

Caucus for Social Theory and Art Education

Minutes for Business Meeting at the National Art Education Association Conference, New Orleans March 28, 2008

Present: Patricia Amburgy, Patty Bode, Cindy Borgmann, Judith Briggs, Melanie Buffington, Tray Burton, Joyce Centofanti, John C. Chamberlin, Jin-Shiow Chen, Ronald Claxtin, Kim Cosier, David Darts, Carolyn Erler, Clayton Funk, David Gall, Kendra Girardot, Megan Grannan, Olivia Gude, Donalyn Heises, Lisa Hochtritt, John Hom, Jan Jagodzinski, Chang Eun Jung, Karen Keifer-Boyd, Kathleen Keys, Wanda B. Knight, Carrie Markello, Julia Marshall, Pam McLaughlin, Abby Menter, Sofia Moraskie, Heidi Mullins, Bill Nieberding, Nancy S. Parks, Ryan Patton, Nancy Pauly, Alice Pennisi, Mindi Rhoades, Jack Richardson, Amy Rioux, James H. Sanders III, Pablo Serrano, Manisha Sharma, Ryan Shin, Debrah Sickler-Voigt, Kryssi Staikidis, Dawn Stienecker, Bob Sweeny, Kevin Tavin, GE Washington, Sara Wilson McKay.

Coordinator Kevin Tavin called the meeting to order.

Kevin welcomed old, new, and prospective members to the annual meeting. Each person introduced her/himself to the group.

Approval of 2007 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for 2007 meeting were posted at the CSTAE website since last spring on the Caucus for Social Theory and Art Education website at <http://explorations.sva.psu.edu/cstae/minutes/min2007.pdf>

Jim Sanders moved and Kryssi Staikidis seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership and Financial Report

Treasurer Sara Wilson McKay reported that CSTAE has 75 current members down from 84 members last year and on par with the year before. The opening balance before the journal publication for the fiscal year was \$3144.87. Current balance is \$1894.79. Sara announced that a vote was needed to approve her payment of self for postage costs in the amount of \$233.00. Olivia moved. Jim seconded the motion. All approved. Dues for membership in the Caucus remain \$20.00. Thanks to Wanda and Karen for toting the journals. Back issues are available if wanted by members. Please let Sara know – they are discounted at 15-20 dollars.

2005 Conference Sessions

Kevin raised the issue of proposal submissions. Out of 37 proposals, CSTAE received 15 slots from NAEA. He suggested that the Executive committee raise this issue with NAEA to determine how such decisions are made, why they are made and whether they are based on membership numbers. Kevin also announced that the Executive committee voted and approved a blind review process for conference submissions to CSTAE for proposals. If CSTAE moves towards a blind review, perhaps this will encourage NAEA to move towards a blind review process for all proposals. Proposals will continue to be reviewed by the three CSTAE coordinators—past, present, and elect.

It was also suggested that the members of the Caucus discuss ideas for criteria that would aid in the evaluation of submissions. In the past, no official criteria were listed in the bylaws - no rubric has existed in order that there be latitude in the decision making process. Nevertheless, Kevin suggested establishing a fluid, open-ended process based on input from all members that would help to consider what contributes to successful proposals. It was suggested that Clayton ask each member of CSTAE for three ideas related to guidelines for submissions, not hard and fast criteria, rather suggestions to help with review of submissions. This would in turn make the review process more transparent and democratic. It was decided that Clayton would draft a simple request form to move forward with members' suggestions so all might be involved more directly.

In discussion, some felt that the blind review was problematic because knowing the voices behind proposals was important. It was stated that a blind review was a fantasy of fairness and not realistic. Others felt that a blind review was justified because it would give everyone more of a chance. The AERA process for review of conference proposals was discussed: program chairs can redirect proposals to other SIGs which might help with rebalancing and redistributing proposal slots and submissions. It was also suggested that now was the time to put all ideas discussed forward connected to issues discussed because NAEA has a new leadership. It was proposed that the blind review process be adopted for one year. All members present decided by consensus that we should move forward with this plan.

The form that presentations take was discussed with suggestions made for a two-hour session each year revolving around a theme, breaking traditions with fifty-minute sessions. Some suggested that the formation of panels would be an exciting alternative to current trends, subverting the restrictions that the organization imposes.

Social Theory in Art Education Journal

Wanda B. Knight reported on the journal theme for 2007-2008: *Otherwise* which inspired thirty submissions. Reviews are in. She anticipates journals will be published by June 2008. She is working again with Penn State College Printers, who provided a good printing price for volume 27. She thanked all who supported the journal during the past year, particularly those who served as reviewers and contributors. She also announced the 2008-2009 journal authors' roundtable and requested that prospective authors please attend. All applauded.

A discussion about the journal ensued. Sara pointed out that we are seeing some subscription cancellations since Proquest has picked up the journal.

After considering several options, the theme of the journal was tabled until the JSTAE meeting the following evening as Business meeting time had run out.

(Post meeting addendum: At the JSTAE meeting on Saturday March 29, 2008, it was decided that the theme for the journal in 2008-2009 would be: *Un(precedent)ED*.)

CSTAE/LGBTIC Social

Clayton Funk Coordinator Elect invited all to the Social across the street at Gordon Beer's Brewery and Restaurant. \$20 dollars cocktail buffet fee was announced. The event would start at 8 p.m. and go until 10:30 p.m. There was a big thank-you and a hand for Clayton.

(Post-meeting addendum: The event was lots of fun. Many members from both caucuses attended.)

Nominations, Elections, and Appointments

Coordinator, 2007-2009	Kevin Tavin tavin1@osu.edu
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Adjournment

Minutes recorded by Kryssi Staikidis