

Fall 2017 MAASA Board Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 via Skype

Present

Matthew Calihman, (Missouri State) President (2018)

Sean Trundle, (Nebraska) Vice President (2018)

Kathryn Vaggalis, (Kansas) Treasurer (2018)

Tom Oates, (Iowa) Secretary (2018)

Doug Miller (Oklahoma State)

Tom Sarmiento (Kansas State)

Ben Chappell (Kansas)

Elizabeth Eikmann (SLU)

Sarah Atwood-Hoffman (Minnesota)

Ben Schmack (Kansas)

Geoffery Gimse (UWM)*

Randall Jelks (Kansas)*

*Ex-officio

Absent

Kacie Hoppe Rubalcava (Iowa)

Brian Hallstoos (Dubuque)

Ben Looker (Saint Louis University)

Meeting was called to order at 9:30. Each member of the board briefly introduced themselves.

MOTION #1: Matt moved to vote on minutes – approved unanimously

ACTION ITEM #1: Tom O. will send last two sets of minutes to post on the website.

Sarah Atwood-Hoffman led a discussion on the MAASA reception at the ASA convention in Chicago. The reception will be held on Friday, November 10 4-6 pm Randolph Tavern on the first floor. Sarah reported that the \$1,000 budget MAASA had assigned for the reception was far too low. The total cost for the Chicago reception with tax was \$2,120. The reception will be listed in the ASA app.

Matt asked who will attend ASA and asked all board members to promote the reception.

ACTION ITEM #2: Matt will write ASA and get a list of current MAASA members and send the list to Sarah early next week. Sarah will email the board with details of the reception. Geoff will update the social media platforms and can email the membership with the reception announcement via the MailChimp email management platform.

Geoff asked for more information on public projects to share with the membership. Kathryn suggested assembling a list of American Studies programs and departments in

the MAASA region.

MOTION #2: Matt moved that we raise the budget for planning the MAASA reception at ASA to \$2500. Sean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Randall gave the *American Studies* editors report. He introduced new members of the AS staff: Cheryl Lester (co-Editor during Sherrie Tucker's sabbatical), Elizabeth Wilhelm (Managing Editor), Imani Wadud (Production Assistant). Randall announced a session at ASA that will promote *American Studies*' special issue on "Latinx Civil Rights and Beyond," which will be co-edited by Valarie Mendoza and Norma Cantú.

Katie Vaggalis delivered the Treasurer's report. She noted that the discrepancy in income from 2015 to 2016 can be partially explained by the fact that checks that were cancelled due to late deposit. Katie also reported that the treasurer needs to request membership funds from ASA (approximately \$2k) each year, but we haven't been doing so, since our accountant has been listing royalties from JSTOR and Project Muse as ASA funds. There is no evidence that we have ever applied for these funds.

There was a discrepancy on the balance sheet between the tuition for the two students working for the journal. The correct number is closer to \$6,000 total.

A debit card has been procured in order to secure reception for MAASA at ASA.

ACTION ITEM #3: Matt will email Randal, Cheryl, Sherrie, and will copy Kathryn and Ben about the need to seek a new accountant in Lawrence, KS.

Tom Oates led a discussion of the planning for the MAASA conference, to be held April 6-7, 2018 in Iowa City. Tom will arrange for a board meeting Saturday morning, a general membership meeting on Saturday afternoon, and a roundtable grad session about grad studies.

MOTION #3: Matt moved to approve the CFP and Sean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM #3: Tom O. will distribute CFP to the board, Geoff, and to the membership list.

Matt then led a discussion the MAASA awards. The committees will not be in a position to present awards at ASA, but we will aim to present awards at the MAASA conference in Iowa City.

Elizabeth Eikmann will join the Katzman-Yetman Prize committee. Tom O. will announce deadline of March 1 for completed papers. Tom O. will serve as chair.

Kolmer Award: We will announce the 2017 prize at MAASA and the 2018 prize at the 2018 ASA meeting in Atlanta. Elizabeth Eikmann and Tom S. agreed to join the

committee. John K. will remain the chair.

ACTION ITEM #4: Tom S. will ask Jennifer Hamer to join the Kolmer Award committee.

ACTION ITEM #5: TS will work with GG to change the language on the website for the Kolmer award.

ACTION ITEM #6: Matt will email the journal with a list of board members who should be receiving the journal.

MAASA's webmaster, Geoff Gimse, then offered a report. He announced plans to revamp the site to make it easier to update. He presented two different formats of the site and people shared their comments.

MOTION #4: Vote for one of the versions. Version 1 was approved.
<https://webforge.textandhubris.com/maasa/>

Geoff suggested creating an @maasa.net email address to replace the multiple email addresses current for the organizations.

ACTION ITEM #7: Geoff will create a maasa.net account that will route to President, Secretary, and Webmaster.

Matt tabled the president's report for the spring meeting, thanked everyone for their contributions, and urged everyone to disseminate information about the ASA reception and the upcoming MAASA conference.

Meeting concluded at 1:03 pm.