills). Passed
- Points of Information: Eastern program deadline is 5/31/11; post calls at Philosoph, Phil-updates, and Stephen Clark's philoL, and on the AAPT website.
- Action: **Forry** will forward group session info from EAPA Sec. Betts to Andrew Mills.
- Action: **Mills** will prepare a review criteria proposal to be used for open calls for AAPT@APA sessions
- Motion: Re-affirm e-votes regarding AAPT Teaching Fellow program (Concepcion, Esch). Passed
- Action: **Concepcion** will populate the committee following board suggestions

Discussion: Membership

- Action: **Esch** will investigate methods for membership tracking
- Discussion: Value of membership, via social media or newsletter, should be increased
- Action: **Forry** will set up a Facebook page
- Discussion: Consider a monthly email to all members
- Action: **Rauhut** will discuss monthly email with Communication Committee chairs
- Action: **Forry** will examine the possibility of using the Philosophy Documentation Center services
- Action: **Rauhut** and **Esch** will send out an issue of AAPT Now (no date specified)

Discussion: Finances

- Reconciliation with Coastal Carolina University [CCU] is complete. Current balance: ~\$50,000.
- Points of Info: Guelph conference lost money; Coastal made a significant profit, in part because actual costs were lower than expected & the fee was slightly higher.
- The board favors moving the AAPT account(s) to a national bank with online services
- Motion: Re-affirm electronic vote establishing discretionary fund of \$250/year for the ED and President. (Decyk, Mills) Passed

Discussion: AAPT Committees

- Motion: The following are the standing committees of the AAPT – Nominating, Communications, Program, Speakers & Awards, Teaching & Learning Seminar, Lenssen Prize (Decyk, _____) Passed
- Motion: Add a standing Teaching Fellows committee (Decyk, Mills) Passed
- Motion: Form a finance committee, of three or more board members (Decyk, Mills) Passed
- Discussion: Rauhut offered to chair and the board agreed. The committee shall include the Treasurer, the E.D., President or designee and two other members not part of the Board. The Treasurer and E.D. cannot chair the committee.

Discussion: Timing of board appointments

- Motion: Chairs of standing committees shall be members of the board with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of board members (Decyk, _____). Discussion. Revised motion offered...
- Motion: The Communications Committee chair shall be a voting member of the board, if co-chaired, only one vote (Decyk, Mills). Passed
- Motion: Chairs of standing committees shall serve until new standing committee chairs are appointed (Decyk, Mills) Passed
- Point of Information: Communications between outgoing and incoming board members should become regular practice
- Motion: The new board shall appoint chairs as soon as possible after the election of new officers (Decyk, Rauhut) Passed

Discussion: Family friendliness at conferences

- Children's meal/room rates, childcare, AAPT provided programs for kids (e.g. storytelling)

Discussion: AAPT Los Angeles graduate student seminar

- Action: **Decyk & Green** will offer a seminar on two Saturdays in summer 2011, perhaps at Mount St. Mary's. \$10 fee.
- Motion: AAPT will provide \$250 for AAPT LA pedagogy seminar (Engelmann, Rauhut) Passed

Discussion: AAPT Logo

- Action: **Forry** will organize it a "new logo competition"
- Action: **Engelmann** resigned from the Executive Director position

Minutes submitted by Engelmann, revised by Rauhut & Decyk, and revised by Concepcion. These minutes were approved by the board June 7, 2011.