

Executive Committee Meeting Spring 2021

In attendance: Lexey Bartlett, Glen Brewster, Bil Johnson, Natasha McPartlin, Terry Phelps, Shannin Schroder, Diane Vanner Steinberg.

- I. Update from Central Office on Creating a new position with NIU benefits for an Executive Director.

Bil gave us an update on the planning / preparation with NIU. Both the Dean and the English dept are on board. The position will be located inside the English dept.

- II. The convention in Atlanta and our ongoing anti racism stance. In consultation with Leigh, I'm drafting a letter to go out from the CO to the Sheraton in Atlanta asking if they are taking any action as a Georgia company to pressure their state government to repeal their anti-access to the ballot laws. We want members of the business community in Georgia to know that this issue is important to our decision to spend money in Georgia. Tone of friendly inquiry, not a threat.

I've not yet done this, but it is on my list. Also planning to draft a statement arguing / explaining why we are not boycotting Atlanta.

- III. Board Affiliates listed on the public Board page. We have the NEHS Director and the Editor of Publications, but not the Director of Society Operations or the Director of Marketing and Technology or the Director of Social Media Strategies. Are all 5 Board Affiliates? Should all be listed?

We discussed this. We are not making / proposing any changes other than making a link off this page to CO staff and contact information. No rush on this.

- IV. Any updates from the Past Presidents' Council?

Continued support for the Beth DeMeo poetry award

- V. Any updates from the Strategic Planning Committee?

Shannin and I will meet over Zoom and use the strategic plan to both plot committee charges and to decide which new Task Forces or Ad Hoc committees need to be created

- VI. Ideas about the Upcoming Centennial

- A. Special merchandising? Centennial edition of a membership certificate?
- B. Celebrations not connected to the annual convention? Regional events, for example?
- C. Centennial celebratory inductions script?

We definitely want at least part of the celebration to be virtual or accessible off the English.org website.

- VII. Any needed changes to By-Laws to allow new student leader election procedure?

Section III. Election. At the international convention of the Society, each Region shall elect its own Student Representative and Associate Student Representative each year from among the declared, eligible candidates from that Region. Only student members of the Region shall be eligible to vote in the election, and each chapter present shall have one vote. If no vote is possible at the convention, the Regent shall appoint, as soon as possible, a Student Representative and an Associate Student Representative to serve that Region until the next international convention.

Section IV. Eligibility. Any student who is currently a student member of an active chapter and

who will continue to be a member of an active chapter within the Region he or she seeks to represent until the following convention may run for Student Representative or Associate Student Representative for the Region to which his or her chapter belongs. Students wishing to run for Student Representative or Associate Student Representative must declare candidacy by applying in advance by the date determined by the Board of Directors, which will be communicated through the website and other Society communications. Candidates must attend the Convention to be eligible for election.

Section V. Term of Office. Student Representatives and Associate Student Representatives shall be elected for a term of approximately one year. A Student Representative or Associate Student Representative may serve up to two consecutive terms, provided he or she remains eligible and is duly elected each term. Student Representatives or Associate Student Representatives shall assume duties upon election, ceasing duties after the following spring convention and mentoring successors until June first.

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VIII. Info on Board positions opening up in 2022

Natasha updated us on this. In 2022, we will need to elect a new Vice President and a new Officer at Large. If the Secretary/Treasurer runs for either of these positions, we will need to elect a new Secretary/treasurer to complete her term. We will also need to elect a new Midwest Regent and a new Far WEst Regent and the Eastern Regent position will also be open. The Eastern Regent is eligible for reelection, and has indicated a willingness to run for reelection.

IX. Any other business?

Our portfolio info from Bil -- Payroll Protection Program -- \$27,300 -- that is 607 new student members. NEHS director retirement by June 2022 at latest. Student Leaders need to be thanked with some sort of gift. Comp registration to 22 Convention? Gift card?

Minutes submitted by Diane Vanner Steinberg