NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society
2015 Business Meeting
Saturday April 11th, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

President: Daniel J. Kruger
Past-President: Rosemarie Sokol-Chang
Vice President: Rebecca Burch
Secretary: Kilian Garvey
Treasurer: David Widman
Membership Officer: Daniel Glass
Communications Officer: (none)
Members at Large: Maryanne Fisher and T. Joel Wade
Student Representative: Laura Johnsen

Agenda

1. Officer Reports
2. OSF archive for presentation slides
3. Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences
4. NEEPS 2016
5. NEEPS 2017+
6. Officer positions
7. By-Laws update process
8. Other issues
9. Networking

NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society 2015 Business Meeting notes by Secretary Kilian Garvey

Officer reports

President (Daniel J. Kruger: DK): There are more talks this year, more geographic diversity, and this is the largest NEEPS to date.

Past President (Rose Chang: RC): pass

Vice President (Rebecca Burch: RB): we need permission for changes in social media, for an official NEEPS Facebook page. Also would like to start a Tumblr page for NEEPS. RB makes a call for contributions and an administrator.

Treasurer (David Widman: DW): Glen Geher (GG) (I think) transfers $6500 to Juniata. $25,000 is in the account now, but we have only paid for part of the conference [and have to pay for EBS subscriptions]. The credit card system went well, some hiccups, not all credit cards worked, DW does not know why this was so. $1000 has been kept in New Paltz account as a rainy day fund.

DW reports that there were 178 paid/registered in attendance (so far, there might be some late attendees): 104 students and 74 faculty.

DW reports that “we need to pay the APA bit by bit”

RC: work through Maryland for tax purposes, non-profit 501.3c. RC, DW and Nick Armenti (NA) to talk about 501.3c issues.
RC: suggests that we move the 501.3c to Maryland.

The 501.3c discussion will continue in a subcommittee meeting with RC, DW, and NA.

Membership Officer (Dan Glass: DG): confirms 178 in attendance.

Communications Officer (Vacant): DK asks if there is any interest in combining the webpage and communications positions (I think)

RC: can we hire a communications officer?

GG: nominates Chris Tripoli (CT) for the position.

CT accepts.

CT is the new communications officer.

Members at Large: no reports

Student Representative (Laura Johnson: LJ): suggests that we have a meet and greet with the keynote speakers and more social events with students.

DK: sorry Dan, there is something in here about “looking at the survey” and “will do it again”

DK: Open Science Archive to post talks and posters

Journals

Dan O’Brien, Editor of Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences (DB): EBS v9, EBS cover color will change every year. 87 subscribers last year which is a 20% increase. Quantity and quality of submissions has increased. Starting to see more submissions that look like they are aiming for EBS, applied and interdisciplinary. Still some submissions that look like they are a rejection from EHB. Only evolutionary journal that offers short report option. Replication is important.


GG: confirms special issue of EvoS will publish conference proceedings in a special issue, with Mel Phillips as editor.

RC: $30,000 in revenue allocated from downloading of EBS articles. Data in EBS report is from PsychNet, no data from other vendors, platforms. Have students download articles to increase download proportion (when APA journal access is available at institution). We have not made any money yet, but likely in future years.

Future Conferences: 2016? NA suggests Rutgers (didn’t get which campus) but thinks April may be a problem. NA believes there will be other problems as well; the size of rooms and some ongoing references to “political resistance” among the faculty, due, at least in part, to the feeling at RU about Robert Trivers. Rutgers: Free rooms, one would hold 100, one would hold 50. Rutgers rate for hotel $103 at Radisson and Embassy Suites.

Maryanne Fisher (MF): would like to hold it at St Mary’s University (SMU) in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Possibly in early May because of the sometimes lingering snow (Oswego was in June).

May 1st is the drop dead date for Rutgers and NA
Kilian Garvey (KG): having NEEPS X in Halifax might be a little more effort for New York/New England NEEPSters, but, looks like half of the conference is coming from far outside of NY/NE anyway (Brazil, New Zealand, Japan, Madagascar, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, etc.) anyway. Plus, one year in the Canadian Maritimes could get future NEEPSters from New Brunswick, PEI, Quebec, Newfoundland, etc... who would then be more likely to come to subsequent NEEPS meeting back in the North East (or South East as SEEPS is coming to fruition)

Future meetings: Binghamton in 2016/2017 (Hadassah Head?).... Baltimore in 2018 (Mike Frederick/Sally Farley?). Bucknell University in the not too distant future (Joel Wade).

DK: each location should come up with an informal description of what NEEPS would look like in that town. Request to put in preference for years. Will create a template for NEEPS conference.

DK: Officer positions: June 15, 2016, new set of officers, need clearly delineated officer descriptions, also discussion of communications officer’s technical skills.

RC: com officer might be a special skill set needing a paid position.

MF: issue of by-laws subcommittee need more time to discuss, need subcommittee. MF is nominated by RB and RC. Seconded.

DK: members at large, different rotation schedule.

MF: need to formally nominate members at large. Nominate members at large online elections.

MF: by-laws add new members June 1st

DK: officer descriptions is in

GG: NEEPS as an exemplar for students being included in research, presentations, students going into PhD programs.

the bylaws.

Proposal to consider reinstating Satoshi Kanazawa as a member of NEEPS, seconded. Discussion as to why or even if Satoshi was formally “banned.”

-Clarifications obtained from Glenn Geher, conference host and NEEPS President in 2010:

During NEEPS 2010, Satoshi Kanazawa was involved in several incidents with multiple other NEEPS members. Satoshi's actions included sexual harassment, physical accosting (pushing and shoving), menacing, and verbal harassment and threats. There were multiple incidents and multiple witnesses, including NEEPS Officers.

President Glenn Geher sent a private e-mail within a week of NEEPS 2010 notifying Satoshi that his Member-at-Large position was being transferred to Becky Burch. This decision was made via the President, Vice President (Rose Sokol-Chang) , Conference Chair (Mayranne Fisher), and Communications Officer (Daniel J. Kruger) as an ad hoc executive committee on this issue. Glenn spoke personally with Satoshi at HBES 2010 about the incidents

In response to these incidents, though also with other incidents not involving Satoshi in mind, NEEPS leadership developed the NEEPS Professional Conduct Policy. No specific incidents or individuals were named in the rationale for the creation of the NEEPS Professional Conduct Policy. Satoshi's membership in NEEPS was not affected and he continues to be an Associate Editor of Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences, NEEPS' official journal.

Glenn Geher is more than willing to speak by phone or in person to anyone if there are continued questions or concerns.
### NEEPS Members in Attendance and emails.

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### Updates on issues discussed as of May 4, 2015 by President Daniel J. Kruger

1. **2016 Conference:** Members from Rutgers University have deferred hosting proposals to future conference years. NEEPS Officers are currently reviewing proposals from members at Saint Mary’s University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) and SUNY Binghamton (Vestal, NY) to host the 10th Anniversary Conference.

2. **A conference template** has been created for NEEPS hosting NEEPS conferences as a public and editable Google doc:

   https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rTJhCaZGlE5yveLfMPxGl1eRDsKMAqdCKUz__viMRXa8/edit

3. **NEEPS 2015 Conference Survey:** There were 85 completed surveys (48% response rate). A results summary will be posted.
4. Maryanne Fisher is leading a sub-committee to revise the NEEPS By-Laws.

5. Vice President Becky Burch has been commissioned to create a Vice Presidential Report on Society-Affiliated Journals. See below:

from: Daniel Kruger <kruger@umich.edu>
to: Becky Burch <rburch@oswego.edu>
cc: NEEPS Officers
date: Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 8:51 PM
subject: Vice Presidential Report on Society-Affiliated Journals

Dear Becky,

In response both to your desire to become more involved in NEEPS leadership responsibilities and our need to better understand and enhance our relationship with our official journal, I am commissioning you to create a Vice Presidential Report on Society-Affiliated Journals. Many journals published by the American Psychological Association are affiliated with a professional society, e.g., Psychology of Addictive Behaviors is a publication of Society of Addiction Psychology (APA Division 50). How do these societies and journals build a mutually beneficial, synergistic relationship? Rose may be able to help with this; I also strongly recommend contacting the leadership of other societies and APA journals that have an official relationship. Other societies, even APA Divisions, have journals that are published by a different publisher, e.g., Teaching of Psychology, the Official Journal of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Division 50), is published by Sage. These would be helpful for comparison.

Here are some basic questions, you may think of many more:

-In what ways does affiliation with a society benefit an official journal?

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-What input or control does a society have on the content of an official journal?

-What is the APA policy on publishing conference proceedings and special conference issues?

-How can NEEPS better promote Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences?

-How can Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences better promote NEEPS and its membership?

I thank you in advance for your efforts,

Dan

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