MPCA Annual Meeting

Saturday October 21, 2017

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12:30pm-2pm

# Meeting Called to Order by Courtney Barko at 12:37pm

# 2015 minutes distributed and reviewed

## Corrections

### Allison Levin is not spelled Liben

### CarrieLynn Reinhard (not Carolyn) suggested Riffing

## Minutes are accepted by the members

### Paul Booth abstains

# Courtney Barko reports on the 2017 meeting

# Suggestions for keynote and featured speakers for 2018 Conference in Indianapolis

## Rocky Colovito - Bicentennial of Frankenstein (Butler)

## Pratiksha Menon - Roxanne Gay

## Maryan Werry – Speedway

## Janet Novak – CSPAN Archive

## Rocky Colovito – Kinsey Institute

## Kathy Merlock Jackson – Gary Edgerton

## Paul Booth – LGBTQA Community

## John Dowell – Adam Henze Indianapolis 500 poet

## Rocky Colavito – Ted Allen

## Mara Thacker – Lynn Thomas

## Janet Novak – Benjamin Harrison Center

# Award Committees and Voting

* + 1. Volunteer sheets passed around the members

# Executive Secretary Report by Kathleen Turner

* 1. Soliciting nominations for 2018
     1. Student/New Professional rep
        1. Julia Largent
        2. John Dowell
     2. At Large
        1. Kristin Kiely
     3. Journal Editor
        1. CarrieLynn Rienhard
  2. New bylaws distributed to members
     1. No mention of journal editor in Article IV
        1. Katie Wilson moves to add Journal Editor to Article IV with a 3-year term limit, Kristin Kiely seconds
        2. Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions
  3. Review of the Budget
     1. Last year we made a profit of $7,532.26
     2. Mention of changes to the budget this year. Main change is no longer offering a catered lunch before the annual meeting, now it is a boxed lunch during the meeting. Significant savings made by making this switch, and the attendance is up for the annual meeting.

1. Report by the Conference Coordinator – Lori Abels Scharenbroich
   1. Review of the changes to the conference
      1. Change to food schedule
      2. New AV – bought our own projectors
   2. Despite the cost saving initiatives we are down
      1. Submissions are down by 30%
      2. Revenue has dropped by 35%
      3. Loss of revenue projected to about $9,600
         1. We missed the room block by about 23 rooms with a penalty of 80% of the room rate
         2. Food penalty is about $4,300
   3. Comments
      1. Suggestion for more vegetarian food options
         1. Possibility to add meal options to registration
      2. Registering to be a member might turn people off from the conference
         1. Higher fee for non-members to attend
         2. Kathleen Turner – there is an option for non-member but it is the same price as registration with membership.
            1. Clarification of website needed
      3. Janet Novak said that she has heard that funding is down so many people had to drop.
      4. Pratiksha Menon said that there isn’t good awareness of the conference
         1. Also concerned about how we are allowed to pay for registration
         2. Masters students have trouble affording the hotels and so find other places to stay
         3. Suggests a roommate matching, but the association cannot do that because of liability
      5. Rocky Colovito – Asked about skyping in paper presentations
         1. Kathleen Turner reminds that this is not typical of the conference but we allow it at the last minute if there is an extenuating circumstance. Assures that they are still paying their fees.
      6. Janet Novak laments on the lack of sharing of CFP that happens even when Area Chairs target graduate programs and universities
      7. Katie Wilson - Says that we will do better about making our registration process clear on the website. Suggests that members need to be ambassadors for the conference
      8. Rocky Colovito - Publicize awards to up enrollment
      9. Nathaniel Repay – Proposes school ambassadors to help distribute CFP
      10. Birdgit Cassan - Asks about Social Networking Absence
          1. Lori assures that this is a position in the executive board and we are making arrangements to make this better
2. Report on the Journal – Julia Largent
   1. Current Issue is live
   2. Asks for volunteers for reviewers
   3. Special Issue on Wrestling forthcoming
   4. Call to advertise turnaround times and acceptance rate with the journal
   5. Malynnda Johnson review Book Review process
      1. Accepting non book texts
      2. Typically a 1 month turn around
3. Unfinished/Old Business
   1. None
4. New Business –
   1. Katie asks for best practices in putting together an Area Chair Manual
   2. CarriLynn proposes a virtual attendance procedure
      1. Paul Booth explains that we continually debate this issue. Proposes that the Executive council uses this year to gather research and return to this idea next year
   3. Darryl proposes non-presenting member day passes – Guest rate
5. Announcement
   1. Conference will be Oct 3-7 in Indianapolis
      1. Submissions Due April 30
         1. Suggestion to move the submission deadline to be more conducive to students’ schedules
      2. Suggestion to advertise that you don’t have to present to come to the conference
   2. Winner of the Mentor/Mentee challenge – Takreem Zulfiqar!!!
      1. Pratiksha Menon Concern that the submission site for mentors is broken
   3. Brendan Riley – Executive Director of Operations for PCA talks about Indianapolis PCA this year
6. Meeting Adjourned by Courtney Barko at 1:57
   1. Paul Booth abstains