

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILOSOPHY TEACHERS
CHICAGO, APRIL 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Donna Engelmann.
Members present: Daryl Close, Betsy Decyk, Donna Engelmann, Steve Bickham
Guests: David Concepcion, Phil Hamlin, John Wager.

(***NOTE: This was an official board Meeting as authorized by the recently passed Board motion authorizing that the Board could meet at the 2005 Central Division of the APA if there were 40% of the Board in attendance. As per that motion, no precedent is set by this meeting as to quorum. The Board assigned Steve Bickham and Betsy Decyk to develop a motion for altering Board quorum rules. Since this will constitute an amendment to the AAPT Constitution, it will be sent to the AAPT membership in the fall. SHB)

At the request of the President, Steve Bickham agreed to serve as secretary for this meeting.

MINUTES:

Minutes were submitted to the Board of the two business meetings of the AAPT, as well as of the four Board meetings, held at the last biennial meeting in Toledo.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT MINUTES (Bickham/Decyk)

MOTION PASSED (These minutes will be put onto the "members only" section of the AAPT. Interested non-members may contact John Wager, AAPT Webmaster, if they would like a copy.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: (submitted in absentia by Treasurer Robert Timko.)

I. Toledo Proceeds: \$6973.73**
Savings Acct. 5018.75
Checking Acct. +8582.29
Total on hand as of April 25, 2005 53601.04

**This amount is preliminary. Refunds from the conference are underway, including refunds to conferees who purchased vegetarian meals. The expected net from the Toledo conference is around \$3,000.00. (Timko and Decyk to make final reconciliation of expenses for Toledo.)

II. \$2,000.00 has been allocated but not yet paid to John Wager and Betsy Decyk for officially recognized travel to the Leeds UK conference on College and University teaching in July. [The amount of this allocation may need to be corrected to \$2,000.00 for Decyk and \$1,000.00 for Wager, as per the original motion. This discrepancy was discovered after the Board meeting. (SHB, BND)]

III. There is an outstanding bill for \$401.80 to Alverno College for duplicating and mailing the last copy of the AAPT News. Board members acknowledged that this job was done at a much lower rate than we were charged by the Philosophy Documentation Center. Also, AAPT News was laid out by Betsy Decyk and Bill Johnson. Johnson purchased software for this and is encouraged by the President to submit a bill for this expense.

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: CLOSE/DECYK

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION OF NEWSLETTER AND WEB-SITE.

The next issue of AAPT News is expected during the fall semester, 2005. This will include a call for proposals for the 2006 conference. It will probably not be possible to produce three newsletters per year, due to the work involved in newsletter production. The Board discussed the importance of keeping the web-site updated and used by the members as a source of news. Association Members or Board members forgetting their passwords can retrieve these by contacting John Wager whose contact information is at the web-site. We hope to have soon a complete run of newsletters from 1998-99 to the present on the web-site. Obtaining earlier editions will present some problems due to the condition of archived copies and their original method of production.

(A member stated her intention to make a series of motions regarding the web-site and current webmaster. John Wager was asked to leave the room during the discussion and voting on these.)

MOTION: (DECYK/CLOSE) TO CREATE A "WEB-SITE COMMITTEE" AS A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "WEBMASTER" OF THE ASSOCIATION, WILL SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER. FURTHER DUTIES INVOLVED IN MANAGING THE WEBSITE WILL BE SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE.

DISCUSSION: It was mentioned that John Wager had conscientiously attended Board meetings as an association member and caretaker of the web-site.

Due to increasing importance of the website, it was felt reasonable to elevate the status of the structure overseeing this to that of a Standing Committee.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION (CLOSE/BICKHAM) TO APPOINT JOHN WAGER THE AAPT WEBMASTER. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: (DECYK/CLOSE) TO PAY THE WEBMASTER AS OF DEC. 31 OF EACH YEAR \$200.00 FOR MANAGING AND UPGRADING THE WEB-SITE —THE MOTION TO GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION OF RECOGNITION: (BICKHAM/WAGER) THAT THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILOSOPHY TEACHERS RECOGNIZES BETSY DECYK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AAPT, FOR RECEIVING THE NICHOLAS PERKINS HARDEMAN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTED BY THE FACULTY OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH.

MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

FURTHER DISCUSSION.

- I. The Board discussed the issue of site proposals for the 2006 International Workshop Conference. We have two active proposals—from Washington and Jefferson College and Seattle University. The Board asked Betsy Decyk and another member to visit Seattle and Bob Timko with possibly Steve Bickham to visit Washington and Jefferson. Site visitors shall report back to the Board so that a decision on the site can be made by about July 1.

- II. The Board considered issues of populating various committees. Nancy Hancock and Tziporah Kasachkoff had volunteered for the Speakers and Awards Committee. The Board is pleased to have them on this committee for the planning stage of the 2006 conference.

Program Committee and Public Relations co-chairs for the 2006 IWC need to be appointed soon; names were discussed by the Board, and these individuals will be contacted. Board members are invited to volunteer for either committee.

- III. The Board suggested an individual or individuals to work with Martin Benjamin on the teaching seminar for graduate students and new teachers for 2006. Various individuals were discussed as well as possible modifications of the seminar format for future years.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (WAGER/BICKHAM)

MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 2:57 p.m. by Presiding Officer Engelmann.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Stephen Bickham
(Secretary for the Day)