



Governing Council
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
10:00 a.m. EDT
Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. EDT.

Members Present: Josh Abrams, Chase Bringardner, Carlos Alexis Cruz, Carla Della Gotta, Suzanne Delle, Ann Haugo, D.J. Hopkins, Kelly Howe, Karen Jean Martinson, Noe Montez, Dassia Posner, Jon Rossini

Members Excused: Lionel Walsh, Harvey Young

Staff Present: Nancy Erickson, Aimee Zygmanski

2020 Conference Business

Committee: Carlos Alexis stated that his Conference Committee is nearly complete, he only needs a graduate student to ensure representation.

MOTION: The Conference Committee, listed below, was approved by voice vote, pending the discussion of the inclusion of a Graduate Student Representative by mid-September.

Yes= 11. No = 0. Abstain = 1.

Jeanmarie Higgins; Penn State, Associate Professor; FGs: TH, T&C

Sebastian Trainor; Penn State, Assistant Professor; FGs: TH, T&C

Alicia Tafoya, University of Central Oklahoma, Assistant Professor; FGs: ATME, AP, MT/D; VP for Conference 2017

Annette Thornton; Central Michigan University, Associate Professor; FGs: ATME (former President), AP, MT/D

Mary Anderson; Wayne State University, Associate Professor and Associate Chair; FGs: TASC, TH, T&C

Baron Kelly; University of Louisville, Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Head of Acting; FG: AP

Nicole Hodges Persley; University of Kansas, Associate Professor

Jake Hooker; A Host of People Company, University of Michigan and Oakland University,
Adjunct at both universities; Director

Ann Haugo, Illinois State University, Interim Director, Associate Professor; VP for Conference
2021

Megan Geigner, Northwestern University

Theme/CFP For Conference: Carlos Alexis noted that the CC crafted the theme as an ensemble. The CC chose the words combustion, energy, resilience, drive. These words suggest the motor industry, but also represent the city; the CC wanted to be evocative and far-reaching. The CC feels that it is very reflective of Detroit and of the conversation that fueled the creation of the call.

MOTION: Approve the call for proposal, pending discussion and consideration of suggested edits.
Yes= 12. No = 0. Abstain = 10.

The call will need to go to Josh by 8/28 for final approval. The call can then be circulated to the FG CPs by 9/1 and to the full membership by 9/15.

Keynote: Carlos Alexis explained that the CC is still compiling a list of potential keynote speaker. However, the group has a clear preference for Dominique Morisseau, and they did reach out to her with a friendly feeler. Her schedule is up in air, so he queried if the CC can wait until January before moving down the list. He noted that other names on the list of candidates are also exciting.

Conference Timelines: Josh stated that Kelly has volunteered to put together a timeline for the VP Conference. This will circulate as a Google doc to Josh, Nancy, Aimee, Shaun, and Chase to help determine the deadlines.

Other Business: Carlos Alexis reiterated that the CC has been focused on the call and the keynote speaker. They have a lot of ideas that they will turn to once the call is edited and approved. He stated that he is very exciting by the team; they are using Slack and are very active.

New Business

2019 Conference Feedback: Josh commended the impressive work done by the GC, Nancy, and Red Door. He stated that he has heard positive feedback. A formal survey of each annual conference could be considered for the future.

Mailing Lists: Shaun has updated the GC and OC mailing lists. The FGR/CP list is in progress. Those who did not receive the GC Meeting info communicate with Shaun, so that we can double check that mailing list for accuracy. Nancy reminded new GC members (and continuing GC members who want to update their pictures) that she would like headshots by 9/1. She will confirm the accuracy of the FGR/CP list by 9/15.

Committees: Josh and Lionel will draft a committee call for Lionel to circulate among the FGRs, asking them to list the three committees they would most like to serve on. They will share this with the GC, hopefully on a late-September conference call. It would be helpful to begin to circulate the

committee members as they stand. Once these are officially approved, the President will send a formal letter to the committee members.

ATHENews: Following up on conversations started at the conference, Josh hopes to make ATHENews more useful, so that it becomes a must-read document. He will ask each GC member to write one piece per semester for a total of two per year. These can be short – about 250 words. The goal is to communicate a bit about what you are doing in your position, and perhaps what you are looking at long-term. We will aim for a monthly distribution, so the deadline will fall around the 15th of month prior to publication. Please be in touch with Josh with possible timelines. Josh said that he will ask FGRs and FG CPs to contribute.

Adjourn

With all business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Jean Martinson, ATHE Secretary