

## **SPRING 2017, COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Convention Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 28

- Numerous members of the committee were invited and in attendance, including non-Board members.
- Schroeder described the misadventures of using Hubb as our convention submission software this year. She expanded in considerable detail in the problems at all points of the process, from designing the submission page through Hubb's inability to "play nice" with DoubleDutch (though Hubb's sales staff actually encouraged us to purchase DoubleDutch and not our original voted-upon application). Gabriel adds important details about the difference between the advertised capabilities of the platform and its actual performance.
- In short, Schroeder and Gabriel recommend not using Hubb next year and, instead, considering EBMS again. NIU indicates that they may be investing in the web-based version of EBMS this year.
- Gabriel shared some totals for the number of submissions and the percentages compared to previous years, confirming that we already had over 1000 students, staff, and attendees registered.
- Schroeder asked whether committee members had been using the app; considerable discussion ensued about the excitement about the app, among students in particular.
- Schroeder spent a brief amount of time outlining the upcoming events for the convention. She also asked student leadership to consider which members would be having dinner with which speakers. The SLs and Schroeder conferred, too, on the liaisons in place for the individual speaker events. Schroeder ended her portion of the meeting with comments about the timeline that she and Gabriel had followed--one that needs to be tweaked for each convention chair but that proved invaluable for keeping things on track.
- For the last part of the meeting, 2018 Convention Chair Lexey Bartlett took the floor. Bartlett talked about the details in place for the 2018 convention, including the theme and the logo (she described some of the communication issues with emailing the larger committee--and there was discussion about the breadth of that committee. Bartlett; confirmed that Christina Henriquez will be one of our speakers and that The Book of Unknown Americans will be the Common Reader.

Submitted by:

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