

Minutes
Mid-America American Studies Association
Spring 2018 Executive Board Meeting
University of Iowa– Saturday, April 6, 12:00-4:00

Present

Matt Calihman, President (2018)

At-Large Rep (Missouri State)

Sean Trundle (2018), Vice President

At-Large Rep (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Kathryn Vaggalis (2018), Treasurer

At-Large Rep (University of Kansas)

Tom Oates, Secretary (2018)

Faculty Rep (U-Iowa)

Brian Hallstoos (2019)

At-Large Rep (University of Dubuque)

Tom Sarmiento (2019)

At-Large Rep (Kansas State University)

Elizabeth Eikmann (2018)

Grad Rep (Saint Louis U.)

Kacie Hoppe Rubalcava (2018)

Grad Rep (University of Iowa)

Sarah Atwood-Hoffman, Representative
to ASA (2018)

Grad Rep (Univ. Minnesota Twin Cities)

Ben Schmack (2018)

Grad Rep (University of Kansas)

Sherrie Tucker, ex officio

American Studies

Not Present

Doug Miller (2019)

At-Large Rep (Oklahoma State University)

F. Walter Kihm, ex officio

Executive Director

Randal Jelks, ex officio

American Studies Editor

University of Minnesota Faculty Representative - Vacant

I. Introductions/Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Matt called the meeting to order at 12:07, thanked the hosts, asked board members to introduce themselves, and reminded the board about the importance of attending the General Membership Meeting. We prepared the announcement of the winners of the Stone Suderman, Kolmer, and Katzman-Yetman prize competitions.

II. Treasurer's Report

Kathryn distributed the report. She shared news that ASA should be providing MAASA with a \$4 per member rebate, which she requested. There are grants available from ASA that we might explore to support programming.

III. Review of the work of MAASA accountant Walt Kihm

The board unanimously reiterated that it is a priority to find a new accountant and make the transition by July 1.

IV. Journal report

Sherrie reports that Elizabeth Wilhelm (managing editor) has followed up with several members who had wanted to subscribe but had not been able to. Sherrie then led a review of journal expenses, explaining some of the discrepancies in the treasurer's report v. the journal's numbers, which were due to omissions and replications in Walt's report. She explained that a subscription to stamps.com is the only new expense.

The journal is in the process of hiring a new Assistant Editor, as Trevor Grizzell is cycling off.

The moratorium on new submissions has helped the editors manage a backlog, but work continues. Two upcoming double issues will help to clear some of this backlog.

The next two special issues are planned. One on Food Studies in will appear in the Fall/Winter issue of 2018. Sherrie suggested a tie-in with the reception at ASA. A 2019 special issue on Black Western Studies is also planned.

A new website for the journal will launch soon.

The external review of the journal is scheduled for the fall of 2018, which would require immediate planning.

MOTION #1: Delay the external review of the *American Studies* until fall of 2019.

Sean seconded

Passed unanimously

ACTION ITEM #1(Matt): Sean recommends putting the journal review on the Fall, 2018 agenda to allow for adequate time.

MOTION #2 (Matt): Approve the journal's requested budget (\$66, 487.10)

Seconded by Sean

Passed Unanimously

V. Regional ASA Representative Report

Sarah announced that about 70-80 came to 2017 reception at ASA. Lots of attendees this year weren't from MAASA. She advises we up the budget for ASA reception going forward. She also recommends that the MAASA President should attend the regional associations meeting at ASA, even though they will not have a vote.

Matt offered to step down

VI. Discussion and votes of Board Member/Officer Nominations

Two nominations to consider: Richard Breaux and David Broadnax

MOTION #3 (Matt): To nominate Richard Breaux and David Brodnax as new at-large members

Motion Passed unanimously

MOTION #4 (Matt): To re-nominate Vaggalis and Trundle as continuing at-large members

Motion Passed unanimously

Matt Calihman, Sarah Atwood-Hoffman, and Tom Oates announced plans to leave the board at the end of their terms.

ACTION ITEM #2 (Matt): A committee should be formed to review the MAASA bylaws and submit recommended revisions for the fall meeting. Brian Hallstoos and Tom Sarmiento volunteered for this committee.

MOTION #5 (Kacie): To nominate Kacie Rubalcava as Regional Representative to ASA
Sarah seconded
Passes unanimously

MOTION #6 (Matt): To nominate Sean Trundle as President.
Kacie seconded
Passed unanimously minus one abstention

MOTION #7 (Sean): To nominate Tom Sarmiento as Vice President.
Sarah seconded
Passed unanimously

MOTION #8 (Matt): To nominate Brian Hallstoos as Secretary.
Sean seconded
Passed unanimously

VII. Discussion of proposed MAASA grants to faculty and graduate students in American studies.

Ben led a discussion of strategies to grow American studies departments and programs in the region. He also presented an idea of former president John Kinder's: Grants to support scholarship on American studies work in the Midwest or about the Midwest. Called to reconstitute a working group to produce language for these proposals.

MOTION #9 (Matt): Constitute a Committee to draw up language for grants to support institution building and to support proposals for institution.

Motion passed unanimously

Ad Hoc Committee Exploring MAASA Grant Possibilities: Ben Looker, Elizabeth Eikmann, and Matt Calihman (Matt will serve as a non-Board-member)

ACTION ITEM #3: The subcommittee will provide a draft of the language in time for the fall meeting.

VIII. Possible partnership with *Women, Gender, and Families of Color*

Two proposals (attachment #2) for this partnership were presented by WGFC: 1. MAASA pays a discounted subscription rate for all its members, and 2. MAASA would add WGFC to their membership form as a check off item.

ACTION ITEM #4: Katherine Vaggalis will reach out to Jennifer Hamer about her preferences and communicate them.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.