A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2017 business meeting minutes.

Josh Corngold delivered the Executive Director’s Report (posted online). Question from the audience: Is it possible to have a 1 day registration option at future PES meetings? JC Response: This question has come up a lot in recent years. The Executive Board thus far has been hesitant to implement such an option because the financial margins for the conference are quite small, and we don’t have a clear idea what kind of an impact the option will have on overall conference revenue. But this is an idea that merits further study, and the Board is considering it.

Sam Rocha delivered the Communications Director’s Report (posted online). Question from the audience: Can the resolutions be included in the minutes that are posted online. SR Response: Yes. Question: Have you tried “boosted posts” with the PES Facebook account. SR Response: Yes. We got great response from the first boosted post, and then subsequent boosted posts did not have the same effect. Question: Given the disturbing things we have been hearing about Facebook, why is PES even utilizing Facebook? SR Response: It’s a pragmatic decision. PES is trying to boost its membership numbers, and Facebook is a helpful tool in that effort. It makes PES more accessible to a larger number of people.

René Arcilla delivered the President’s Report. Many thanks to Program Chair Megan Laverty for the countless hours she dedicated to the program, to Hospitality Chair Samantha Deane, to Meeting Planner Lonna Smith, and to the entire Executive Board for all of their hard work.
Josh Corngold brought a proposal to amend the PES bylaws (posted online) up for a discussion and vote. Comment from the audience: In #5 in the proposal, the phrase “more senior member” is unclear. A motion is made, seconded and carried to change the words “more senior member” to “member in their second year of service to the committee.” Hearing no further questions or comments, a motion is made, seconded and carried to accept the proposal (with the slightly altered language noted above).

On behalf of the Advisory Committee (Kal Alston, Ron Glass, Natasha Levinson, and Cris Mayo) Kal Alston summarized the development of the PES Anti-Harassment Policy (available online and in the conference program) and discussed next steps. At its Thursday meeting, the Executive Board officially adopted the policy and appointed the members of the Advisory Committee as this year’s Just Community Committee. PES President-Elect Kathy Hytten will appoint next year’s Just Community Committee with help from the Advisory Committee and the Executive Board.

René Arcilla facilitated a discussion of a new organization, the Philosophy of Education Society of North America (PESNA), as well as its implications for PES. President Arcilla noted that there have been numerous concerns among PES members about this new group. The discussion will proceed as follows: first, the founders of PESNA—John Fantuzzo, Sheron Fraser-Burgess, Kevin Gary, and Trevor Norris—will have 5-10 minutes to discuss the new organization. After that, PES members will have an opportunity to comment. The PESNA founders will listen but will not respond to these comments. This will be the start of a longer conversation.

During their discussion, the founders of PESNA made the following points:

- The PESNA conference will be held in the Fall, not in the Spring (like PES).
- PESNA is not intended to compete with PES; in fact the founders believe that it will complement PES. Their belief is that this new initiative might encourage growth in the field of philosophy of education as a whole.
- PESNA will attempt to reach out to a more youthful community of philosophers at a different stage of their careers
- PESNA will feature long form papers, and there will be no journal associated with the organization.
- Admittedly, several mistakes were made during the rollout of PESNA, not the least of which was the failure to properly inform colleagues with the Ohio Valley Philosophy of Education Society (OVPES). Apologies are offered to these colleagues.

During the response period, members of PES offered the following questions and comments:

- It is unclear whether this is a regional, national, or international organization.
- PESNA presents a direct challenge to PES. It raises questions about the status of PES (and papers accepted to PES) for promotion and tenure cases involving PES members; indeed it seems to diminish PES’s status.
- The name of the organization (PESNA) is virtually indistinguishable from PES’s name, and thus creates confusion. PES is 75 years old and the historically established North American society for philosophy of education. If the founders are going to follow through with this, they really need to come up with a new name for the organization.
• Even though PESNA will not hold its conference at the same time of year as PES (fall vs. spring), there are many regional affiliates of PES (OVPES among them) who hold their conferences around the very same time in the fall. PESNA will potentially have a devastating financial impact on these small, regional organizations. The founders of PESNA should consider holding their conference over the summer (June perhaps).

• The location of the proposed PESNA conference is potentially exclusionary, as it is to be held annually at a religiously affiliated institution.

• It’s hard to see why there couldn’t have been a conversation within PES about the concerns that led to the founding of PESNA. Then it would have been more genuinely “complementary.” There is a long tradition of voicing concerns and having conversations within PES (about length of papers, sharing papers in advance, etc.). Why create a splinter society without having these conversations first?

• Freedom of association is an important principle to respect (for everyone involved in this discussion), even when there are potential risks involved.

After the discussion, President Arcilla summarized the above points. He noted that the PES Executive Board will continue to monitor the situation. He encouraged PESNA officers to pay attention to the comments that were made and seriously consider modifying their plans.

Program Chair Megan Laverty delivered the Program Committee report (available online).

Samantha Deane delivered the Hospitality Chair’s report. The inaugural PES scavenger hunt was a success, and participants were awarded with PES water bottles. The conference was on budget this year.

Amy Shuffelton delivered the COPA report. The *Groundworks* series is ongoing, though there were no new contributions this year. Instead, the focus has been on publicizing last year’s contributions. Also, there will be a panel tonight on regional societies: how they communicate with members, how they can work with each other. COPA has continued to collect job manuals from current PES officers to make transitions to new officers easier (thanks to Doris Santoro for spearheading that effort). The job manuals will be available on the PES website.

Ashley Taylor delivered the COSW report (available online).

Cara Furman delivered the Jobs for Philosophers Committee report. This year, the Committee hosted a panel on activism (organized by Derek Ford and Rachel Wahl), as well as a reception for graduate students. Approximately 15 people attended the panel. Approximately 50 attended the reception. Both events enjoyed a lot of support from larger the PES community. Next year the Jobs for Philosophers Committee will be hosting the preconference. Also, there are plans to change the name of the committee to the Development Committee.

David Waddington delivered the Membership Committee report (available online).

Barbara Stengel delivered Finance Committee report (available online).
Josh Corngold delivered the Elections Committee report on behalf of Susan Verducci. The newly elected/appointed PES officers are:

- Lauren Bialystok – COPA (2018-2020)
- Ashley Taylor – COPA (2018-2023)
- Kathleen Knight Abowitz – Executive Board Member (2018-2020)
- Amy Shuffelton – Executive Director
- Cris Mayo – President Elect

Sam Rocha delivered the resolutions (available online).

René Arcilla passed the President’s gavel to Kathy Hytten. President Hytten introduced Kurt Stemhagen as the 2019 Program Chair. He announced that the Program Committee has been formed. Next year’s conference will be held in Richmond, VA, and the theme is: What are the obligations of philosophy of education in this day and age? There will be sessions that involve getting out into the larger community, as well as bringing the larger community in.

New business: None to report.

Meeting is adjourned.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Corngold, PES Executive Director*