

Minutes

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Minutes from Section Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2005

Providence, Rhode Island

Approximately 20 members of the section were in attendance, including the AAEA Executive Board representative, Richard Sexton (UC-Davis). Leah Greden Mathews (UNC-Asheville) called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

A. Elections

1. Stimulated by the unexpected but understandable resignation of one of the Co-Chair Elects (Cynda Clary, New Mexico State), early discussion centered on revising the Section's bylaws so there would be more continuity in the Section's leadership. Molly Espey (Clemson) made the motion that the bylaws be revised so that Co-Chairs serve two-year overlapping terms. Gary Fairchild (Florida) seconded the motion. The group unanimously voted to change the bylaws so Co-Chairs would be elected for a two-year term, with one new Co-Chair Elect being elected each year. The bylaws will be revised to reflect this decision and submitted to the AAEA Executive Board for approval.
2. In order to initiate this new policy immediately, Paul Wilson (U. of Arizona, 2004-2005) agreed to serve another year (2005-2006) as Co-Chair with Christine Wilson (Purdue, 2005-2007).
3. Mike Boland (Kansas State) was elected as Co-Chair Elect, serving as Co-Chair for 2006-2008.
4. Matt Stockton (Nebraska, 2005-2007) was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

B. TLC Membership and Recruitment

1. Leah reported that the TLC Section currently has 79 members.
2. Richard Sexton reported that the AAEA is monitoring section membership and may not want to support sections with less than 40-50 members.
3. Recruitment ideas discussed included:
 - a. A newsletter
 - b. TLC recruitment messages at the Graduate Student Section meeting
 - c. A promotional announcement at all TLC track sessions
4. The general tone of the remarks was that the section must produce value for the membership—"What does the AAEA member receive for being a member of the TLC section?"

C. TLC Website Update

Paul Wilson gave an update on the TLC website that is accessible through the AAEA website. Paul appealed to the group for more feedback on the site. It was suggested that the PowerPoint slides from the TLC track sessions be placed on the site. Another suggestion was to use the site as an electronic repository for teaching materials. Mike Boland may be able to share his data base of syllabi so this information would be accessible to the profession through the TLC website. Finally, the suggestion was made to set up the TLC listserv so colleagues could ask teaching questions through this tool. Paul agreed to take action on these ideas within his time constraints.

D. Young Professional Teaching Workshop

1. Paul Wilson presented the draft proposal to sponsor every year a teaching workshop at the AAEA meeting, specifically directed at Ph.D. students with an academic career goal. The proposal was favorably received. The following people volunteered to help with finalizing and implementing the

proposal: Jim Beierlein (Penn State), Frank Dooley (Purdue), Chris McIntosh (Idaho), Eluned Jones (Texas A&M), and Molly Espey (Clemson).

2. The decision was made to move forward with this proposal for the Long Beach meetings in 2006.

E. Program Track for 2006

1. Leah Greden Mathews volunteered to organize the TLC track for 2006. All ideas for sessions should be submitted to her.
2. There was general discussion on possible sessions. One topic of common interest was to have a session discussing learning outcomes and how the profession should respond to administration directives in this area.

F. Pre-Conference Workshop

The group decided that there will be no TLC-sponsored pre-conference workshop in 2006.

G. CWAE Tracking Survey

The members present agreed that the TLC should cooperate with this survey if asked to share the TLC mailing list with the researchers.

Leah Greden Mathews adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Wilson in the absence of Conrad Lyford (Texas Tech, Secretary-Treasurer, 2004-2005).