

## Business Meeting Notes NEEPS 2009 Oswego, New York

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Agenda for the 2009 meeting is approved: Unanimously

Discussion of 2008 minutes

The conference fee was raised

The by laws were discussed

The question of changing the name of NEEPS was discussed. Members voted to keep the name as it is: NEEPS The North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society

Report given by the treasurer: approximately \$2000 surplus

The minutes of the NEEPS 2008 Meeting were approved: Unanimously

Minutes (as best as could be transcribed) of the 2009 Meeting

Treasurer's report (Sarah Strout): \$2000 surplus from NEEPS 2008

Discussion of future meeting places: 2010 in New Paltz, NY?

Perhaps somewhere in Canada?

Should we keep it in the summer or hold it in the spring semester?

How to coordinate our meeting with HBES and ISHE?

Maryanne: ISHE will be held in mid June (Madison, WI?)

Glenn: HBES will be held June 15<sup>th</sup>

Glenn: we will hold NEEPS 2010 in New Paltz, Richard Dawkins is rumored to be the Key Note speaker.

Glenn: Binghamton is scheduled to hold NEEPS 2011

Rose believes there will be free “booze” at Binghamton.

Becky may or may not get a pony.

Maryann: NEEPS 2012 in Canada? Perhaps at Ryerson in Toronto (T-Dot!), Gad Saad was mentioned as a source for holding NEEPS 2012 in Montreal (also in Canada)

Unknown: Albany may or may not be a collection of wet noodles.

Treasurer: 2008 was in the black. 2009 had “tiered” costs, more to register on site. 2009 we are \$300 in the hole.

Should we have mandatory pre registration or perhaps have a higher on site registration?

Oswego numbers were down. Many fewer attendees. 75 registered. We projected 100.

Only 30 signed up for the banquet.

Alice: should we open the Key Note address to the public (to raise money)?

Kilian: did we lose money because NEEPS 2009 was held after the spring semester ended?

Jon: can we borrow money from NEEPS 2010 to pay NEEPS 2009?

Maryann: we need \$300.

Jon: we should pass the hat and get paid back.

Glenn: recruit volunteers to make up deficit, will make an announcement before and after the Key Note speech that you may attend the banquet at half price.

Becky: we need to get a better estimate on attendance.

Glenn: Volunteers will get in to the banquet for \$15 if they agree to help Becky.

Sarah: hesitant to call this “special”, would prefer to pass the hat around our own meeting.

Kelly: perhaps we should have the 2010 pre registration today.

Glenn: pre register now for \$75

Pass the hat

Pass the hat to get registration reduction for 2010

Glenn: Rose will take money at the end of this meeting, \$20 is suggested.

Dan moves to “donate \$20 right now”. Unknown seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Kelly: was the problem with pre registration due to the “professionals” or with the students?

Sarah: it was everyone, the penalty for late registration was not high enough.

Becky: We need to know which authors are coming, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> and is the registrant a professional or a student.

Allan: if your paper is accepted you must reregister, if accepted.  
Glenn: one more thing about the treasury: where is the money being held?  
Sarah: I'm keeping the money at the school.  
Becky: the president of Oswego could take the money.  
Glenn: every bank account has to have a SSN#.  
Becky: I had to keep the money in my own account.  
Sarah: SNHU was taking NEEPS money. We need a tax ID/non-profit status.  
Glenn: talked to HBES, HBES money is based at the University of Nebraska, where it is tax sheltered and protected. Can we house the money at another state school?  
Maryann: ISHE has their own account.  
Glenn: HBES officially incorporated entity now, did not for 20 years to be a not-for-profit organization. Its more paperwork but you can get tax deductible donations. I would like to do that in the future. It could take 1 year to do.  
Nick: there is a tax accounting fee to report every fiscal quarter.  
Glenn: you could be incorporated but not necessarily "not-for-profit" if we have less than \$25,000. Would like to keep this money in a 3<sup>rd</sup> location such as the Ulster Counter Foundation.  
Becky: we should keep the money away from SUNY.  
Glenn: we should keep the money at their institution.  
Kelly: perhaps we could keep the money at HBES?  
Maryann: Who wants to keep the money?  
Rose: can we keep it under my mattress?  
Allen: don't give it to Rutgers.  
Glenn: we need to decide where to keep the money before NEEPS 2010.

### **The By Laws.**

Glenn: we have the by laws distributed to the group.  
Group: "Thank you Jon"  
Glenn: we need to increase our numbers.  
Nick: should we ask the heads of departments at other schools?  
Rose: We should think about contacting individuals directly.

Glenn: read the by laws and we will discuss this line by line. Jon Springer will make notations of discussions/changes.

Glenn: no time to finish this. Perhaps we should create a subcommittee to discuss the by laws.

It was suggested that we do this through Facebook.

Glenn: is there a volunteer to chair the bylaws subcommittee?  
Maryann: I volunteer Dan.

Kelly: I'll do it if someone will help me with facebook.  
Alice: I'll help you with facebook.

Glenn: we have two weeks to have the bylaws revised (7-25-2009)  
Group: Thank you Jon.

Glenn: future leadership. I recommend Ben Crozier as a student officer.

Maryanne: we need an office of president ex-officio.

Kelly: need to give graduate award, and assistance deciding on the award.

### **JSEC Report**

Dan: we're getting good submissions. We will do another special issue, two options, one peer reviewed based on your presentation, and one "proceedings" which will be made up of the abstracts.

Unknown: should we charge \$175 for onsite registration next year?

Maryann: half the difference, on site \$120.

Maryann: \$150 on site registration.

Sarah: students should pay \$35.

Nick: presenters much pre register.

Sarah: we should have the "you must pre register" box on the form if your paper is accepted.