

# ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

## Business Meeting Minutes October 14, 2006 Santa Fe, NM

Donna Zapf called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

She introduced the Board: Executive: Donna Zapf, president; Linda Paulson, vice president; Jim Pappas, secretary/treasurer; members-at-large: David Gitomer, Melissa Hilbish, Mike Keen, Kris Rabberman, Dave Rankin, Mary Rockcastle; Ex officio members: Barry Levis, editor, *Confluence, The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies*; Jerry Jerman, managing editor, *Confluence, The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies*; and national office administrative manager Ellen Levine

### 1. Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

### 2. Minutes

The motion was made to approve the 2005 business meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 3. President's Report

Donna reported on the 2006 accomplishments of the board, noting that most were procedural and will continue:

- reorganization and re-energizing of the journal, now *Confluence, The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies*
- re-establishment of the national office, now attached to a GLS program committed to the AGLSP
- restructuring of the conference workshop, to more effectively stimulate and generate conversation among directors/programs
- member survey in process. The last was done in the mid1990s, and we expect results within 18 months. She urged members, when they receive the survey, to respond, to ensure that the survey will be as comprehensive and useful as possible.

Donna exhorted members to become involved in the workings of the association, noting that there is more work to be done than the board can do alone. She noted that the AGLSP does not *represent* us; we are the AGLSP and we must be involved.

### 4. Treasurer's Report, Jim Pappas (University of Oklahoma)

Jim gave a short report on the financial health of the association and presented the proposed budget for 2007 (attached) as a made motion. After questions, the 2007 proposed budget passed.

### 5. Committee Reports

- a. Nominations Committee, Linda Paulson (Stanford University), chair  
Linda introduced the slate of officers: members-at-large David Arant (associate dean, University of Memphis) and Debrah Bokowski (chair, MA Interdisciplinary Studies,

Marylhurst University); secretary/treasurer Mary Rockcastle (Hamline University), and vice president/president-elect Jim Pappas (University of Oklahoma). The slate was offered as a made motion and was passed.

Linda thanked outgoing board members Donna Zapf (president) and David Gitomer (member-at-large) for their dedicated service.

- b. Membership Committee, David Gitomer (DePaul University), chair  
David reported on the state of membership, currently with 78 full members, 46 associate members, and seven affiliate members. He introduced new associate members Clayton State University (Tom Barnett) and Vanderbilt University (Martin Rapisarda, director Master of Liberal Arts and Science). He raised the issue of programs in arrears in their dues, appealing to those programs to meet their dues obligations, and advising that prior to leaving the board at the end of the year he would be personally calling all programs that have yet to pay their 2006 dues.

David then read the section in the AGLSP constitution on the fellow membership and introduced Donna who nominated Tom Moore, VP Academic Affairs at Winthrop University and past president of the AGLSP, for fellow membership. Dick Wertime (Arcadia University) added his tribute to Tom and support for this nomination, and formerly moved to make Tom a fellow. The motion passed.

- c. Publications Committee, Mary Rockcastle (Hamline University), chair  
Mary reported on the rebirth of the journal as *Confluence, The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies*, noting that in changing the design and creating a more effective infrastructure we have brought the journal to the next level which represents the best of who we are and what we do. She noted that they strove for a design to represent the quality of the content and expects the design to make a difference in encouraging submissions, subscriptions, and in representing us in the community of academic publications. She extended her thanks to the University of Oklahoma (Jim Pappas, publisher; Jerry Jerman, managing editor; and Hadley Jerman, designer) and editor Barry Levis.

Mary advised the membership that she will be calling on them for their support of the journal—to encourage sponsorships, subscriptions, and their use of the journal in the classroom, noting discounted subscription rates for any full class order. She also appealed to the membership for feedback on using the journal more effectively within and without our programs.

She noted that this year the Publications Committee will turn its attention to the other publications of the association, requesting feedback from the membership on what they need.

Barry Levis (*Confluence* editor, Rollins College) announced an expanded editorial review panel and urged members to encourage their students to submit material.

Alan Rauch (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) noted the requirement to digitize the journal and the opportunity for cooperative advertising, that is often free.

**6. 2007 Conference**

David Arant announced the 2007 conference in Memphis, October 11-13, 2007, offering an overview of the conference themes of music, race, and civil rights, and a short video on Memphis.

**7. New Business**

Dick Wertime (Arcadia University) placed student memberships on the table for association consideration, an idea whose time has come.

Tom Moore thanked the association for electing him fellow.

Donna thanked all those from the University of Oklahoma (Jim Pappas, Trent Gabert, Debbie Hubbard, Richard Feinberg) for one of the best conferences ever.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectively submitted,  
James P. Pappas  
Secretary  
10/25/06

Attachments:  
2007 Proposed Budget

**ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAMS  
2007 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2007</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>			
Membership dues	\$27,625	\$27,500	\$27,700
Publications	\$6,075	\$8,774	\$10,050
Conference	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Interest/dividends	\$50	\$350	\$350
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>	<b>\$66,624</b>	<b>\$68,100</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
National Office	\$15,200	\$15,812	\$16,365
Conference	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Publications	\$8,000	\$6,149	\$13,585
Awards	\$1,250	\$3,200	\$1,150
Board	\$7,450	\$7,364	\$7,000
Committees	\$1,850	\$456	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$63,750</b>	<b>\$62,981</b>	<b>\$68,100</b>