

CMS Central Chapter
Conference Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, March 6, 2022
2:00PM CST / 1:00PM MST
Hybrid Meeting (In Person & Via Zoom)

Board Members Present: Kristín Jónína Taylor, president; Brian Murray, secretary; & Brian Buckstead, conference chair.

- I. Call to Order: 2:06PM by President Taylor
- II. Welcome & Approval of Minutes
 - a. Lack of previous minutes from our last meeting
 - b. Difficulties with institutional knowledge
 - c. Use the raise hand feature on Zoom or raise your hand in person to hold the floor
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. UNO graciously waived the fee to host the conference
 - b. We hired musical technology help due to a staffing change at UNO
 - c. Conference Registration
 - i. 24 Members, 1 Retiree, 4 Students, 1 Non-Member
 - d. We stayed within our budget with zero loss
 - e. We are in good financial shape
 - f. Open floor for discussion about the Treasurer's Report
 - i. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- IV. Conference 2023
 - a. To be determined
 - i. Location & Dates
 - b. We will need to secure a new conference chairperson
 - i. Contact Kristín regarding interest in the conference chairperson
 - c. We desire a larger attendance
 - i. Student membership
 - d. Open floor for discussion about the 2023 conference
- V. Student Membership
 - i. Student Representative to serve on the board
 1. Participating in Executive Committee Meetings
 2. Represent student CMS members
 - ii. More Student Chapters in Central Region
 - iii. More Students to Apply to Regional Conferences
 1. We have money to award but no students applicants to whom to donate
 - iv. Open floor for discussion about Student Membership
 1. Ralph Lewis mentioned the difficulties for student participation, including:
 - a. Membership cost
 - b. Word of mouth not getting to student population
 - c. Faculty not valuing what CMS offers
 - d. The realities of applying to present at CMS

2. Kristín asked if you had to have to have a doctoral or graduate program to create a student chapter of CMS
 - a. Response from Bill Peltó: No
3. Kyle Vanderburg mentioned the difficulties on the university side regarding compliance of student organizations
 - a. Kristín agreed with this point and cited personal examples
4. Bill Peltó spoke about the CMS Student Advisory Council
 - a. Chaired by two faculty members
 - b. Involves students from each of the student chapters
 - c. Gives students an opportunity to get involved at the regional and national level
5. Craig Parker mentioned the success of the Appalachian State University.
 - a. He asked Bill Peltó why they were so successful
 - b. Bill Peltó advised that Valparaiso and North Dakota State University have successful chapters as well
 - c. Bill suggested that the two keys are specific engagement and motivation by the faculty sponsor and engendering a succession plan for the chapter
 - d. Bill also mentioned that getting the word out is important and that CMS does not have access to non-member students
 - e. Craig asked about student payments for membership
 - i. Bill mentioned that students only pay for membership, not local dues
 - f. Craig inquired if Appalachian State provided funding to attend the national conference
 - i. Bill responded affirmatively
 - g. Craig asked if Appalachian State fundraised
 - i. Bill replied that they held a benefit concert and other ways of fundraising
6. Ralph Lewis mentioned that knowing the deliverables up front might be helpful to encourage student participation
 - a. He suggested there might be a feeling of risk associated with the cost
 - b. He advised that an approach to help people see what is going on might be helpful
 - c. Student performances at CMS while minimizing risk
 - d. Bill will take these ideas to the National Board.
 - i. He also added some upcoming items:
 1. Graduate students need to present and get involved
 2. Undergraduate students can get some mentoring and experience by participating in a virtual conference format
7. Kyle asked about the call for proposals for the undergraduate research conference
 - a. Bill said they tend to close around November for face-to-face conferences

- b. Submission for undergraduate research conference late spring for a fall conference
 - i. Bill indicated that the Executive Office is thinking about a May date for this submission
 - 8. Bill said that there is a specific student track for standard calls
 - a. There is mentoring for poster sessions and presentations
- VI. Open Microphone, Ideas, Vision, & Goals
 - a. How can CMS work for its membership beyond job listings?
 - b. Kristín mentioned a confidential mentorship to talk about issues as a junior faculty member would have been helpful
 - i. Bill responded that there may be a problem with communication because that has existed for 20+ years.
 - ii. He also suggested that there are multiple paths in the mentoring programs due to folks being in the academy and working elsewhere
 - c. Ralph said that the mentorship program is very appealing to him personally
 - i. He recommended amplifying that program because of its great need
 - ii. Bill suggested that Ralph report back any barriers to that program based on the website
 - iii. Bill also mentioned a webinar on job placement and interviewing and other ways that mentoring can go beyond just the national conference
 - d. By-Laws & Constitution
 - i. Kristín said we need to look at our by-laws and constitution to clean up language in the next year, especially as we merged into the Central Chapter
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Brian Buckstead moves that we end the meeting
 - b. Kyle Vandenberg seconds the motion
 - c. President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:53PM

*Prepared by Brian C. Murray
Submitted on 3/7/2022*