

ARKPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Held March 6, 2020 at Slim & Shorty's (617 Clinton St, Arkadelphia)

In Attendance: Karen Sebold (UA), Hans Hacker (ASU), Matthew Gross (HSU), Michael Rogers (ATU), Matt Evans (NWACC), Mary Beth Sullivan (UCA), Williams Yamkam (UAFS), Heather Yates (UCA), John Davis (UAM)

Not in Attendance: Amber Overholser (SAU), Chris Housenick (ATU)

REPORTS

Midsouth Political Science Review, Editor Report (Joe Howard, UCA):

- Over the year, MPSR published one volume, down in submissions, 45 percent rejection rate.
- Mary Beth Sullivan (UCA) will taking over editor-ship from Joe Howard (UCA), contingent on the vote on the ArkPSA business meeting.
- Article reviewers typically serve on journal editorial board with staggered two year terms.

Treasurer Report (Mike Rogers, ATU):

- Host of last year's conference in Fayetteville (AR) was successful in paying for most of the conference
- Association has \$12,000 on hand; and took in \$4,000 from PayPal.
- MPSR journal costs \$1000-1500 per volume.
- Mike suggests that it's good if the association has around \$10,000 on hand in case a conference gets cancelled, and thus there's no need to raise membership fees.
- Mike suggests adding previous attendance and service to ArkPSA to waiver form.
- There were \$200 worth of waivers given to three undergraduate students attending the conference.

Secretary Report (Matt Evans, NWACC):

- Web hosting contract and domain contract for the ArkPSA web site will need to be renewed this Summer.
- The cost for this should be around \$350.

Vice President's Report (Karen Sebold, UA)

- ULAR will get the right of first refusal to host ArkPSA conference in 2024; Karen will confer with Eric about ULAR hosting.
- Karen suggest a need to have midyear executive committee meeting, aim for the last day of September

President's Report (Hans Hacker, ASU):

- Association needs to develop professional development resources committee for graduate and undergraduate students.
- There's the problem of ArkPSA Constitution does not allow board members to be graduate students and need to amend ballots to remove graduate students from consideration of board seats.

Blogging on ArkPSA web site (John Davis):

- John has been leading a committee looking at the possibility of topical blogging and book review that's similar to other academic associations and journals (for example, ISQ, Abolition journal); need to share work burden and responsibility with MPSR editorial board.

MOTIONS

- Unanimous vote to keep association membership fee at \$85
- Unanimous vote for treasurer to chair committee on conference waivers, should have four different institutions represented as members of the committee, and create rubric
- Unanimous vote (with Hans Hacker abstaining) to form a committee on undergrad/grad student professional development, Hacker as chair, constituted by three people
- Unanimous vote for committee chaired by Davis to create mission statement for blogging
- Unanimous vote to make ex officio into association ombudsmen to handle harassment and discrimination complaints from members
- Unanimous vote to table civic education until ArkPSA meeting