

WSCA Legislative Assembly Minutes
Monday, February 16, 2009
6:35-8:00 p.m., Conference Theatre

President Sue Pendell called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Announcement of Recording Secretary, Robin Heaton, and Parliamentarian, Greg Dickinson.

President Sue Pendell reviewed Legislative Assembly procedures.

- The WSCA Legislative Assembly follows the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Chair of the Credentials Committee, Courtney Yost reported 33 members in attendance.

2008 Legislative Assembly Minutes approved at 6:41pm.

Information items:

1. President Sue Pendell reported the Results of Association-wide Elections.

First Vice President—Pat Ganer
Second Vice President—Cindy Griffin
Delegates-at-Large to the Legislative Assembly:
Kirsten Broadfoot
Greg Dickenson
Katie Gibson
Brian Heisterkamp
Mary Claire Morr Serewicz

2. President Sue Pendell reported the Results of Association Searches.

- Executive Director-Elect—John Reinard. John will shadow our current Executive Director Mark Bergstrom during the 2009-2010 year and become the ED July 1, 2010.

3. Executive Director Mark Bergstrom reported on Executive Council Actions.

- Handout Provided
- \$10,500 - \$13,500 increase for WJC Editorial Support
- Increase in registration fees approved by Executive Council.
- USRC registration will now appear on registration form.
- One day local area guest will now be called "local area guest"
- Non-Member fees increased by \$10
- Late registration is now a \$25 increase
- Graduate Program Open House Registration will now be \$50 for Non-Member Departments.
- WJC will now consist of 5 issues per year.

4. Executive Director Mark Bergstrom and the Time and Place Committee reported on the 2012 Convention Hotel.

- Hyatt Downtown in Albuquerque, NM

5. Executive Director Mark Bergstrom and the Time and Place Committee reported on the 2013 Potential Convention Locations and Hotels.

- Sacramento State has expressed an interest but so far has not sent a letter of intent.
- Discussion occurred about other possibilities to replace the Local Host.
 - A convention bureau might help departments who want to Local Host long distance.
 - With this in mind, Reno might be an alternative to Sacramento State.
 - Question: Can schools partner to act as a Local Host?

- Concerns expressed about the “fickle weather” in Reno could lead to travel problems and questions about whether or not there would be enough to do in Reno (aside from gambling).
- Using a convention bureau would open up other potential location like Santa Barbara and Boise.

6. Executive Director Mark Bergstrom Reported on Convention registration.

Type	Pre-reg	Late	Total
Members	337	103	440
Non-Members	65	95	160
Total	402	198	600*

*This year we had 79 one day registrations.

7. Executive Director Mark Bergstrom Reported on WSCA membership.

Type	2008	2009
Contingent:	49	64
Department:	49	55
Honorary:	19	19
Life:	35	39
Regular:	542	624
Student:	458	587
Retired:	13	15
Total	1,165	1,403*
Active:		

8. Executive Director Mark Bergstrom Reported on WSCA assets.

- Summary Handout Provided
- Essentially based on our assets, we could have 2 consecutive bad years and still function as an association.
- Asset loss 19% this year which is very good.

9. Bob Stockton, representing K-12, reported on the NCA Legislative Council.

- Spectra, January 2009 provides a brief summary of the Legislative Council
- Task force created to define priorities for site selection.
- NCA will take a public stand on using solitary confinement as a form of torture.
- Business communication affiliation has been formed.
- Question: Why are you a member of NCA? What does the association do for you?

Action Items:

1. 2008 revised & 2009 Budgets Approved at 7:11pm –Mark Bergstrom
2. We will be searching in the Fall for a Newsletter Editor.
3. The Executive Director is currently working to secure Association Insurance (both officer and event).
4. WSCA Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Polity—Sue Pendell
 - WSCA must have an Anti-Discrimination Policy
 - An Ad Hoc committee will be set up the year to examine whether WSCA should have their own policy.
 - Move to amend: Add Gender Identity and Expression to the policy language – Approved 7:15pm
 - Move to amend: Add Veteran Status – Approved 7:17pm
 - Amended main motion carries @ 7:20pm
5. Model Teaching Program Award changes—Patty O’Keefe, Chair, MTPA Committee

- Old criteria privileged large High Schools and Community Colleges
 - Proposed rationale to create more level playing field.
 - No nominations this year.
 - Changes approved – 7:24pm
6. WSCA Scholar Award change—Heather Hundley, Chair, WSCA Scholar Award Committee
- Would like to omit the word “human” to broaden the awards inclusiveness.
 - Approved – 7:25pm
7. Resolutions from Interest Groups
- None proposed.
8. Resolutions from the Floor
- None proposed.

Resolutions of Appreciation – Approved 7:27pm

- Be it Resolved that the Western States Communication Association expresses its heartfelt appreciation to the following for their service:
 - Sara Hayden, Immediate Past President of WSCA,
 - Sue Pendell, President of WSCA,
 - Dan Canary, for convention program planning,
 - Kathryn Sorrells, Second Vice President, for planning the Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference, the Graduate Student Workshop, and the Graduate Programs Open House and for membership efforts,
 - All committee members who have served during the year,
 - Paul Mongeau and Kendra Knight, Chair of the Local Host Committee, and the faculty, students, and staff of all the participating departments, for convention arrangements,
 - Derek Beuscher for coordinating the Western Forensics Association tournament,
 - The staff and management of the Marriott for their service and hospitality.

Be it resolved further that the outgoing President of WSCA be instructed to write letters communicating the appreciation of the Legislative Assembly to the above named persons and to their appropriate administrators.

Elections

1. At-Large Representatives to Executive Council—two members (to serve 2009-2011, starting with the meeting tomorrow morning, including an annual meeting at NCA the evening prior to the convention and an annual meeting at WSCA the day prior to the convention; Bernadette Marie Calafell and Shane Moreman elected by last year’s Legislative Assembly to serve 2008-2010).
- Nancy Oft Rose
 - Sarah McKinnion
 - Elect by acclamation – 7:32pm
2. WSCA Nominating Committee—two members (to serve 2009-2010 with Sue Pendell, Immediate Past President, Chair; two members elected by the Executive Council (David Henry serving 2008-2009 and one member elected for 2009-2010), and members from the Associations’ Interest Groups as specified in the Constitution & Bylaws: for 2009-10, one representative each from Elementary & Secondary Education, Intercultural Communication, Language and Social Interaction, Performance Studies, and Rhetoric and Public Address).
- Dan Brauer
 - Brian Heisterkamp

- Elect by acclamation – 7:34pm

3. WSCA Representative to NCA Legislative Assembly—one member representing K-12 (to serve 2009 through 2011 starting with NCA in Chicago, including Wednesday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday morning meetings).

- Bob Stockton
- Elect by acclamation – 7:35pm

4. WSCA Scholar Award Committee—one member (to serve 2009-2011 with Pat Ganer, First Vice President, Chair; Ragan Fox, elected to by last year's Legislative Assembly to serve 2008-2010); one previous Editor of *WJC* or *CR* appointed by the incoming President; and one member appointed by the Executive Council).

- Karma Chaves
- Elect by acclamation – 7:36pm

Adjournment – 7:37pm