

NNER Executive Board Meeting

October 12, 2013 Annual Meeting, 7:30 am

Transitional Meeting

Deb transitioned from chair to past chair and Dennis transitioned to chair of the executive board and GC.

Attending: Leslie Wilson, Greg Bernhardt, Nick Michelli, Jean Eagle, Deb Shanley, Ann Foster, Dennis Potthoff, Vi Florez, Lemuel Watson, Audrey Allan

Dennis opened the meeting with a statement of his vision for the chair role and nominations were called for the positions of secretary and treasurer.

Lemuel Watson volunteered to serve as treasurer and Leslie Wilson volunteered to serve as secretary.

Conference update. Costs to date paid in full include \$5000 to UNM for technology support, \$600 to Azteca Dance group, and \$38,000 to the hotel.

EB members felt people were pleased with the conference and will look forward to the evaluations.

Vi noted that the planning committee members represented diverse perspectives and all were willing to participate and positive about the work and outcomes.

The Equity group was revived with new membership and Wayne Reed will be the chief worrier for the work. He will have information in the winter newsletter on this task force.

The Human Conversation Room was very well received and used throughout the conference.

Poster Session was a good addition and moderately well attended.

Deb raised the question of whether some sessions could be given more time and noted some sessions probably need to be longer. Discussion included how to balance options, how to select some for more time and maintain our mission of democracy and equity. Vi explained the decision for 30 minute sessions and 15 minute passing. The format was generally seen as positive providing a way to get main ideas across and encouraging people to schedule time for follow-up conversations; these in many cases occurred in the Human Conversation room.

Greg noted that proposals had to be accepted for people to attend which impacts the number of sessions and the timeframe and noted this was also related to keeping the conference financially solvent. Nick talked about the hands-on aspect and the need to have some strands that focus on research. Vi noted that there were research strands includes and previous conferences have also included research strands.

Nick suggested presenters provide a page abstract to hand out during presentations.

Dennis noted that we all hope for a smooth finish and we can talk to colleagues about issues from the evaluations and observations as well as promote the positive.

Vi said evaluations will be sent out next week. Greg asked for link on website for evaluations. He liked the last minute blasts on weather and conference details from the planners early in the week of the conference.

Next executive board meeting

Greg and Jean were at the first planning session for 2014 conference. The group is working on finding a designated hotel in Cincinnati. The dates are Oct 23-25 with hotel to be determined.

Board meeting will be December 6-7 at the selected hotel (likely the Hilton Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati.)

Budget

It was noted that a great deal of time is spent at governing council meetings on the budget format with different suggestions at each meeting for the reports. Actions suggested by the governing council will take us below a year's surplus. Lem raised the following points; the board is responsible for the financial aspects of the organization and should be conservative with the resources. Thorough discussion of budget formats and expenditures was added to December EB agenda.

Summer symposium discussion

Move forward with a contract with the Silver Cloud and lowering the fee to \$600 which can be done at a break even level if we budget carefully in terms of materials costs and if participation is at least in the upper 20s.

The board thanked Deb for her leadership and congratulations were extended to Jennie Rakestraw for the outstanding journal work.

Meeting adjourned as board members had sessions and presentations to attend and/or give.

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