NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society

Business Meeting Minutes, 2012

Present: Rose Sokol-Chang, Maryanne Fisher, David Widman, Mike Frederick, Dan Kruger, Becky Burch, Eddy Sturman, Nick Armenti, Chris Reiber, Joel Wade, Kilian Garvey, Thomas Hirschmann, Brian Mayer, Daniel Glass, Ashley Peterson, Glenn Geher, Megan Geher, Dan O’Brien, Laura Johnsen, David Zehr, Dan Hopper, Scott Barry Kaufman

Meeting begins at 9:05

Review of minutes.

Rose reviewed the previous minutes from last year.

Eddy motioned to approve, John seconded, minutes approved unanimously.

Future Conferences.

Lebanon Valley College in Annville Pennsylvania—June 1st 2013, will have access of dorms, $30 if split one dorm room. Conference room can hold 132 people. Already have rooms reserved. You can’t sell alcohol, but we can bring alcohol and sell it. Regional airport and Amtrak station are both 30 minutes away. Centrally located.

Maybe SUNY Adirondack (Eddy) or Dominican (Sarah) or Bucknell (Joel) in 2014.

Treasurer’s report.

$2000 left over from New Paltz, $9000 collected, $4600 spent.

NEEPS AS 501c3, in Pennsylvania we were rejected, because not psychologists. $200 etc to get a NEEPS to get a bank account. John recommends we go back to Pennsylvania state psychology board with our names, making clear it is a professional organization, signed by psychologists. Not sure why it was rejected, so if we get rejected again, apply for only NEEPS, without word psychology in it, to bypass psychology.

Nick already has done this for AEPS and can help with the process.

Rose wants to take a vote to reapply through New Jersey or reapply in Pennsylvania? Glenn says we need an immediate solution, the account at New Paltz is temporary. Discussion about where to register the account. New York is not a good option. David is going to check because he has some contacts.

Motion to resubmit to Pennsylvania by Sarah, Glenn seconded, non opposed.

Membership report: Scott and Becky
147 attendees last year, 70 this year. Representatives from Germany, Canada, Japan, England. Facebook fans for NEEPS at 220 members, 101 in EvoS program.

Discussion about making Facebook more geared towards students. Dan—end of semester, EHB.

Brian—location is also difficult, make location seem attractive.

Becky—location itself recruiting local population, Sarah—send fliers to other universities. When HBES is far away, we do well.

SBK—need fresh blood, Kiian can people get money?

Laura—didn’t get full funding, $75 Chris—take Becky—having extra schools helps.

Registration fees for students.

Motion: $50 fee for student registration. Eddy seconded. Unanimous.

Scholarship:

Motion that we have an awards committee, scholarship or monetary, rather stick with awards,

Rose motion student awards, second, amendment, create a committee, Maryanne Fisher, Sarah Strout, Becky, Kilian, Laura, Nick, MARYANNE CHAIR.

Membership fee:

Separate fee? Dan what is the benefit? Is it worth its time? Nick...what makes a member. SBK, newsletters, Glenn: $50 for those who don’t come.

Glenn, Motion, Rose second: $50 optional for not coming. 2 opposed 2 abstain, motion passed.

AND Scott heading up—membership benefits.

Communications Report: Eddy Sturman

Sending out newsletter, updating webpage, masterlist of contacts, pictures, etc on the website. Twitter account, Eddie will change his password, so everyone can tweet. Thomas says can link to Facebook.

The web domain name lapsed, had to renew. Communications officer be responsible with godaddy, August 4th 2013. Send out call for papers.

JSEC report

Rose working on Associate Editors;
Dan O’Brien: NEEPS issue, July 15th ish.

Special AEPs issue this year, Special FEPS issue?

Elections

Extenuating circumstances—keep officers until June 15th, Megan seconded, 1 opposed, no abstain. Hold off nominations, call for nominations. Becky nominated for secretary, Glenn lead elections, nominate Maryanne for president, nominate for vice president Sarah. Glenn will do everything.

AEPS, FEPS, PSYCHTABLE

Dan Glass presented psychtable.org project. Aggregate the research in evolutionary studies literature—taxonomy of psychological adaptations. They are requesting an official seal of approval from NEEPS. Glenn motion to approve, Eddy second: all approved.

Maryanne amended motion to put in Rose’s hands to let officers look over it. Glenn moves to empower Rose to allow the board—May 31st sends all comments to Rose. Maryanne seconded.

INCREASING PRESENCE.

DAN: HBES, ISHE, reach out at other conferences, John, keynote Rose nominate Dan to spearhead the marketing. Eddy helps out. Nick standard flyer that can always be modified.

Megan: have a student committee—work with Ben to create that.

Thomas: have a evo conference calendar. Thomas spearhead that.

Glenn: NEEPS BLIMP; Laura Johnsen birthday.

Nomination for NEEPS PROGRAM CHAIR: MICHAEL FREDERICK.

Meeting adjorned: 10:37