

38th Annual Membership Business Meeting
September 25, 2020
5:00 pm EST

- AGENDA -

1. Call to Order & Welcome
Nick Ross, President

-Meeting was called to order at 5pm EST (4pm CST). In attendance were Nicholas Ross, Steven Weimer, Ben Fuhrman, Jennifer Muniz, James Harrington, Elisabeth Hoegberg, David Cook, Bethany Nickel, Jay Batzner, Junghwa Lee, Melissa Coppola, and Kate Hamori.

-Nick posted links to the 2019 Business Meeting minutes along with bylaw and boundary changes for meeting members to see throughout the meeting. Current regional board members introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Approval of 2019 Minutes from the Business Meeting of the Membership (UW Stout Conference)

-Motion to accept minutes made by Nicholas. It was approved.

3. 2019 Treasurer's Report
Junghwa Lee, Treasurer

-Junghwa gave an update of our current balance, which is \$8952.70 as of 7/31/20.

4. Discussion of Postponed Conference and 2021 Program
Great Lakes Board

-Nicholas discussed the challenges of hosting the upcoming 2021 conference at Oakland University given the current pandemic numbers in the Midwest. He discussed the idea of holding synchronous Zoom presentations online instead of an in-person conference. Submissions for this conference are lower, which is a common issue amongst many chapters right now.

-Jennifer asked about lecture recital submissions (there were 6). 12 posters, 3 scores were also submitted. Some submission numbers are still to be confirmed through Submittable.

-Nicholas suggested the possibility of pushing the dates back for Oakland University (to host instead in 2023). Millikin University would host in 2022. Ben will discuss this possibility with his administration.

5. 2020 Postponed Conference Report
Elisabeth Hoegberg, Program Chair & Ben Fuhrmann, Local Arrangement Host

6. 2021 Conference Location
- Oakland University in Auburn Hills, MI, April 16–17, 2021
 - * Ben Fuhrman: Local Arrangements Host & Composition Chair
 - * Program Chair: Elisabeth Hoegberg

-Elisabeth mentioned that submissions for the 2021 conference were not showing up on Submittable. Peter Park may need to forward the submissions ahead to the regional chairs. Four people from last year's conference are planning to carry over to this year.

7. 2022 Conference Location
- Millikin University in Decatur, IL, Dates TBA (March 2022)
 - * Steve Weimer: Local Arrangements Host & Composition Chair
 - * Program Chair: TBA

-Current possible dates are Mar. 18-19 (end of projected Millikin spring break). Mar. 25-26 and Apr. 8-9 have also been discussed as possibilities.

8. Bylaws and Constitutional Changes
- Description of bylaw changes, drafted by Jay Batzner with input from GL board
 - New Secretary position
 - Regional chapter boundaries are being changed; constitution will be altered to reflect this

-Nicholas shared the changes in the chat window for review. Our chapter needs bylaws; Nicholas solicited thoughts and proposed changes (email them to Nicholas). The bylaws are designed to define the purpose of our chapter along with the roles of each officer and to ease the transfer of power after each cycle. President and Treasurer should begin their terms simultaneously. Secretary becomes open after this year; send any suggestions or nominations to Nicholas.

-Regional chapter boundaries change on Jan. 1st, 2021. This concerns those who may be in the Dakotas; they are welcome to still submit for the Great Lakes Regional Conference. Updated boundary list has Great Lakes Region including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Ontario, and Quebec. Manitoba, eastern North Dakota, and northeastern South Dakota are moved to a newly-named Central Chapter.

-Jennifer asked Jay to discuss how he created the bylaws. Jay looked at other chapter bylaws and also focused on explaining the chapter's specific functions. Jennifer asked if our membership numbers are still strong in comparison to other chapters, such as those in the northeast. Nicholas believes we are similar in numbers to those regions.

9. Other Business/Adjournment

-Jay thanked everyone for preparing and adjusting conference plans amidst the uncertainty of the nation-wide pandemic. Special thanks to host Ben Fuhrman for being adaptable with the numerous postponements and changes.

-Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm EST (4:30pm CST).