



Communications Committee Meeting — September 24th 2020

Attending: Terry Phelps, Katie Mudd, Kayla Ashbrooks, Brett Iarrobino, AmiJo Comeford, Lily Alvarado, Dana Berkowitz

- From previous meeting about by-laws changes, Terry will make a motion to remove gendered pronouns from documents.
- Consideration to move the journals totally online — March notes on this topic here
 - Reasons for exclusively online
 - Many journals are going that way
 - Current edition was moved online
 - Next steps
 - Should get Dan Colson's input
 - Submit as a report to board for discussion
- ★ Outstanding Literary Arts Journal Award — March notes on this topic here
 - Possibility to allow both print and digital publication submission
 - Need to reconcile the difference in the format. Guidelines should be made for judging a digital journal
 - Calls for submissions should make clear that both formats are welcome
 - ✓ Vote for including both: unanimous
 - Allowing more genre of journal
 - Guidelines are not clear on what type of materials is eligible
 - it leans towards creative over academic works
 - literary criticism can be considered creative or scholarly
 - Again judging criteria would need to be expanded
 - ✓ Vote for expanding criteria : unanimous
 - Get input from stakeholders
 - People who are working on the journal
 - Central office staff (especially Katie Mudd)
 - Put it on the agenda for the spring meeting
 - Process from here
 - Submissions process is open
 - Will be due in November
- Review any Task Force recommendations by spring board meeting.