

NEASA Council Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2008

Present: Kehaulani Kauanui, Gretchen Sinnett, Elif Armbruster, Richard Holtzman, Renee Romano, Eve Raimon, Carolin Frank, Mary Battenfeld, Nirmal Trivedi, Dayo Gore, Al Flynn, Paul Grant Costa

Meeting commences: 12:15pm: Introductory comments by President, regrets from members for various reasons, introductions for members present. Renee Ramon moving to Oberlin soon to be relocating leaving the council, double check next conference meeting will be at Yale, Conference Sept. 19th (Friday)- Sunday Sept 21. Council meeting at conclusion of conference on Sunday, Sept. 21st

President's report: bulk of meeting dedicated to conference. Conference meeting in May to review proposal submissions. Forward call for papers and recruit for round tables and panels. President has recruited Palestinians for national security and citizenry. Mishauna recruiting Native American Studies Panel. If you know of people you can contact please do. Graduate students, colleagues, etc. Deadline is April 15th. Have high hopes for last minute proposals.

Vice President, Mary Battenfeld- discussion of By Laws discussion. Need for site coordinator at the conference. Proposed amendment to by-laws to include. Article IV-1, site coordinator set under this article to appoint position without adding to by-laws, or change for separate position. Approve change for official webmaster and edit description. Discussion of addition of site coordinator: Site coordinator also a council member, elected, not elected? Permanent seat on the council or temporary until conclusion of conference. Site coordinator would be an officer which automatically makes them a council member. Paul suggests there be a conference site coordinator and a conference director (relieve president of coordinating responsibilities) oversees all different aspects of the conference. Ex-officio Raimon states president has bigger picture in mind where someone else would not. Paul proposes Site coordinator also on the program committee, part of selection committee, and programming. VP Battenfeld proposes a NEASA document not part of by-laws that outlines duties of site coordinator including default membership of conference committee. Caroline Frank motions for vote on including description of Webmaster position drafted by Mary Battenfeld, Al Flynn seconds. Decision unanimous to amend.

Approval of January 2008 meeting minutes note on last meetings treasurer report. Wesleyan contribution included within total sum, not specifically itemized. Council email: neasacouncil@gmail.com meeting. Minutes Approved

Secretary's report- there are 322 active members with known contact information and 24 with problem emails, making total 346. Secretary requests funding for follow up post cards to update info for those 24 members. Requests approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report (Elif Armbruster)- received ASA rebate of \$2300 deposit into accounts. Difficulties of transferring account to new treasurer's name as a result of outdated documentation with commonwealth of MA, complications with updating. Paul suggests filing in another state. President suggest calling ASA to figure it out. Also inquire ASA if NEASA should be considered a non-profit or not for profit organization.

Webmaster Report (Nirmal Trivedi) updated website to include council descriptions, moved secondary ed info to about section, question of putting contact info for secondary schools on the website or place

in pass protected section. Al Flynn says contact info for secondary school is public info, Webmaster suggests placing link to a spread sheet. Al Flynn suggests might be good idea so that schools can verify contact information. Webmaster needs conference programs for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007; bios from several members; awards section winners for Rudnick 1998, 2000 question whether there was a prize in 2000 given that a prize was given 2001 and the prize is given every two years, Mary Kelley for 2005; call for member news

Regional Rep Report (Betsy Klimasmith)- apology for missing the deadline for ASA grant; however not fiscally important at this juncture. Organization is currently in comfortable financial position. Regional Rep offers to inquire whether ASA still offering submission and/or if grant has been awarded. Motion to focus energy on next year's grant app by council member Holtzman, seconded. All in favor unanimously.

Secondary Education Committee (Al Flynn and Sara...) Al Flynn suggests coordinating something so sort of initiative to locate secondary ed. Teachers for the Secondary Ed Initiative, Renee Ramono suggests to contact Stephen Pitti at Yale who coordinates program with secondary ed teachers.

Prize Committee reports- President suggests putting names of committee members on the website, council member Gore placed on Kelley Prize committee

Lois P. Rudnick- all submission to chair and council member Romano, deadline set for June 1st

Mary Kelley Prize Committee- deadline usually a week before the conference, clarify on postings for conference that submissions be sent to the committee chairs

Lisa MacFarlane Prize Committee- council members Frank suggests reminding faculty at respective institutions about the Prize since many of the submissions will be from students' final papers.

Quick break 1:45-2:15

2008 Conference committee- Infectious Democracy

Site Coordinator's report (Paul)-

Hotel Information- President has New Haven Hotel under-renovation but will be ready by September: \$129/room/night, holding 25 rooms held until August 19th. Make clear to conference participants about the booking deadline. Rate for Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights

Rooms for Friday, Saturday, Sunday- Friday for consecutive sessions 2 rooms in hall of graduate studies, Whitney Humanities Center, WLH, plenary -Battell Chapel for Friday night, Saturday HGS, WLH, Lunch and Keynote President's room reserved, recruiting Yale American Studies graduate students and undergraduates to help with the conference.

Alternatives to conference activities: campus tours, tour or discount at Yale Peabody Museum, library tours

Speakers- ask Tony Blare to be a speaker or invite him to conference

Keynotes

Community Plenary- request suggestions for participants, Eric Foner, Vijay Prashaad, Amy Goodman, Melissa Harris Lacewell; more suggestions welcomed

Fundraising- council members request funding from local colleges and universities in exchange for students being able to participate in conference for free.

financing can be finalized once equipment, site needs, and speaker fees are finalized, AV needs. Committee will meet on May 10th or May 17th

2009 conference committee (Michael)- two dates we discussed Oct. 2nd or Oct. 16th look good. Dean confirmed his promise of \$3000; still working on national park thing. Council member Klimasmith suggests ASA funding for community grants to fund community outreach for conference sites. March 1st deadline.

Schedule next meeting: Sunday, September 21st, 2008 after the conclusion of conference

Mtg adjourned at 3:00pm