BOD Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2021
Zoom
4:30-6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM (PR)
In attendance: PR, CG, MW, JS, FM, DH, NH, SP, MT

Minutes 3/22/2021 [CG] (2 min)
unanimously approved (FM, JS)

Treasury Report [SP] (5 min)
Liberty Bank account now has debit card linked to account
cash balance in last report incorrect due to calculation error, cash balance now corrected, corrected report will be posted online
report unanimously approved (JS MT ), 5/24 report attached

Correspondence [RL] (3 min)
RL not present, no correspondence as reported by JS

Committee Reports and Plans
Membership [JS, MT, CG]
  Wild Apricot (PR)
  W.A. fee increased again, discussion of W.A. fees, possible move to different platform
  (W.A. currently $60/month + $1.80 int. fee)
  Weebly account ($12 / month)
  might consolidate W.A. and Weebly service and use different provider
Directory
discussion on membership directory based on W.A. list (MT, JS)

Communication & Education [CG, NH, FM, MW]
  AAC (NH)
  Fall Meeting
discussion of meeting structure (hybrid / in person)
Wesleyan, Trinity, Eastern, Dinosaur SP as possible venues?
NH – will provide invitation draft, possible e-mail blast in July, need for updated AAC membership list
Distinguished Lecturer
NH will reach out to Bob Wintsch
Opportunities for [student] members
focused on lecture opportunities, jobs, (LIDAR) short courses etc., might include in new web site

Colloquia Feed
Can it be blasted to members plus central landing page on web site?

Website update (DH, MW, PR)
no changes yet, revisions planned for summer
general discussion on website structure and design
discussion on membership management and website hosts
DH will provide summary of proposed / needed changes by end of June.

Student Research Grant (FM, CG, NH)
general discussion of student projects, sub-committee proposes to fund all three proposals (NH JS), unanimously approved (PR – abstained)
deficit from Student research funds will be covered from general fund.

Student research grants awarded to:
David Ahumada (UCONN)
Zachary Klang (Wesleyan)
Rebekah Kennedy (UCONN / Wesleyan)

general discussion on timeline of award process, possible survey to AAC about grant proposal timeline

Program Committee
CT Trails Day
no GSC-sponsored activity

Summer Picnic (SP, CG, FM)
Sub-committee meeting will discuss possible picnic at Rocky Neck SP.

EPOC joint field trip (RL, JS, NH)
Could still happen – once allowed under COVID

NEIGC (PR)
PR responded and expressed general pessimism, GSC happy to host in future but not this year, Heritage Resort booked solid due to weddings

Spring Field Trip
will hopefully turn into a fall field trip

Annual Meeting (CG, MW, DH)
general preference for in-person meeting, academic host, or Dinosaur SP,
general discussion of meeting venues, DH, CG will inquire with their respective institutions
Organizational

Bylaw review, mission statement and revision (MW, PR, MT)
to be undertaken during the summer months by MT, PR, MW
subcommittee will make recommendations at next board meeting

Nominations and Elections
MT invited M. Ross (Dinosaur SP) to run for BoD
board asked to recruit potential BoD candidates

Recruitment of members to subcommittees
general discussion of membership for committees and sub-committees

Next meeting
7/14 @ 4:30 PM Concentric Brewing Co. 91 Lower Main St., Portland

Adjourned 6:10 PM NH, MT