

Minutes of 13 October 2012 Meeting of the MAASA Board (via Skype)

Present:

John Kinder, Oklahoma State University: President and At-Large Representative
Jeannette Jones, University of Nebraska: Vice President and At-Large Representative
Jane Simonsen, Augustana College: Treasurer and At-Large Representative
Matt Calihman, Missouri State University: Secretary and At-Large Representative
Myrl Beam, University of Minnesota: Graduate Student Representative, Degree-Granting Institution
Derrais Carter, University of Iowa: Graduate Student Representative, Degree-Granting Institution
Ruben Flores, University of Kansas: Faculty Representative, Degree-Granting Institution & Regional Representative to the ASA
Justine Greve, University of Kansas: *American Studies* delegate (non-voting)
Adam Kloppe, Saint Louis University: Graduate Student Representative, Degree-Granting Institution
Michael Krysko, Kansas State University: At-Large Representative
Chris Robinson, University of Kansas: Graduate Student Representative, Degree-Granting Institution
Matt Thomas, University of Iowa: MAASA Webmaster (non-voting)
Sherrie Tucker, University of Kansas: *American Studies* delegate (non-voting)

Absent:

Randal Jelks, University of Kansas: *American Studies* delegate (non-voting)
Benjamin Looker, Saint Louis University: Faculty Representative, Degree-Granting Institution
Tina Parratt, University of Iowa: Faculty Representative, Degree-Granting Institution
Unfilled, University of Minnesota: Faculty Representative, Degree-Granting Institution

I. Call to order:

President John Kinder called the meeting to order at 1:26 P.M. C.S.T.

II. Approval of agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda was offered, seconded, and unanimously APPROVED.

III. Approval of minutes from Spring 2012 meeting:

A motion to accept the meeting minutes was offered, seconded, and unanimously APPROVED.

IV. President's Report:

Gave a brief report on the attendance, etc. at the Spring 2012 MAASA Conference in Tulsa. Noted a few changes on the MAASA website. Noted that he and Ruben, the

Regional Representative to the ASA, will be representing MAASA at the annual ASA meeting. Asked if the Board would to pay \$40 (total) in fees for John and Ruben to attend an ASA networking event for program directors. A motion to provide this support was offered, seconded, and unanimously APPROVED. Described some presidential initiatives: regional events, virtual programs to sustain American studies community in the region, greater presence on ASA community page.

V. Financial Report:

Written report was reviewed. Members present could not make sense of the \$7292.78 difference in the balance between 5/1/12 and 10/1/12; Jane said that she would follow up with Kathleen. Jane said that Kathleen may be thinking of stepping down as the MAASA book-keeper, and members discussed the possibility of hiring an accountant/book-keeper.

VI. American Studies Editors' Report:

Reviewed publication calendar. Noted new logo and dating system. Pointed out new projects on the journal's blog: book reviews, "On Teaching" articles, commentary pieces, interviews, etc. Noted that, although institutional subscriptions are declining, the journal is generating substantial royalties from aggregators.

VII. Journal Review Report:

Announced that Michele Janette, Matthew Mancini, and Pauline Strong have agreed to serve as the journal's review team and that the journal is in the process of setting up the review for a two-day period in the week of 10 December 2012.

VIII. Committee Reports:

- a. Stone-Sudrman Prize: Myrl and Jane on committee. Prize will be announced at ASA.
- b. Katzman-Yetman Prize: n.a. (no conference)
- c. Kolmer Award: John on committee (and John will ask Matthew Mancini to join him)
- d. Nominating Committee:

- 1. One current "at-large" position, one replacement seat
- 2. Four additional "at-large" seats

Board members decided to email suggestions, to secure agreements by the spring, and to vote at the spring meeting. Current members also need to think about whether or not they wish to remain on the board.

- e. Regional Representative to the ASA

- 1. Menu/drink Options at ASA Reception

Ruben and other members discussed the best ways of using the \$1000 allocation (made in Spring 2012).

IX. Discussion of Insitutional Diversity in ASA Leadership:

Jane suggested that the board request that the ASA Nominating Committee consider broader regional representation and more representation from smaller colleges/universities and community colleges and that we bring these concerns to the Regional Chapters Committee. Matt Thomas suggested that MAASA ought to reach out more to American studies programs in the region.

X. Website/Webmaster Report:

Matt Thomas envsions the website as a means of sustaining a community around American studies. Matt asked members to get on the MAASA Twitter feed and to work on increasing the organization's presence in other social media. Matt also noted that he posts material related to conferences and material related to organizational memory. The Board discussed the need to find either a replacement for Matt or a way for him to continue his work as webmaster.

XI. Meeting and Conference Planning—2013/2014:

a. Spring Meeting and Locate and Date

Jeannette generously offered to host the Spring 2013 board meeting in Lincoln at UNL. Members decided to use a Doodle survey to determine a date for the Spring 2014 Board meeting.

b. 2014 Conference Location

The possible host institutions mentioned tentatively are UNL, SLU, and KU. Adam offered to speak to Matt Mancini about the possibility of SLU's hosting the conference.

c. Co-sponsor

Nothing to report.

XII. New Business:

None.

XIII. Old Business:

None (other than items above).

XIV. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.