

*The following is a draft of the Minutes of the meeting of AAPT Board on April 20, 2007. Any corrections or emendations can be forwarded to me for inclusion in the formally approved minutes.*

***Meeting was called to order at 12:07 on April 20, 2007.***

Board members present: David Concepcion (board member at large). Betsy Decyk (executive director). Nancy Slonneger Hancock (president), Donna Engelmann (past president), and John Wager (vice president). Also present was Steven Bickham (member).

### ***Action Items***

#### ***1. Re-appointment of Robert Timko as treasurer:***

Donna reviewed qualifications and background required, and board agreed Bob more than met those qualities. Board agreed he has done excellent job, and unanimously re-approved Robert Timko as treasurer for another 5 years.

#### ***2. Approve members of speakers and awards committee:***

Nominees were: Juli Eflin, Adrienne McEvoy, Tzaporah Kasachkoff, Donna Engelmann, and Joan Grassbaugh Forry. John moved approval, second made by Betsy, discussion started.

Betsy raised the issue of gender balance. Nancy asked for future gender balance; Betsy added that "Future" items get displaced by the time we look at the issue again. Betsy said we did, as a board, say we trusted the chair, but she added that it was important that gender balance should be something that all committees and groups should be aware of in all future appointments. Nancy called the question. Motion approved; all nominees were appointed to the speakers and awards committee.

Nancy moved that we give this committee a recommendation to identify one keynote speaker who is a non-philosopher but a good scholar in teaching and learning. Betsy added that perhaps person could be a philosopher, their role as speaker should be focused on scholarship of teaching and learning. David asked for amendment asking that person not be primarily a philosopher, but primarily a person whose main role is in the scholarship of teaching and learning. Betsy withdrew her amendment. Reverted to motion that person asked who was primarily involved in scholarship of teaching and research. Nancy added that financial commitments might increase; Donna asked that we first explore speaker's fee issue before making any final selection. The question of speakers fees was, according to Donna, one of equity; speakers should be given equal honoraria. Nancy suggested we search for funding by appealing to host institution to partly sponsor the speaker and invite other faculty at the host institution. Donna asked that this conversation be deferred until later. Nancy summarized the motion: We want someone with a strong background in teaching and learning, and we are willing to come up with a bit more money if necessary. Motion was approved.

#### ***3. Deadline for site proposals:***

David Concepcion began by saying that Ball State could host the next workshop but it would be a bad choice because of transportation difficulties. Nils Rahut's initial proposal to host at Coastal would be much better. John asked if we should send out clarification that we might want to look at proposals from large cities too, in order to expand the number of faculty with families that might find a large city more appealing. Donna said Alverno would be backup and site visit would be unnecessary. Nancy asked us to reconsider schedule; what's deadline so that after that date we ask Donna to start working on Alverno. (David added that issues for Nils was dorm space.) Betsy: We need to visit this summer; site proposal deadline should be June First. John called question of June 1 deadline; motion approved.

#### *4. Seminar Advisory Committee:*

Donna began by saying we need to constitute a committee and get working with APA board. We should send a proposal through APA Teaching committee by asking them if they had any problems with it, and if no problems we forward to APA board. We need volunteers. Betsy suggested contacting Wade Maki and Karen Hornsby. The issue was also raised of whether to open the seminar to beginning instructors or adjunct faculty who do not have much experience in teaching philosophy. Betsy will get budget together for rest of board to look at. Steven suggested that we should put in proposal a request for honoraria for people who do the seminar.. Nancy called for the question to constitute the committee. Motion passed. Donna passed around possible form to use to survey past participants for their input in designing next seminar. Steve Bickham volunteered to be a member of the graduate seminar advisory committee. Betsy suggested we get past grad student participants to serve on the advisory committee. Donna also recommended that we should keep doing this survey after each seminar.

Nancy moved to appoint graduate student seminar leader of Betsy Decyk. Betsy temporarily left meeting to allow for discussion of the issue. After short discussion, the motion was approved. David added that Betsy should have "significant input" into selection of co-facilitator. Board agreed. Donna added Betsy was concerned about divided time; board meeting times conflicted with some seminar activities. Issue also raised but tabled to determine how much facilitator's expenses (travel, registration) should be paid, but that issue was deferred.

#### *5. Request for Board Meeting Schedule:*

Nils Rahut sent an email to the board asking that we post a regular schedule for board meetings so that members could know well in advance when and where these meetings will be held. Nancy moved we post a schedule announcing that the annual board meeting will be held at the same time as the Central APA meeting. Donna added that this should be put into election information so potential board members know that's when we meet, and that the schedule also be added into the workshop program. This announcement should go on all election materials, posted on website, and added into by-laws. Nancy recommended that we put a line on membership form to let members know that's when the board meets. Motion passed.

#### *Discussion Items:*

Nancy brought up following issues: Process for organizing APA-AAPT Joint Sessions, Website redesign, Membership Drive, Teaching Awards, Sources of Funding. Betsy suggested we move up Eastern Division meeting issue; what's policy for group sessions at APA meetings? How does board have some oversight over offerings that are joint sponsored? John moved that the person organizing the session should be an AAPT member, but that presenters should be set up at the organizer's discretion. Nancy amended motion to include that the board should offer "advice" and that the proposal should be sent to the Executive Director first, but that the session did not need formal board approval. "In order to offer a session at an APA, the session organizer should be an AAPT member who should make a proposal to the Executive Director of AAPT who will then seek advice of board." Motion as amended passed.

David proposed that he offer a session at Eastern APA on "teaching transgressive topics" for a 3 hour block and 4 people on the panel, some of whom would probably not be members of AAPT. David will communicate to the panel that the focus should be on teaching and should be inter-active, with only 10-20 minutes for each person to speak and about an hour for conversation.

#### *6. Website Improvements:*

Donna asked to change site name to get rid of .dhs part of domain name; change AAPT-ONLINE.DHS.ORG to something with "philosophy teachers.org" A motion was made and passed that John pay for the domain name AAPT-ONLINE.ORG if it is available, and be reimbursed for that expense by the treasurer. Motion passed. Donna suggested that we need a new logo and re-design of website. Peter Bradley volunteered at the last workshop/conference to help with website; although this may not work out, John Wager will contact him. Betsy and Nancy also asked that they be able to have direct access to the website to upload and change files. John said that he would implement both changes.

#### *7. Program Chair volunteers:*

Kevin Herberg volunteered. Andy would be willing to serve again with Kevin. Betsy will contact Andy and Kevin.

Donna will be out of touch May 20 to middle of June but will have email access, will leave draft before she departs.

#### *Information Only:*

1. Treasurers Report shows a balance of \$40,869.42 In savings and \$6,106.27 in checking. Nancy asked for approval of report, and the board thanked Robert Timko.
2. Nancy informed all that the Lensen Prize committee should be formed soon. John, as Vice-President, is chair. Committee should be formed to select prize winning essay.
3. Nancy handed around hard copy of "Selection Criteria" for teaching excellence from *Tomorrow's Professor*. John will send to Stephen Schulman.
4. Nancy also raised the issue for future discussion about the continuing need to formulate a travel fund policy, as well as ways to increase contact and cooperation between AAPT and *Teaching Philosophy*.
5. Also brought up by Nancy was the issue of the "Book Room" at the next workshop. She has been doing this, but does not have as much time. Someone needs to start now, before next budget cycle, to get in touch with publishers and begin to organize the book room. Jim Highland has volunteered to run the book room at the next workshop. This doesn't need board approval. Nancy's question for the board to consider and advise on: What should fees be to exhibitors; how books disposed of; etc. Should board set down guidelines for this?

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy. Meeting adjourned at 2:04.