

NEEPS Business Meeting  
April 1, 2011

Started: 9:12 am  
Ended: 10:54 am

In attendance: David Widman, Joel Wade, Susan Hughes, Marissa Harrison, Iris Holtzleitner, Elisabeth Oberzaucher, Maryanne Fisher, Kevin Fleming, Martin De Vita, Samantha Whetstone, Ben Crosier, Scott Barry Kaufman, Haley Moss Dillon, Becky Burch, Steven Platek, Robert Deaner, Thomas Hirschmann, Brian Mayer, John Hinshaw, Megan Geher, Glenn Geher, Rose Chang, Nick Armenti, Kilian Garvey, Daniel Kruger, Edward Sturman, Sarah Strout, Christian Gruhler.

- I. Welcome and Review
  - a. Discussion of Minutes
    - i. Glenn moves to approve, Kilian seconds, no opposition
    - ii. Minutes approved
- II. Future Meeting sites
  - a. Plymouth State University – David Zehr hosting (April 13–15, or 27–29)
    - i. Check EB, HBES, SRCO etc. dates.
    - ii. Talk about future dates— it was suggested that summer would be a better time (EO)
    - iii. June avoid bike week, in NH. Hotels and traffic will be worse.
    - iv. Ben teaches at Plymouth State
    - v. Rose asked about dates, which would be preferred.
    - vi. Maybe NYU in 2013. Scott is thinking about it. John Hinshaw proposed Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania as an alternative.
    - vii. Maybe 2015 in Dominican College in New York (Sarah Strout).
    - viii. Price out conferences, enormous price variability, rooms etc. Try to keep registration cheap.
- III. Treasurers report
  - a. Robert Deaner– delegated to Chris and Justin
    - i. Chris Reiber
    - ii. Rooms are not costing, but banquet room is costing. We saved \$2000, not being run at a loss
    - iii. 130 people coming/registration; 76 are students, 54 professionals; 50% male female, 13 internationals, from 3 countries. 19 US states.
    - iv. Collected \$10,750, expect \$2,000 plus any walk ins.

- v. \$2500 in on site food expenses. \$1000 in printing. Several hundred extra for banners etc, expenses at club for keynote etc. and expenses for travel for keynote speaker (being handled through EVOS). \$7600 in known and some unknown expenses but will be covered. We will run in the clear.
- vi. \$2000–3000 we owe to Oswego still.
- vii. Losing overhead on account–10% overhead as a state account.
- viii. Payment online would make it be better (Ben Crosier).
- ix. It is essential that we make enough now to cover it (Glenn) we were given until May to pay it. Need to prioritize that.
- x. Chris: suggestion membership is 3–2 students to faculty. It is important to keep it low. But need to cover it. Nick: consider an annual membership fee. Rose: usually get benefit. John: department can join. David Widman: APA has this.
- xi. Student fee is \$40 and faculty is \$140.
- xii. Raise student to \$75 (will cover their costs) first author can get discount (need to cover overhead).
- xiii. \$700 dollars for Maryanne students (travel). Maybe people get a discount \$10 for those who travel far. Merit based is not fair, we don't have a transparent way to decide.
- xiv. Nick: you are a member, member registration is a few dollars less (incentive). Becky: discount less than membership fee.
- xv. Chris: worried \$35 fee gets used for other things, then not part of the conference budget. Nick: registration fee, and non member registration would be higher.
- xvi. Dan Kruger motions raising \$75, Steve Platek seconds, 6 opposed. Motion carried.
- xvii. Glenn Geher, institutional support can help. Last year lower fees and we net \$2000. Oswego, smaller numbers.
- xviii. Chris– things might get easier, but having overhead etc in tandem with poor economic state, no institution support at all for, need to be prepared for future.
- xix. Marissa– temporary. Rose: if students are coming late, no fee, then food is messed up. Generally a way to professionalize. If students have to come, just think in a way of professionalize, more creative ways

to raise money. (sponsors). SBK: increase in numbers? As the membership officer is willing to do something to increase numbers.

- xx. Chris: need to target professionals. Now 60% students. Maryanne: get a sponsor. Like Psychology Today,
- xxi. Lisa: standard sponsors: bank, just want to increase visibility. Rose: problem with products, agendas
- xxii. Steve: get more Evo people perhaps not near northeast. Serve Paleo treats for sponsorship. Justin: can't bring in outside food (exclusive contracts).
- xxiii. Subcommittee to discuss vendors, sponsors etc. Scott, Becky and Haley will help to look into this.
- xxiv. Raised student fee, separate membership, more late fee, discount for far travel.
- xxv. Dan: late fee: \$100 for onsite. Chris: students ignore the date. Online registration would help (Ben). Lisa: public knowledge project: open source system offers a software for organization of conference. Includes payment, registration etc. all in one place. It was not that hard to setup, except the design. You set it up once, and reuse every year. Money goes out through there. Subcommittee to work with David Zehr (Ben, Lisa, Iris).

#### IV. Membership fee?

- i. Nicholas: Membership fee: crystallizes membership. Recruit all through the year. Kilian- incentive is putting it on CV.
- ii. Have membership fee. Brian motion, Lisa second. Motion passed.
- iii. Glenn has money in College Auxillary account, housed at New Paltz maybe transfer? No. Hold it at New Paltz, but have institutions do it and then hit up. Bank account? No tax at New Paltz. Bank account would have taxes. If once a year, fine, but more complicated, Glenn can't do it. Holding spot for money. Subcommittee to look into an account and non-profit status (Rose and Ben)
- iv. Registration discount must be less than the membership fee. Kilian: accepted presentation, pending your paying registration. Lisa: EB, 1 year membership, 3 year membership- quite a few people for only 1 year. Conference is \$5 less than non-member. People would prefer to be member for 5 years. (pre-pay).

- v. Amount for registration fee Glenn Geher (check after 2 years). John: Authorize membership subcommittee. Second David. Motion carried. (Scott, Becky, Haley)
- V. Resignation: Robert Deaner stepped down as treasurer: Treasurer position is open. Need to have institution that will allow money to be held there.
- VI. Conference Format
  - a. Concurrent sessions. Chris: had to do it limit the number of rooms. Rob: assess after this conference.
- VII. JSEC Report
  - a. Changing structure leadership.
    - i. Getting someone dedicated to getting on sources. Psymag, impact factor. World tracking. Articles can be commented on. Book review editor. Special issue: NEEPS, special issues led by people who are expert.
    - ii. Maryanne: what would happen if it when down: Short term is special issues route. Steve: Associate Editors.
- VIII. Wikipedia page
  - a. First evolutionary psychology hit is Wikipedia, and the page is constantly under battle.
  - b. Need people to help keep it up. Michael Mills has been doing this almost alone and requests help from NEEPS.
  - c. Status of the page (Glenn) fact/opinion.
  - d. Maryanne get a petition to lock the page from further edits (NEEPS listserv).
- IX. Other
  - a. Officially endorse FEPS last year.
  - b. Official endorse AEPS after conference.
  - c. Student Presentation committee. Kilian, Dan and Sarah for papers, Scott and Becky for posters.