2017 Business Meeting
Minutes
March 19, 2017 (5:15pm-6:30pm)
Crowne Plaza Hotel Downtown Seattle

Executive Board in Attendance: Debby Kerdeman (President), Rene Arcilla (President Elect), Barbara Applebaum (Immediate Past President), Josh Corngold (Executive Director), Sam Rocha (Communications Director), Clarence foldersma (Board Member), Claudia Ruitenbergen (Board Member)

Members in Attendance: (attendance sheet misplaced)

President Debby Kerdeman called the meeting to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2016 business meeting minutes.

Josh Corngold delivered the Executive Director's report (posted online). A discussion ensued about why PES membership has declined so much since the late 1990s. A few suggestions were made by members in attendance, but the discussion was tabled until the membership committee delivered its report later in the meeting.

Sam Rocha delivered the Communication Director's report (posted online).

Sam Rocha moderated a brief discussion of the evolving PES anti-harassment policy. Sam recapped the plenary session. He talked briefly about the genesis of the policy and emphasized that the current version of the policy is a DRAFT. It has NOT yet been incorporated into PES's official documents (constitution, bylaws, or policies). There will be a new ad hoc committee charged with considering revisions to the initial draft of the anti-harassment policy, and they will be open to member feedback (including feedback received during the plenary session). Sam then opened the floor for 5-10 minutes of questions and comments. The following questions and comments were made from the floor:

- There were many people who thought positively about the existing draft of the policy, including its scope and focus, but they didn't feel comfortable speaking up during the plenary session. Can the committee open up some kind of online portal for further comments? (While noting that there will be opportunities for additional feedback, Sam expressed concerns about opening an online portal for comments.)
- What is the timeline for the formation of this policy? The committee needs to move with all deliberate speed on this issue.
- The committee will need to clarify Title IX implications of the policy.

Debby Kerdeman closed the discussion by noting that one of the first items on the agenda for the Monday morning Executive Board meeting is the formation of a new ad hoc committee to consider revisions to the initial draft of the anti-harassment policy.

Ann Chinnery delivered the Program Chair report (posted online).

John Hopkins delivered the hospitality report. He noted that nothing went over-budget and announced the location of the presidential reception.
Susan Verducci delivered the COPA report (posted online).

Natasha Levinson delivered the COSW report. She noted that COSW will be co-sponsoring the 2018 preconference, “Gendered Harassment as Concept and Experience in Educational Spaces.” Ashley Taylor will be the new chair of COSW.

Cara Furman delivered the JOPE report (posted online).

Kip Kline delivered the membership committee report (posted online).

Barbara Stengel delivered the finance committee report (posted online).

Kal Alston delivered the CORE report. This year’s inaugural pre-conference (“Critical Thought, Social Justice”), which was co-sponsored by CORE and Educational Theory, was a success. Also, Kal announced that the Chair position for CORE will now be on a two-year cycle.

Sarah Stitzlein delivered the election committee report (posted online). Ann Chinnery has been elected as the new executive board member. Michael Gunzenhauser has been elected as the new COPA member. Kathy Hytten has been nominated as President-elect of PES.

Doris Santoro delivered the resolutions.

Debby Kerdeman delivered the President’s report. She thanked all of the PES membership for their vitality, the SIGS, committee chairs, the program committee, the hospitality chair, and the PES executive board. Debby then transferred the gavel to new PES President Rene Arcilla.

Rene Arcilla announced that the 2018 conference will be held at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. Rene thanked Megan Laverty and the 2018 program committee in advance. Samantha Deane will be the 2018 hospitality chair. The Kneller Lecturer will be Robert Pippen from the University of Chicago.

New business: None to report.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Corngold, PES Executive Director