

Action Item: Have officer reports available at next year's Business meeting.

History of Science Society Business Meeting Agenda
Montréal, Québec, 7 November 2010, 9:00am
Picardie B (Level 5)
Montreal Hyatt Regency

Present: Jay, Lynn, Adam, Bernie Lightman, Rima Appel, Betty Smocovitis, Jane Maienschein, Richard Cremer, Donald Forsdyke, Luis Campos, Helen Pycior, Susan Lindee, Mark Rothenberg, Mike Osborn, Mimi, Muriel Blaisdell, Robert W. Smith, Jamil Ragep, Erik Norquest, Joseph Martin,

President's Welcome (Paul Farber), 9:06am

Health of society good; ISIS premier journal in the history of science; budget balanced and indeed have a small surplus this year. We're in the process of rationalizing the budget process, which will be accomplished this year. The only dark clouds on the horizon

Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded. Approved.

Executive Director's Report (Jay Malone)

Wonderful to see so many here today. Move to Notre Dame going well. Presently in temporary space, but will move to Geddes Hall in early December. The community has been very welcoming. Their contributions helping our budget. Hired a new society Coordinator, Greg Mackem. The dinner last night a continuation of an experiment begun last year; aim to have a dinner that allowed people to circulate. Will ask about it in meeting survey that will go out in two weeks. Major thing he hopes to find out about in next few weeks is the travel grant HSS, PSA, ISHPSSB, ASEH, and three other groups. Panel met last week. Overall the meeting has gone very well.

Editor's Report (Bernie Lightman)

Four aspects of the report. First, slight problem with page counts, going over limit and incurring financial penalty. Attempting to find new method to gauge mss pages and printed pages, working with UCP. Will be more strict with authors about length of papers, and perhaps cut back on illustrations. Second, the illness of manuscript editor got them behind, but hired a new one that worked out well, and got the March/June issues out back-to-back. Third, new rotation of graduate students has worked out well. Finally, the high quality of the manuscripts received has almost become a problem. Acceptances through June 2012. May have to raise the bar higher to keep this from happening. His term expires in December 2013, and so he doesn't have that many issues in the future.

Paul: could we renegotiate page limit with UCP, since the cost isn't that great.

Bernie: The press has been very good, allowing us additional pages.

Treasurer's Report (Adam Apt)

We finished FY2010 with a surplus. Report will appear on the website. Two points: security procedures developed to protect against fraud. The larger issue is the matter about the amount we are drawing from our endowment. While 4.36% isn't exorbitant, still a worry given market instability. The society doesn't want to raise dues significantly; raised 1% this year, with 2% for 2011 and 3% for 2012. We may increase costs for conference registration.

Jane: In what sense is there a surplus, since we always have a balanced budget. It's not really a surplus, since whatever we don't spend means less draw on the endowment. Be careful in presenting the "surplus," since then it doesn't seem like we need to raise additional funds.

Committee Reports (Synopsis by Jay Malone)

CoHP: Considering how to treat multiple author books in terms of prizes. Will put out a call for truly Extraordinary Service to the discipline. Considering Sarton Prize nominees; members encouraged to send nominations to Jay.

CoE and CoRP: sponsored HSS table at the National Science and Technology Day in Washington, D.C. The Leiden Jar was able to shock lots of kids. Paul Forman volunteered and was very good with the children. Gave out HSS key chain: compass to guide, light helps see the way, and when science becomes dangerous you can blow the whistle. Gave out 1500; around 2000 came by the booth. Mark Rothman assisted.

The CoE also sponsored Hazen Lecture, which Chip Burkhardt gave and was very successful.

CoRP will be surveying HSS programs in North America to see percentage of graduate students who are or are not members of the Society.

Delegate Reports:

Women's Caucus: Working on employment survey. Begun in the 1970s. Response rate is low—around 30%, which is a concern. Next year will contact departments and organizations ahead of time to inform them they will be receiving a survey asking about hiring. Discussion about need to identify the Chair of the committees, which will increase return.

ACLS: Delegate Mike Sokal. Nancy Siraisi gave a talk last May, which went well.

AAAS: Trying to become more involved. Jay currently delegate. He's trying to arrange a discount for HSS and PSA; close to \$400 for a meeting. Wants to see posters submitted by graduate students. There are travel grants for graduate students to attend; meeting in 2011 is February in Washington, D.C.; in 2012 will be in Vancouver.

Forums:

FHSAsia proposal approved by Council last Thursday. Will bring scholars to HSS meetings, and will mentor them. Vibrant group.

New Business

NSF considering a severe cut to the HSS program: 25-30% cut in budget and reducing staff from 3 to 2. Council has discussed it, and Presidents of HSS, SHOT, 4S and PSA will coordinate activities. Letters will be directed to Assistant Director of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Division Myron Gutmann. If anyone has well placed, it would be helpful to encourage them.

Jane: need to express concern for the importance of history of science for promoting the mission of NSF in support of science in the nation. We could mitigate loss by this initiative, and also serves to inform him that History of Science is important.

Mark: it would be helpful to compile a list of prize-winning work funded by the NSF to show that the money is well invested.

Lynn: Her book funded by NSF monies, but appearing five years after the end of the grant, had won a Susan Abrams work. Fred says he's only got a window of one year to report such

Jane: PSA will be selecting 12 or so works funded to indicate how NSF funding had allowed projects that made a wider impact. It would be helpful if HSS could do something similar. Stress impact: policy, science, education, etc.

Mimi: Her book seems esoteric, but it's important to chemists.

Mike: Send out precise name, title, of Gutman to members.

Jane: Question of whether one well crafted letter is better than flood of small letters. Letters need to have a central message.

Lynn: From Kronz, she understood that all letters may help.

Paul: Gutman is being clever, since he's not eliminating funding for History of Science but simply reducing it, so less responsive to outcry. He has sent around information about Talking Points to Council; members can contact any member to get address.

Adam: SBE Advisory Committee listed on NSF website.

Jane: The Presidents of the societies could be very helpful if they could send a list of members (especially women) who could be nominated to serve on this advisory committee. It could be anyone who makes the point of the innovative, cross-cutting nature of STS.

Lynn: Recognize that the thing that makes the society go

Motion to adjourn; seconded and approved . Meeting adjourned at 9:59am.

History of Science Society

Business Meeting

November 22, 2009, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Phoenix Hyatt

Phoenix, Arizona

Present: Michelle Aldrich, Allan Leviton, Marc Rothenberg, Jane Maienschein, Margaret J. Osler, Robert Jay Malone, Jeremy Vetter, Adam Apt, Paul Farber, Terry Christianson, Duttonm Lynn Nyhart, Marsha Ross, Daniel Goldstein, Rich Kremer, Chris Hamlin, Elise Lipkowitz, Alan Rocke Marsha Richmond, Betty Smokovits, Luis Campos, Jessica Riskin, Pam Henson, Helena Pycior, Virginia Hessels

Regrets: Bernard Lightman

1. President's Welcome

Maienschein called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Maienschein thanked Michele Aldrich for her faithful attendance at Business Meetings. Maienschein explained the reappointment of Osler as Secretary for one more two-year term and Marsha Richmond to succeed her as Secretary.

She also introduced Adam Apt as our new Treasurer.

She reported on the search for a new location for the Executive Officer and the decision to move to Notre Dame.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Malone, seconded by Apt Carried.

3. Executive Director's Report

Malone thanked the site visit committee

He thanked Maienschein and her team for local arrangements and planning the dinner in Phoenix.

As of this morning 587 people attended the meeting.

Future meetings will take place as follows: 2010 Montréal joint meeting with PSA; 2011 Cleveland—co-located with SHOT; 2012—San Diego or Portland; 2013-Boston celebration of the 100th anniversary of *Isis*.

He described the reconstruction of the website.

Attendance at IUHPS: he is promoting our international character.

Rothenberg asked about the 3-Society Meeting. Malone replied that we have three bids and that that decision will be forthcoming.

Maienschein thanked Malone for his leadership. Malone thanked Virginia Hessels for her work in the office and on the planning of the meeting, freeing him from administrative tasks and allowing him to take a greater role in leadership.

4. Editor's Report

Malone gave the Editor's report in Lightman's absence. All is going well with editorial matters. Lightman is receiving more and better submissions. Malone explained the delay in publication due to Joan Vandegrift's mother's illness.

5. Treasurer's Report

Apt reported that the finances of the Society are in good shape. His only concern is to reduce the size of the draw on the endowment, although we are well within our guidelines. He is grateful for the support of the Finance Committee.

Aldrich asked Apt to bring a written report in the future.

Apt explained the sources of our surplus, including the introduction of the electronic Newsletter.

Maienschein thanked the team from Notre Dame for an agreement which is enabling us to save a lot of money.

6. Committee Reports

Malone summarized the committee reports. He added that Cathryn Carson and Jessica Riskin served as program chairs, and he thanked them for the excellent program.

We now have local arrangements chairs for Montréal—Nicholas Dew and Jean-Francois

He reported on the change in the terms of committee appointments.

7. Old Business

Malone informed the meeting about the change in the By-Laws regarding caucuses, a change dictated by the creation and acceptance of the Graduate and Early Career Caucus.

8. New Business

Osler thanked Maienschein for serving as President, Treasurer, Den Mother, and for keeping the Society in good shape.

Maienschein adjourned the meeting at 9 a.m.