Minutes 12/12
12:15-1:15

Approximately 15 people in attendance

Prizes awarded to our article prize winner and honorable mentions. Thank you again to the committee for their dedication to this service work.

Herndon Book Prize

Voicing dissent about the committee’s decision to not award book prize. It is nowhere in the bylaws that we have a minimum number of submissions because we have a duty to abide by the bylaws and clear language. Lively discussion ensued.

Highlights:

It is not the responsibility of the submitters to ensure there are other submissions. Include all stakeholders in decisions, particularly to NOT award, as in this case, given the lack of language in bylaws about submission threshold.

A decision like the one taken last year to cancel an award is harmful as it then precludes books from future submission based on publication date lapsing.

Unanimous (no dissenting views) vote to extend submission timeline to allow books published in the last 3 years. The option of whether two winners should be chosen will be left up to the committee as an option based on their juried findings (this can also be a regular option for committees and has been done in other SEM sections).

Action needed: Add language to this year’s call and the website to reflect extended timeline and the possibility left to the committee.

Elections (of sorts)
Shayna, chair of article prize committee
Henry Spiller
Andrea decker

Book prize committee:
Tony (please be chair)
Emily
Third member needed

Secretary: Ryan Lambe, unanimously in favor
Activism Coordinator: Shelina Brown, unanimously in favor
Technology liaisons: Balakrishnan Raghavan & Ashley Thornton, unanimously in favor
Action needed: share pb works page login with them.

Vice chair: no volunteers or nominations.

Reminder to pay dues whenever possible. It is what allows prizes to continue as well as considerations for possible future donations made on behalf of the section, when and if we can find a way for them to fall within SEM donation guidelines as a non-profit.

Mariah from Tulip Project spoke about urgency of their work and the disconnect between academics and grassroots activists. Please donate, if you can, and feel free to self-report (anonymously or not) so we, as a section, keep records of this work. It was a pleasure to have someone come to the meeting and speak to and with us about their work.

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P.O. Box 770335
New Orleans, LA 70177

Make check out to “House of Tulip.”

Note: House of Tulip is an IRS-designated 501c3 public charity nonprofit. Our EIN is 85-1376745. Your contributions are tax-deductible.

Please self-report your donation so the section can keep records of this work
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e2cghdHXUnTjBuMhPSsyeamyJZ6NeweuOj1oksTFMN4/edit?usp=sharing

Meeting adjourned

Haphazard minutes by yours truly,
Christina, outgoing chair.