

Minutes: Business Meeting:
Saturday, December 3, 2005
C. Todd White

Begin at 6:18 pm: Christa Craven convened.

Introduction of Board Members

- Thank-you to Ken Rowe, Jeff Maskowsky, Ellen Lewin, Rudi Gaudio, Frank Proschan, Todd White, and Tom Boellstorff. (Gift certificate for Todd, Martini clock to Tom B.)
- Rudi: Thanks you to students who staffed table. Diana Pash helped to co-organize. And David Houston and Sarah Hill also helped.

1. Acceptance of agenda. Passed unanimously.
2. Approval of minutes of prior business meeting. Passed unanimously.
3. Report on section membership. 235 currently. We need to recruit! Numbers a bit low for membership. Min. supposed to be 250.
4. Report on Budget
5. Report on section assembly:
 - Christa: note on *AnthroSource* and budget.
 - Executive board: anthropology and U.S. Security Commission. Voted to no longer accept CIA job announcements.
 - Heads of sections: advisory board. Looking at ways to revamp this arrangement.
 - Next year: San Jose, CA. Some meetings may bring up the same issues as SF last year. 2007: DC. 2008: SF, then Philadelphia in 2009. May have the same issues in SF and Philly.
 - Several SOLGA names are to be on spring ballot.
 - Voting: only 15% of AAA membership has been voting in last few years. Gives us an opportunity to mobilize. This year, there will be a PDF ballot form. Have to change bylaws to shift to an electronic format.
6. Report on Job Announcements
 - Bill Leap: in dialogue w/ Richard Thomas. When any employer puts ad in, asked about health and other benefits. When ad re-runs, they are not asked to revise. "Other" benefits category has become contentious: what are the benefits? Employers reluctant. Board today voted to eliminate "other" and keep health.
7. AAA 2006 Program
 - Jeff M.: SOLGA program committee worked very well. 10 proposals. 2 invited sessions. Got presidential invited status for session on Same-sex marriage.
 - Galey: Deadline of April 1 for proposing special events. Theme: Critical Intersections/Dangerous Issues. Pushing for sessions sponsored by multiple sessions. Announcements will be posted on website.
8. Nominations for Position openings. Soliciting non-Mary-Gray-gendered co-chair. Secretary and treasurer, *SOLGAN* editor. Perhaps a committee? Two prize-committee chairs, Benedict and Payne.
 - Treasurer: none
 - Secretary: none

- Editor: Bill Leap. Committee leader.
- Benedict: Megan [Yale]
- Payne: none
- Co-Chair: Martin? Karen Nakamura?

9. Awards

- Ellen Lewin announced Payne Prize winner, w/ Marin Manalansan and Cymene Howe.
 - 2004: Marcia Ochoa. "Perverse Citizenship..."
 - 2004: Anthony Petro. "City Methodist Church..."
 - 2005: Tomi Castle.
- Benedict Prize:
 - 2004: Edited Volume: Ellen Lewin and Bill Leap: *Out in Theory: The Emergence of Lesbian and Gay Anthropology*
 - Monograph: Megan Sinnott [Yale]: *Toms and Dees*
 - 2005: Tom Boellstorff: *The Gay Archipelago*.

[Tom: presented tiara to Rudi]

10. Introduction of new SOLGA co-chair Mary Gray

- Thanks to Christa Craven: She took charge at a rough time. [Captain and Diva] Presented Star Trek Insignia and antique silver necklace.

11. Announcement of Silent Auction Winners

12. New Business

- Propose a new prize (kidding) for anthro dept. for most out people: 9 out gay faculty members in anthro dept. at Indiana.
- Ellen Lewin: proposed that our membership roster be listed in the AAA guide. Other perspectives? Esther: wonders how many people would feel comfortable. Would it be possible to poll the membership? Possible to have an opt-in/out? Leap: phases. Let's do it in steps. Time has changed, climate has come. Conversation will move to list-serve.
- Katherine: motion. Review command not usable.
- Karen Nakamura: Ethics committee. Concerned that anthro ethics did not take into account LGBT issues. What of problem of youth and IRBs etc.? Problem: non-voting role. We need to have someone in COE that has voting power. Need to liaison with other groups to get a dedicated minority seat on ethics. Will start on the process. Keep attention on IRBs.
- Sandra Faiman-Sylva: Last year org. 3 sessions that did happen, co-sponsored by gay American Indians of SF.

13. Announcements

- Jessica: Exhibit that ends tomorrow: Hay is that a boy or girl? Warehouse gallery on 7th st.
- Mentorship question. Currently 24 mentors online.
- Meeting adjourned: 7:30