

AAPT Board minutes 7/25/12

I: Called to order @ 7:05

Present: Kevin Hermberg, Tziporah Kasachkoff, Paul Green, Andy Carpenter, Andrew Mills, David Concepción, Emily Esch, Rory Kraft, Bill Anelli, Russell Marcus, Nils Rauhut, Betsy Newell Decyk (by Skype), David Schrader, Donna Engelmann, Galen Foresman

Minutes: moved for approval by Mills, seconded, approved

Agenda: approved

II: Guests – No comments

III: Committee Reports:

- A. Program: 114 registered to attend. 57 workshops, 4 info sessions (2x). 72 presenters + 1 (information session). Convocation session and informational session on Sunday are new. Feedback would be good. Russell – draft form of work done to be submitted at a later date. Thanks to program chairs. Consensus of count is that it is in the normal range. Esch to check data.
- B. Speaker & Awards: Cut down to one session. Questions about budget to be checked. Barbara Millis is speaker. Mentioned that it is nice to go beyond our own membership for these awards/speakers.
- C. Teaching/Learning Seminar: Good team for seminar committee. Dave Concepción and Donna Engelmann to lead.
- D. Nominations: short summary of process occurred. Detailed report to be submitted via email.
- E. Finance Committee: deferred
- F. Communications: Added or edited web pages 50 times from Jan. From Jan on, new users added weekly. Usage looks up from last year. In June – members access was removed from easy access in prep for new website. Monday night (7/23) new site went live. New site allows for subscription to updates. Email listserve has been migrated. Suggestion of boiler-plate for announcements was made. If get updates, already subscribe. New webpage will encourage sign-up for list. Email list has 200 subscribers. Nice advantage is if folks have opted in we don't have to worry about them feeling inundated with email. Thanks given for hard work.
- G. Treasurer's Report: Update on process of change over to Kraft as treasurer. Thanks for taking on job. Longer update/numbers at members meeting.
  - a. Finance committee – decision was made to act conservatively in budgeting. Much of work was done prior to Kraft coming on board.
- H. Executive: Longer report tomorrow. Call for written reports to be submitted was distributed. Both committee and individual reports are needed. Will be helpful for transition to new board. Nominations committee will needed to be nominated. VP is also

needed to be nominated. Esch has agreed to stay on for the five year term (from appointment)

IV. Conference Sites: McDaniel, Ft. Lewis have both submitted proposals. Ft. Lewis wants a quick decision. Site visit at this stage is going to be problematic. Decision will have to be made as to changing from tradition. Some concern about being pressured from the outset of negotiations. Importance of site visits was noted. Perhaps encouraging them to propose for 2016. Need to also check into travel costs before asking to defer. Question about when site proposals are going to be solicited. Motion by Mills to reject Ft. Lewis for 2014. Seconded. After brief discussion, motion was withdrawn.

V.

A. Pre-APA-Pacific workshop – Engelmann brought a proposal for AAPT to apply for having a mini-conference prior to the APA-Pacific. Initial suggestion was to apply to do so in conjunction with 2014 APA-Pacific in San Diego. Carpenter willing to work on proposal. There were questions about quality control. Thoughts that it would be good to hear a procedure. Motion to refer to the Teaching and Learning Committee to prepare a proposal to bring back to the board. Seconded. Approved.

B. Pedagogy for Philosophers – Paul Green brought a proposal forward to seek AAPT endorsement of a book/on-line resource which brings data/information from educational theory/praxis to philosophy (out of widely accepted belief that philosophers tend not to keep current on those areas.) The idea is to go beyond the anecdotal to the research driven information. Questions/discussion about scope and approach. Asked for clarifications of what is being asked of board. Esch moves to authorize Green to explore feasibility of P&P proposal. Seconded. Passed.

C. AAPT Mission – Concepción noted his excitement about the excitement and actions of AAPT. But are we all on the same page? How/are we distinctive? We need to collectively know what we are about. Concern raised about doing it with *this* board as compared to *next* board. Larger discussion to continue.

D. Soliciting for AAPT – Rauhut emphasized that outreach is crucial. Especially in the first two days of the conference. Talk to folks about participating more fully. Foresman noted difficulty in figuring out how to be more active between sessions. Discussion of volunteering form, contacting folks from them, etc.

VI. Announcements:

Convocation to include recognition of board members. We have snazzy red stickers asking for people to ask us questions.

Also going to invite everyone to relocate following wine and cheese reception for potables at Opal's.

VII. Adjourned at 9:02.

APPROVED by the Board, 10/5/2012