

August 1, 2004

Approximately 20 members of the section as well as the AAEA board representative (Richard Sexton) and acting executive director (Betty Elkebrecht) attended the meeting. Chris McIntosh (Section Co-Chair) called the meeting to order.

A. Nov. 1 Track Proposals

One of the main efforts of the Section is to develop a track proposal that outlines a set of proposed sessions (or track) at the AAEA meetings. This serves to guarantee content of interest to section members.

1. It was requested that the deadline for the track proposals (currently at Nov. 1) be extended to a later time to allow more time for development. Richard Sexton (AAEA board rep) indicated that he would explore this possibility with the board.
2. The track coordinator for the 2005 AAEA meetings (who will put together the track proposals) will be Leah Matthews.
3. Ideas provided by members for sessions at the next meeting include:
 - a) manage groups and team work
 - b) write more while I grade less
 - c) teaching strategy courses,
 - d) diversity
 - e) leadership
 - f) case learning and writing

B. Pre-conference for 2005?

One of the ongoing efforts of the section has been to sponsor or co-sponsor pre-conferences at the meetings. There was some discussion about what we might do in the upcoming year. Chris McIntosh and Molly Espey will coordinate this effort. Ideas included:

1. Problem-based learning
2. Calibrated Peer Review Writing — John Beam's book Engaging Ideas
3. Putting Critical Thinking into Action
 - a) Wyoming Conference Proceedings (email David Schweikhardt to get)
 - b) Make your students write more while you grade less

C. Website Development

Currently, we are the only section without a website. It would be useful to develop a website with such topics as:

1. teaching tips
2. section membership
3. pedagogy
4. profile of teaching award winners
5. links to online teaching newsletters
6. publication of teaching articles
7. links and/or a repository of information/syllabi on classes of some interest
8. academic integrity
9. online courses. Send ideas on the website to Paul Wilson

D. Membership & Growth of the Section

A topic of some discussion focused on how to expand membership in the section. It was viewed that if we provided direct benefits to membership then membership would increase substantially. Ideas discussed:

1. Developing a newsletter for members of the section.
2. Providing a free membership in the section to each teaching institution. The membership could be allocated by the department head at each institution. This would be especially targeted at institutions without membership in the section
3. Raffle a free preconference
4. Forward to members, the list of members in the section

E. New Leadership 2005-2006

New Co-Chairs of the section

1. Cynda Clary
2. Christine Wilson