

Minutes for Saturday, September 22, 2012

Executive Council Meeting, NERWHA

Present: Al Andrea, Jim Diskant , Jeremy Greene, Roland Higgins, David Kalivas, Angela Lee, Lincoln Paine, Nicholas Russell

Absent: Whitney Howard, David Burzillo and Heather Streets-Salter

Treasurer Report – Mary Jane Maxwell

We currently have \$3330.00 in our account.

Al asked if NERWHA could set up a system to sponsor a student to go to the WHA conference. There was a discussion of what kind of student – young scholar, PhD student etc.? Mary Jane made a motion to appoint a committee to write up a tentative description to sponsor a student/scholar to the WHA. Al seconded. The committee formed was Al Andrea, and Roland Higgins.

Dane requested to set up a fund of \$5,000.00 to act as an emergency fund. There was also discussion to donate yearly to the WHA. MJ made a motion to donate 10% of our current funds yearly to the WHA . Motion passed and wrote a check for \$330.00 to WHA

Election Committee Report – Al and Heather

Our elected NERWHA officials are Michele Louro, President; Jim Diskant, Vice-President; and Mary Jane Maxwell, Secretary-Treasurer. Congrats! Chris Souza and Thomas Rushford (ex-officio) will be added to the EC, and Dane will remain as ex-officio.

Al asked if the dues structure should remain the same, and we all agreed it should.

Jim Diskant asked for an electronic election, and Dane responded that we should begin planning for it now.

Program Committee Report – Jim Diskant and Al Andrea

Jim Diskant resigned from the committee and reported that for this Fall he and Al employed the roundtable concept again and recommends that we keep the model: received six proposals and accepted three.

Discussion that we keep current integrative theme of theory and pedagogy, as well as the model of roundtable and workshops.

Discussion that the program committee must remain selective with the proposals they accept. Al remarked that all proposals we accept MUST be world history focused and history focused.

Jim remarked that the Program Committee became a local arrangement committee, so resigned as a result.

Michele noted that the part of the arrangements must remain part of the program committee's duties.

Dane hopes for three sites in place so that we can begin to make plans. Discussion that we keep it in Boston area because of its central location. Lincoln recommends that we create a checklist of potential pitfalls and concerns for the next program committee to consider.

Michele remarked that Howard Spodak is coming to speak at SSU History Dept in the spring 2013 we we'll ask Howard to be our Spring Symposium keynote speaker. It's free – Pearson is paying for his travel expenses. Next NERWHA theme is Indian Ocean and World History.

Nick volunteered to be a future site coordinator at Tufts in the future (fall symposium, perhaps), and will coordinate with Michele. Discussion (unresolved) if we should have separate site prep committee from program committee like WHA.

David Kalivas offered up Middlesex as a potential site. Lincoln and Dane both agreed that participants would come to Vermont in the fall.

Roland proposed a future 2-3 day Big History conference at Keene and that he'd write a proposal. Al said that he'd help Roland write the proposal.

Jim made a motion that we accept SSU for Spring 2013 site, "tentative" accept Roland for Keene for Fall of 2013 and that Al and Roland would investigate the possibility, Tufts in Spring of 2014 and Middlesex in Fall of 2014. Al seconded the motion. Motion passed

Dane made a motion for a program committee for the Spring 2013 SSU symposium: Roland, Michele, Angela, and Lincoln volunteered for the committee. David seconded the motion and it passed.

Jim recommended that someone ask if David Burzillo wants to join the committee.

Outreach Committee – Nick

Nick needs a photo release before he can post pictures and make brochures.

Mary Jane requested that we find a way to make contact with our new webmaster.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dane) and David seconded.