PENDING CORRECTION AND APPROVAL AT THE 2022 MEETING

Minutes of the 2021 Pacific Division Executive Committee Meeting

Zoom
Thursday, April 1, 2021

Present: Michael Burroughs, Rebecca Copenhaver, Vrinda Dalmiya, Clair Morrissey, Alexander Sager, Seana Shiffrin, Evan Thompson, and Anand Vaidya.

Guests: Amy Ferrer, Colin Macleod, and Mallory Medeiros (taking minutes).

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting came to order at 11:02 AM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The American Philosophical Association acknowledges and pays respect to the indigenous people upon whose ancestral lands this conference is being held. We recognize that the rights of native and indigenous people and nations have been and continue to be denied and violated, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: The minutes were adopted as published on the APA website.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None raised.

6. REPORT OF ACTIONS BY EMAIL:

   The committee added names to the list of philosophers approved for service on the divisional program committee.

   The committee added names to the list of philosophers approved for service on the nominating committee.

   The committee added names to the list of philosophers considered for the Dewey Lecture and voted (alongside the Program Committee) for a nominee (Naomi Zack).

   The committee voted whether to hold the 2021 Annual Meeting remotely given the conditions of the global COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

   The committee voted on a M-Sa schedule for the 2021 Annual Meeting given that it will be held remotely via Zoom and voted to hold the meeting April 5-9 as it allowed us to not conflict with Passover or Easter.
The committee voted to lower Registration Rates for the 2021 Annual Meeting by 20% across the board (rounded to the nearest $5): $30 for students, $100 for members, and $190 for non-members.

DIVISIONAL BUSINESS

7. SECRETARY-TREASUER’S REPORT (Copenhaver):
Copenhaver highlighted how despite the unusualness of the last year, it has been successful year because we were still able to have all three divisional meetings during the pandemic. This truly shows the strength and dedication of the APA. She thanked the National Office staff for the tremendous job they did in making the 2021 divisional meetings possible. How well they responded to the challenges of this past year, while having to work with such a quick turnaround is truly amazing.

As Secretary-Treasurer, Copenhaver thanked Clair Morrissey and her Program Committee for a wonderful 2021 program. Their jobs were different, harder this year because the Pacific Division rescheduled any 2020 divisional program sessions that wanted to be rescheduled. Morrissey volunteered to be Program Chair despite not knowing how the pandemic would affect the meeting, which really speaks to her commitment to service. Copenhaver thanked outgoing President Penelope Maddy, and also Alexander Sager, the newest incoming XC member, for chairing today’s meeting and agreeing to stay on for another term.

Copenhaver’s goals for herself included finishing the Secretary-Treasurer guidebook. This was delayed because the 2020 Pacific meeting was cancelled. Given all the little details that the job entails, she basically has to write it over the course of year. This past year was so unusual that writing it would have been pointless because this was all (hopefully) a one-off and so not applicable going forward. Copenhaver will resume that project next year.

Copenhaver thanked Mallory Medeiros for the work she did for the 2021 Pacific program, especially given the unusualness of this past year.

8. REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD (Burroughs):

Burroughs reported highlights from the winter meeting of the APA Board of Officers, which took place on February 18, 2021. The Board heard a presentation by Dr. Lewis Gordon, Chair of the Committee of Public Philosophy, regarding the committee’s draft of guidelines for departments to use to evaluate public philosophy. The draft is expected to be completed in April 2021, and then distributed via the APA website and to departments. Ferrer reported that the 2021 Eastern Division meeting went smoothly, despite the challenges of hosting the APA’s first virtual conference during a pandemic, and registration numbers were strong. A virtual programming series for APA is currently be developed. This exciting new series will likely be monthly and help bring our community together virtually.

Finally, there was a substantive discussion regarding APA Board statements on issues of public interest. Given the recent acceleration in requests for statements, the discussion focused on how and when they should be issued and what the Board’s role should be,
particularly for requests involving individual personnel matters or issues happening outside of the United States and Canada. The Board noted the need to balance caution, deliberation, and evaluation of potential statements with the need to move quickly and be a moral leader when it is called for. It was agreed that the Committee on Public Philosophy could have a greater role in this process. For example, by holding pre-discussions in cases where there is uncertainty as to whether a statement should be signed or a legitimate disagreement when it isn’t obvious that the Board should sign a statement. A virtual board meeting can also be called in these cases if need be. Finally, it was suggested that the Committee on the Defensive Professional Rights of Philosophers should be involved in requests related to individual personnel matters (e.g., revocation of tenure; loss of position in a way that seemed unjustified).

9. REPORT OF THE CEO OF THE APA (Ferrer):

Public Statements: Over the past year, the Board has issued or joined a number of public statements. All are available at apaonline.org/statements. In 2020, these included:
- several letters and statements (many of which were joint) relating to the pandemic, e.g., faculty review and reappointment in the context of the coronavirus, academic labor issues, student progress; discrimination against Asians and people of Asian descent, government funding of the humanities, and support for caregivers in the pandemic;
- statements on police brutality, following the uprisings for racial justice across the United States and around the world;
- a joint letter, organized by the Modern Language Association, regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s decision to end visa exemptions for international students;
- a joint statement, organized by the Association for Asian Studies, on a Hong Kong national security law; and
- a statement on an executive order on race and sex stereotyping that was issued towards the end of the Trump administration.

A number of statements have already been made in 2021. These include:
- a joint response, organized by the American Historical Association, to the “1776 Report”;
- statements organized by the American Counsel of Learned Societies (ACLS) responding to tenure revocation at the University of Kansas and public universities in Iowa;
- a joint statement, organized by the American Historical Association, in solidarity with protest in Turkey against a policy on virtual scholarly exchanges; and
- most recently, an ACLS-organized statement condemning acts of anti-Asian violence.

Strategic Planning: The strategic planning project that Ferrer and an advisory committee aimed to complete in earlier in 2020 was completed towards the end of that calendar year. This is because they issued a follow-up survey to take into account the events of 2020 (e.g., racial justice uprisings, the pandemic). The data gathering was completed during the summer and then over the fall, Ferrer and the advisory committee created a draft strategic
plan. The Board approved the plan in December at its fall meeting. The APA is working on a process to implement the strategic plan; unfortunately, the virtual meetings have delayed this because of the high amount of extra work they involve. Work on this roll-out will resume immediately after the Pacific meeting ends and the strategic plan will be publicly available in the next few months.

Grants Received and Awarded:

• In 2020, we issued $25,000 in small grants; $20,000 in diversity grants; a number of micro grants from our donor funds; and some travel grants. These grants were mostly cancelled or postponed, depending on the grantees’ plans following the start of the pandemic. Many grantees are now approaching the APA to either start using their grant funds or to request an additional year of a no-cost extension. We are granting those requests so those who were approved for funding by the Board will still get it, even if it’s later than planned for FY2021.

• In light of the pandemic’s financial impacts, the APA put all grant programs on hold. Ferrer is optimistic that we’ll be able to reinstate them for FY2022.

• The APA is the recipient of a large grant from the Mellon Foundation supporting undergraduate diversity institutes. This grant was scheduled to end at the end of calendar year 2021, but we have received a no-cost extension for an additional year because of the pandemic and the fact that the diversity institutes and other events that we support had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

Other Items of Note: In the past year, the Board also:

• approved and released APA Report: State of the Profession 1967-2017 and Beyond: Institutions and Faculty, which is a review of the different positions in and statuses of various philosophy departments every ten years based on the Directory of American Philosophers that the Philosophy Documentation Center prepares and the APA hopes to update it when PDC’s 2027 data comes out;

• established a new committee on the status of disabled people in the profession, on the recommendation of an ad hoc committee that was formed to study how the APA can be more accessible and better serve philosophers with disabilities;

• began the search for the second editor of the Journal of the American Philosophical Association since the inaugural editor, John Heil, is nearing the end of his term;

• initiated a task force on tenure and promotion standards, which will offer resources guidelines to members of the profession; and

• changed the name of the Committee on Hispanics to the Committee on Hispanics/Latinxs on that committee’s recommendation.

Ferrer worked with all three Secretary-Treasurers to renegotiate the APA’s hotel contracts to not only allow us to have the 2021 virtual meetings but also to reschedule them to minimize penalties for future years. We now have meeting contracts scheduled throughout 2024 and 2025 across all divisions. We paid essentially no cancellation penalties for any of these meetings. We made a few prepayments on those future meetings to satisfy contacts but paid no true penalties.
There haven’t been any changes to the APA staff for the past year. But the APA is now seeking to make a change and interviewing candidates for a new staff accountant for day-to-day financial needs.

Ferrer continues to represent the APA on humanities-related boards (American Council of Learned Societies and its Conference of Executive Officers; Delaware Humanities; and the National Humanities Alliance) to help make sure that philosophers and the APA have a voice within those groups.

**Prizes, Elections, and Appointments:** Kwame Anthony Appiah was selected as the Quinn Prize Winner for Service. Copenhaver highlighted that this year, there was a subvention grant for all three virtual meetings because the pandemic’s fiscal impacts have unevenly affected different institutions.

Copenhaver also emphasized the new webinar series that Burroughs mentioned and its relationship to the 2021 virtual meetings. People have asked why the meetings can’t be hybrid: partly virtual and partly in-person. Logistically, it’s just not possible. But we’ve realized the value of virtual content and are offering, and will continue to offer, webinars. Cindy Holder, a past Program Chair, is organizing these and acting as an unofficial virtual Secretary-Treasurer (such position isn’t in the bylaws). We just had a webinar on how to publish articles in journals with editors from some of the main journals. Some of the webinars will have philosophical content.

**Financial Report:** Copenhaver explained the lack of financial report at this meeting. Usually, one is given but this was an odd year and because of the upcoming change to the National Office financial staff, it’d be difficult to give one now. In a month and a half, or so, the XC will review the information via email when it’s available and can talk about any questions that arise. As we know, the Pacific Division was hit the hardest last year because it was the only division whose meeting had to be cancelled. But it was not the disaster it could have been and having the three virtual meetings—with good attendance—has been great. We won’t really know the ultimate financial impacts of the past year for another year or two. But Copenhaver thinks the division is in a good financial position. Ferrer noted that while a financial report could have been provided, it would have only gone until December 2020 since the last fiscal quarter ended the day before the XC meeting and that data isn’t yet ready to be reported on. A report through December 2020 wouldn’t have been particularly useful because all of the financial activity occurred after that. As of March 31, 2021, there were 900 people registered for the Pacific meeting. Because there isn’t any early bird pricing and people can register whenever they’d like, we can expect that number to rise: it rose for the other two meetings. Because of this and how the APA has worked to minimize not only financial penalties from hotel contacts but also prepayments for them, Ferrer thinks that the pandemic’s harshest financial blows have been softened. The biggest worry ahead is to resume in-person meetings when many universities have cancelled funding for travel and memberships. This could be a problem for us when we hopefully resume in-person meetings in 2022. Our biggest challenge is figuring out how to make the 2022 meetings work financially with the uncertainty of not knowing when institutional support will resume for members. The APA is very much aware that this support could resume quickly, slowly, or never really fully return. Ferrer explained that other scholarly societies
are facing the same challenges and concerns. She thinks we are in good shape right now, especially given the crises we’ve weathered, but that we also need to be careful and prepare ourselves because the years ahead could be difficult.

10. PROPOSED CHANGE TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Copenhaver):
Copenhaver agreed to read the proposal in Penelope Maddy’s place.

**Background:** The practice regarding the Nominating Committee for over a decade has been: the XC submits and approves a list of potential members of the Nominating Committee at the annual XC meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer draws from that list to approve two members of the committee to serve alongside the Past President, and the Secretary-Treasurer (ex officio). The nominated members serve one year. In nominating and choosing members of the nominating committee the XC and the ST consider our commitments to a broad range of diversities, including kinds of institutions, AOSes, gender, race, and ethnicity. The current bylaws are not specific as to this practice. They read:

2. Duties of the executive committee
   c. The executive committee shall establish such committees as it deems necessary to aid it in efficiently attending to the business of the division, retaining in every case full responsibility for the action of such committees. Among these committees shall be... (2) A nominating committee of three members. The nominating committee shall be responsible for making nominations to all offices of the division. The secretary-treasurer shall serve ex officio on all committees appointed by the executive committee.

The present proposal would be a change to our practice in the following sense: one of the two members that served in 2020-2021 Committee (Teresa Blankmeyer-Burke and Ralph Wedgwood) will remain for the 2021-2022 committee, thus beginning the practice of a 2-year term for the nominated members of the committee. One new person (rather than two) will be nominated for the 2021-2022 committee to serve a two-year term. Thereafter, members nominated to the Nominating Committee will serve two-year rather than one-year terms, staggered.

**Rationale:** Currently, the Nominating Committee is effectively brand-new each year, as the Past President only serves once, and the two nominated members serve only one year. The ST (ex officio) role is purely advisory. This means that each committee learns how to do the work of the committee once and then disbands. It is more effective to have at least one member who has gone through the Nominating Committee process once on the committee.

Macleod asked whether the two-year term would discourage people from taking on the role. Copenhaver acknowledged that this is a legitimate concern. However, the role entails a low amount of work and is a huge honor, so it’s rare for someone to turn down a nomination once they know of the type of work involved. Ferrer explained that the proposed change is similar to the structure of the Eastern Division’s Nominating Committee, which works well.
The change was unanimously approved.

11. PROPOSED STIPEND FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER (Sager):
Copenhaver was not present for this part of the meeting.

**Background:** In the past, the Secretary-Treasurer stipend of $30,000 was paid out to Lewis & Clark College in order to cover two course releases each year. In 2020 two things happened: 1) the current Secretary-Treasurer left Lewis & Clark College for Washington University in St. Louis and no longer requires a course release; and 2) the 2020 annual meeting of the Pacific was cancelled due to the pandemic, putting both the Pacific and the APA in a strained financial situation. The Secretary-Treasurer took no stipend in 2020-2021.

The current Eastern Secretary-Treasurer receives a yearly $25,000 stipend. The current Central Secretary-Treasurer receives a yearly $15,000 stipend. The current proposal is that the Pacific Secretary-Treasurer receive a yearly $20,000 stipend.

Shiffrin and Macleod asked about the disparity between the existing stipends as well as the proposed stipend, especially since all three jobs are fairly similar. Ferrer explained that the differences exist because of each division’s resources and budget. The Eastern Division has the highest reserves because of its history as a job conference. The Pacific ST has an assistant; the Central ST has an intern (usually working for college credit); and the Eastern ST doesn’t have a support person.

The change was unanimously approved.

12. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Copenhaver): The XC approved a list of candidates for the nominating committee. XC members were encouraged to send Copenhaver/all XC members additional names via email.

**ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM BUSINESS**

13. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM CHAIR (Morrissey): Morrissey provided a report to the Executive Committee and summarized it for the Committee.

**Statistics:** The number of sessions, program personnel, and acceptance rates were a bit higher than our 15-year average, whereas the number of submissions was significantly lower. So far, the number of registrations is on-track. There were 20 more sessions than usual because of the sessions that were rescheduled from the 2020 divisional program. The acceptances rates were higher because the number of submissions was significantly lower.

**Problems:** We invited all 2020 divisional sessions back but not all original participants from rescheduled sessions wanted or were able to appear at the 2021 meeting. Because of this, Program Committee members sometimes had to find new chairs and commentators. In some cases, they had to do this without session history (e.g., who had already been asked; the original PC member’s plans when organizing the session for the 2020 meeting) because
PC members had cycled off, and this was difficult. Because of hotel logistics and the legal issues around cancelling a hotel reservation, the PC had to do most of its planning without being able to say whether the meeting would be virtual. It wasn’t until late in the planning process that the meeting was moved to a virtual setting, which made recruiting people difficult: many could only appear if the meeting were in-person or remote, but not both. The PC members handled the challenges they faced with incredible grace and patience; they really worked together and helped each other out.

Recruiting PC members was difficult because of shifting workloads and the uncertainty of the pandemic. Morrisey recommends that Macleod starts recruiting people early because the uncertainty is likely to affect planning for Pacific 2022. Two PC members were unable to meet their expected contributions but luckily Morrisey’s own areas of competence were close enough to theirs that she could fill in. She was very hesitant to ask other PC members to take on additional work because they were already rescheduling 2020 sessions and planning new 2021 sessions in an uncertain context.

The past challenge of recruiting chairs remained. While it isn’t clear that the pandemic made recruitment more difficult, it definitely didn’t make things easier. Many people weren’t willing to register for the conference just to appear once as a chair. Having gone through the process of recruiting chairs, Morrisey thinks that all possible suggestions to make recruitment easier are already on the table. Last year’s Report of the Program Chair suggested relaxing the “no double appearance” rule for PC members (the Pacific Division and Eastern Divisions don’t allow participants to appear in more than one role of any kind on the divisional program; the Central Division doesn’t apply this rule to divisional program chairs). While Morrisey would be in favor of this, she thinks it might also create scheduling problems that would make the solution not worthwhile in the end.

Bright Spots: Last year’s Report of the Program Chair mentioned the volunteer list was out-of-date. Morrisey didn’t have issues with the list and many PC members, including her, found it useful for recruiting chairs and commentators. Morrisey thanked Emily Lee, Nico Orlandi, and Daniel Z. Korman for their outstanding work and stepping up to help with not just other sessions but also the program overall. She also thanked Iskra Fileva, Joshua Glasgow, and Emer O’Hagan for performing additional service as the Jean Hampton Prize Selection Committee.

Suggestion for a Future Virtual Meeting: If we ever have a virtual meeting again, Morrisey suggested that we ask participants for their time zone. She tried to figure out participants’ time zones based on their affiliation while scheduling (NB: given the size of the program, this wasn’t a small task and anything more wouldn’t have been feasible). Although it’d be impossible to factor everyone’s schedules in for a virtual conference, saying something upfront could help with the scheduling process. Copenhaver explained that invited sessions are allowed to put in scheduling requests because of overlaps with religious holidays. In response to a question from Macleod regarding invited session scheduling requests that aren’t transparently religious, she noted that participants aren’t asked to provide a reason for their request. Refereed sessions are bundled into groups of 2s or 3s, which means we can’t take scheduling requests for them. Instead, what we are able to do is have PC members communicate with the participants in the sessions that they’re responsible for. If
a PC member receives a scheduling request, they enter it in with the session information so that the Program Chair can see those requests when scheduling. In the five years that Copenhaver has been ST, we have always been able to accommodate requests that come in before planning the meeting schedule: requests that come in after planning starts are the ones that we can’t always accommodate.

Shiffrin suggested that any future virtual conference be scheduled such that sessions don’t conflict with standard class times in the Pacific time zone. If we had to have a virtual conference again, Copenhaver wouldn’t be comfortable having evening sessions because they’d place a high burden on the National Office staff, who already face a significantly increased workload with a virtual meeting. The National Office staff are in the Eastern time zone, so sessions taking place during the evening, Pacific time, would be quite late for them.

Macleod asked how the recruiting process generally works. Copenhaver explained that while Program Committee members must belong to the APA, there is no official requirement that they have to be from the Pacific Division. That said, the three Divisions have an understanding that they won’t seek Program Committee members from other Divisions, so we really don’t ask people who aren’t Pacific Division members.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (XC Committee): Copenhaver assembled names for the Program Committee. She also thanked the Program Committee members for their service.

15. PROGRAM CHAIR APPOINTMENTS (XC Committee): The XC Committee recommended a list of names for possible future Chair of the Program Committee. Colin Macleod was welcomed as the Program Chair for 2022.

16. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE ABM (XC Committee): The Annual Business Meeting agenda was approved.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Sager): None raised.

18. ADJOURNMENT (Sager): The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.
1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting came to order at 5:30 PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The American Philosophical Association acknowledges and pays respect to the indigenous people upon whose ancestral lands this conference is being held. We recognize that the rights of native and indigenous people and nations have been and continue to be denied and violated, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: The minutes were adopted as published on the APA website.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: No matters arising from the minutes.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Thompson): The names of APA members who had passed away since the last meeting were read and a moment of silence was observed.

7. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Copenhaver): Penelope Maddy (chair), Teresa Blankmeyer-Burke, Ralph Wedgwood, and Rebecca Copenhaver (ex officio) served as the 2020–2021 Nominating Committee. The Committee nominates the following for terms beginning July 1, 2021: Debra Satz for Vice President and Alexander Sager for Member-at-Large.

   The nominating committee’s nominations were unanimously approved.

   Copenhaver thanked Sager for serving a longer term than usual as Member-at-Large.

8. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER (Copenhaver): The Secretary-Treasurer summarized her remarks from the meeting of the Executive Committee. (See Executive Committee minutes.) Copenhaver gave special thanks to the National Office staff for doing a fantastic job in getting us ready for the virtual meetings, as well as to Ferrer and the legal team that helped for their help with hotel contact renegotiations.

   At time of this meeting, Pacific 2021 registration was at 1,208. This number is right where we’d expect to be and will likely rise as people continue to register during the meeting and when people register after the meeting to access the recorded sessions.

   Kerry McKenzie, Chair of the Philosophy of Science Association’s Sustainability Committee, inquired about who to talk to so that the PSA and APA can pool resources to
conduct hybrid meetings. Copenhaver answered for the Pacific Division. Copenhaver and McKenzie noted that given the relative similarity in size between the Pacific Division’s meeting (about 1,200 participants) and PSA’s conference (about 800-900 participants), both face the same sort of issues with hybrid meetings. There are two main issues. First, because of the high number of sessions held (e.g., 15-19 simultaneously at a typical Pacific meeting), a room block number must be met in order for the organization to afford to use hotel space for sessions. Second, because of how hotel IT setups work, hardline ethernet setups would be required in conference spaces at a hybrid meeting: it can’t be Wi-Fi (and even if it could be, Wi-Fi isn’t free). These hardline ethernet setups are very expensive for the types of hotels that have to be used. Copenhaver agreed with McKenzie that the APA, PSA, and similar conferences should work together—in part because of what people want in terms of hybrid meetings and in part because we don’t know if departmental funding will stay low or, perhaps, even drop further.

Ferrer responded to McKenzie on behalf of the APA as a whole. She is the person to make initial contact with in the APA and can direct McKenzie to other people, depending on the types of things that the PSA wants to work with the APA on. Ferrer and McKenzie will be in contact with each other. Ferrer mentioned the virtual program committee as a group that the PSA may want to work with, since that committee is focused on continuing virtual programming that builds on the APA’s new webinar series (which is separate from the three annual divisional meetings). Given the current price model of hotels, a true hybrid meeting isn’t feasible. There is, however, some wiggle room there because we could video or stream plenary, so at least some content would be available to those who can’t attend in-person. Ferrer is on the Council of Learned Societies’ Conference of Executive Officers and they’ve talked about the trends they’re seeing in regards to hybrid conferences. What they’re seeing is that for smaller conferences, a hybrid meeting is possible but for larger conferences, such as the PSA and the APA, it just isn’t feasible given how venues work. ACLS members can learn from each other and Ferrer expects that this will happen over the next few years. Prior to the pandemic, the American Anthropological Association tried a one-day mini conference within their large in-person conference. It was similar to the APA’s Teaching Hub: one room on a theme and the AAA dedicated funds to make that room online.

Ferrer and McKenzie agreed that hotels need to be pushed so that a hybrid meeting becomes feasible for large conferences. Ferrer said that right now, the problem for the APA is that we don’t have a lot of leverage with hotels because we’re not big spenders. She is hopeful, though, that other organizations that do have leverage will push hotels to reduce technology costs so that average price of technology for a single hybrid session isn’t $1,300. One conference was recently quoted $40,000 for having their presidential address live-streamed. In closing, McKenzie noted that both the PSA and APA have signed onto the sustainability guidelines that were developed by Philosophers for Sustainability.

9. REPORT OF THE PACIFIC DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Sager): The Chair of the Executive Committee summarized the actions of the Committee. (See Executive Committee minutes.) Sager extended special thanks to Copenhaver and Ferrer for renegotiating the Pacific Division’s hotel contract.
Copenhaver noted that at the XC meeting, the XC voted to slightly alter the Nomination Committee process: to create institutional memory, members will now serve staggered, two-year terms rather than one-year terms. One current member, either Teresa Blankmeyer-Burke or Ralph Wedgwood, will stay on from this year to start the first set of staggered terms.

The XC also voted to extend a stipend to the Pacific Secretary-Treasurer (NB: Copenhaver wasn't present for this part of the XC meeting). The Eastern ST and Central ST receive stipends. Previously, the Pacific ST’s university received reimbursement for course releases, rather than the ST receiving a stipend. The current ST changed universities in 2020 and no longer requires a course release. The ST took no stipend in 2020-2021 because of the APA’s and Pacific Division’s strained financial situations.

10. REPORT OF THE APA BOARD OF OFFICERS (Ferrer, Burroughs): Burroughs summarized his report to the Executive Committee. (See Executive Committee minutes.)

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.