

2017 CMS South Business Meeting, Saturday, February 25, 2017, Austin Peay State University, President Kristian Klefstad, presiding

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Secretary/Treasurer Nash read the minutes from the 2016 business meeting, clarifying that this is the 40th, not 30th meeting as initially recorded in the minutes. Nash also gave the Treasurer's report of \$10, 464.46, as of the meeting date. \$250 for the student paper award. There was no student composition award; however, an update is forthcoming. Motion to accept the report made by Karen Fosheim and seconded by Katie Carlisle.

The 2018 CMS South Conference will be at Albany State University, Albany, GA. It will take place either the last full week in February or the 1st full week in March. Georgia Southern Univ. had also expressed interest. The 2019 conference will be at the University of Central Florida as it is always there for years ending in 9.

The exec. board discussed having the 2020 CMS South Conference in Puerto Rico at last night's exec. board meeting. There were mixed feelings. One such solution/response was to have it in Puerto Rico as a mega regional, to include 3 regions. David Boyce and Brendan McConville have experience in hosting a mega regional conference and Boyce is super interested in a mega conference in Puerto Rico. In going forward with a 2020 mega conference in Puerto Rico, items to take into consideration include funding, national call for scores and papers and as much planning in advance as possible.

President Klefstad discussed the President's Meeting in which the national topic was The Role of Regional Conferences. There was a series of meetings between regional presidents and national office.

The CMS South Regional Conference is well attended as we get many ideas and thoughts from membership. There is a strong call for increasing membership. At last year's meeting, it was proposed that there should be a student representative on the exec. board and a suggestion about getting events going through a social meeting. In regards to student involvement, University of Tennessee and Auburn have been good at getting students involved. Another suggestion was for regional conferences to have themes, in order to give them identity.

In the past, \$750 was awarded for presenters; however, that was difficult to sustain as the national office is losing money. Those such funds can be redistributed, such as a social mixer to increase face time.

What is the role of the regional chapter? One such role includes a program to increase leadership opportunities. The attendance is mostly participants, including presenters and composers. Katie Carlisle mentioned teaching artists and community engagement. Nancy Barry suggested that regional conferences would be a good way to get more

adjunct faculty involved, including a panel for adjunct faculty. Adjunct faculty are more visible due to shifting demographics and population.

Brendan McConville suggested social gatherings and professional development opportunities, such as student mentoring and mock interviewing for teaching positions, including how to write a cover letter.

How do we draw down topics from national to regional?

One member suggested to cap the student registration at \$25, regardless of whether or not they are a CMS member. That must be a proposal. Students were uncharged \$15. According to the CMS National Office, students must be charged at least \$10. The student cap recommendation passed.

In the exec board meeting, a member suggested that conference participation be followed by a letter, acknowledging participation. Terry McRoberts informed the group that there is already a rule in place that if someone is programmed for a presentation but does not show up (without informing the appropriate persons in advance), then they will not be allowed to participate again for 1-2 years. Elizabeth Moak suggested that there should be a clause to that “no show” policy to be clearly stated at the appropriate place. Nancy Barry discussed amending the program, in regards to “no shows” and reposting. She also mentioned checking to see if someone prefers hard copies or pdf.

Ann Silverberg discussed elections as she presented the information on handouts. David Boyse moved that the group accept Ann’s presentation and Elizabeth Moak seconded.

President Klefstad thanked and acknowledged the exec board members. He also encouraged folks who ran for an office but not elected to run again.

President Klefstad thanked Ann Silverberg and Eric Branscome for hosting the 2017 CMS South Regional Conference at Austin Peay State University. Karen Fosheim thanked President Kristian Klefstad for his service and leadership as CMS South President and then the gavel was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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