



Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs
A Forum for Interdisciplinary Inquiry

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

October 12, 2019

Hyatt Centric Hotel

Arlington, VA

8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Michael Garval (North Carolina State University), AGLSP President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Board members present were: Christopher Pastore (University of Pennsylvania), AGLSP Vice-President, Rebecca Sharp Sanchez (Rice University), AGLSP Treasurer, Jill LeRoy-Frazier (East Tennessee State University), Jerry Van Hoy (University of Toledo), Tom Cook (Rollins College), Tara White Kee (University of Delaware), William Nericcio (San Diego State University), Ana Thorne (Mount Saint Mary's University) Steven Burr (Loyola University)

Also in attendance were: Barbara Amen (Reed College), Joy Austin (University of Memphis), Jennifer Coleman (Western New Mexico University), Cathy Collis (Simon Fraser University), Siobhan Craft Brownson (Winthrop University), Amy Danzer (Northwestern University), Angela Giron (Arizona State University), Nancy Glass (Rice University), Kathleen Hamelin (University of Delaware), Carmen Huxley (Mount Saint Mary's University), Stephanie Jares (North Carolina State University), Marja Karelia (Simon Fraser University), April Lidinsky (Indiana University South Bend), Elisabeth Liebert (LSU Shreveport) Linda Paulson (Stanford University), Denis Provencher (University of Arizona), Andrea Restle-Lay (North Carolina State University), Sara Walsh (Indiana University Southeast), Kent Wicker (Duke University) and Kim Raptis, AGLSP administrative manager.

- Agenda was approved with the addition of Confluence report. Motion Jill LeRoy-Frazier, second, Christopher Pastore. Motion carried.
- The 2018 Annual Business Meeting Minutes were presented and approved. Motion, Tara White Kee, second, Rebecca Sharp Sanchez. Motion carried.
- President's Report – Michael Garval
Mike began by mentioning several new initiatives:
 1. New conference planning model - Conference planned by board and national office with planning done farther in advance. Next 2 years will be in San Antonio and San Diego. Theme for San Antonio is History, Heritage and Identity which is broad enough to encourage participation. The call for papers will be sent in the weeks ahead. Mike asked that members encourage colleagues to attend.
 2. New website and logo by Steven Burr
 3. Swag shoppe

Confluence has amazing stuff online and is available in print on demand as well. We have completed the first full year of the national office at Rice University. Things are working well. There are several challenges facing the association that we will discuss and work to address.

- Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Sharp Sanchez

Rebecca presented the proposed 2020 budget. There are several serious concerns. We hit close to the membership goal. *Confluence* has helped with its sponsorship efforts. We have worked with the budget to save and eliminate double-dipping of categories. Historic data over the past ten year period:

1. There has been a 42% decrease in institutional membership which results in 28% decrease in revenue. Increase in student membership with Honor Society has helped.
2. 11% decrease in conference registration revenue which is a 21% decrease without host institution support
3. Conference cost 30% increase

We must try to decrease costs for the association, especially the conference. We are looking to decrease expenses for the board and propose an annual \$50 increase in membership dues. Angela Giron asked about choosing locations that are more affordable to help offset costs. Kent Wicker asked why we only had \$16000 on the budget for the conference last year. Christopher Pastore addressed this question. The number was intended to have a revenue neutral budget and it was hoped that this year's conference would bring in a higher revenue. Denis Provencher asked about having a conference every other year. It was asked if other non-liberal studies programs could be members of AGLSP? There was discussion about other programs that may not be liberal studies or liberal arts that would be welcomed as members. Linda Paulson asked about sponsorship of the conference in a list not as ads in the program. We are going to a digital program with a single page at-a-glance schedule in the name tag holder.

Motion to accept \$50 increase in membership dues, Angela Giron, second, Steven Burr. There was discussion on how long it has been since dues were increased. Motion carried.

Motion to accept 2020 budget, Jill Le-Roy Frazier, second, Jerry Van Hoy. Motion carried.

- Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Jerry Van Hoy

Jerry reported that we have 60 institutional members (2 reinstated) 64 student/alumni members, 40 honor society members and 7 individual members generating just under \$25K. We are looking to increase membership. Elisabeth Liebert asked about reaching out to other programs that may not know about AGLSP. We will continue discussion with past members who have not renewed their membership. Bill Nericcio, our new Membership Committee Chair, will reach out to members about helping increase membership. He asked that members be thinking about a colleague plus one for the San Antonio conference.

Student Honor Society - Jill LeRoy-Frazier

Jill reported that we have 18 chapters of the honor society. Two new chapters from the University of Pennsylvania. There were 62 nominees and 38 of those joined. Alumni are eligible to join at the discretion of each chapter. Current honor society membership dues \$45 for one year. This includes a \$25 discount at conference. There was a proposal to have a two-tiered payment option: same as current and \$75 lifetime membership.

Motion to accept new honor society payment structure, Rebecca Sharp Sanchez, second,

Christopher Pastore. Motion carried.

Confluence Report - Steven Burr

Steve reported that we published two issues this year. Number of submissions continue to increase. He asked members to encourage their students, alumni and faculty to submit to the journal. Submissions are not required to be members of the AGLSP (up to 20%). Everything is available online. Sponsorship for the journal has been very good. \$8000 this year covers most of the journal expenses. Sponsors are listed on the back of the journal and on the website. There are four levels of sponsorship:

1. \$250 - Receive two copies of each issue of the print journal, program and institution listed on the masthead page and back cover of the print journal and on the online Institutional Sponsors page
2. \$500 - All benefits of \$250 plus two chances to supply curated content to be posted as a Sponsor Spotlight on the Journal site and announced through the Journal's Twitter account (once each during Spring and Fall term)
3. \$750 - All benefits of \$250 plus three chances to supply curated content to be posted as a Sponsor Spotlight on the Journal site and announced through the Journal's Twitter account (once each during Spring, Summer, and Fall term). **Half-page** ad to appear in each issue of the print journal.
4. \$1000 - All benefits of \$250 plus six chances to supply curated content to be posted as a Sponsor Spotlight on the Journal site and announced through the Journal's Twitter account (twice each during Spring, Summer, and Fall term). **Full-page** ad to appear in each issue of the print journal.

Confluence offers two student writing awards of \$500 each. Winning submissions are published in the journal. This year, we received five nominations for each award. Registration for conference is waived for the winners if they would like to attend. Nomination details and sponsorship will be sent soon. There is a link to sponsor *Confluence* on the website. Kent Wicker asked if all submissions are on the website and if a student with a good essay should submit for writing award before submitting to be submitted to journal. Jennifer Coleman asked can't everything can be submitted for award? The writing award cannot be given to a work that has been previously published. Christopher Pastore nominated his student because of her specific program. Barbara Amen asked about analytics of visitors to the website. Steve will prepare analytic data for members to see. We used to encourage members to bring information about their programs to the conference. Steve will continue as *Confluence* editor even though he will be "unmoored" as of May 2020.

- Board of Director Nominations – Michael Garval

Mike mentioned several past board members in attendance at the meeting. He recognized outgoing board members: Jill LeRoy-Frazier, Jerry Van Hoy, Ana Thorne and Millie Kidd and presented them with an award of appreciation.

Election of new board members - nominations were Amy Danzer, Northwestern University, Jennifer Coleman, Western New Mexico University and Wendy McCredie, Mount Saint Mary's University. Motion to accept new board members, Linda Paulson, second, Angela Giron. Motion carried.

Mike mentioned Dr. Raymond Callahan who was the recipient of the Annual Faculty Award.

Tom Cook encouraged members to nominate their faculty for the award which comes with a \$1000 award.

- New Business- None
Send suggestions or questions to the home office

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Raptis
October 22, 2019