

AQA Business Meeting Minutes Friday 11/18/16 (Minneapolis, MN)

1. Introduction of Board Members

Lead Co-Chair 2015-16: Shaka McGlotten

Lead Co-Chair 2016-17: Margot Weiss

Incoming Co-Chair 2017-18: Greg Mitchell

Secretary: Eric Plemons

Treasurer: Jay Sosa

Graduate Student Representative: Christopher Baum

Payne Prize Committee Chair: Robert Phillips (2016), Tayo Jolaosho (2017)

Benedict Prize Committee Chair: Nais Dave (2016), Noelle Stout (2017)

Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Michael Connors Jackman (2016) and Vanessa Agard-Jones (2016); Erin Durban-Albrecht (2017)

Communications Committee: Director: Ann Kakaliouras, Webmaster: Christopher Baum

Nominations Committee: Maura Finkelstein (2016), Elijah Edelman (2017)

2. Co-Chairs' Report (S. McGlotten)

- a. Update on membership (283 members)
- b. Changed and approved bylaws, available on website
- c. Moved listserv from American U to AAA, with updated association name
- d. New awards will be offered (3 @ \$350 each)
 - i. 2 for grad students, one for adjunct/underemployed category
- e. Increase amount for Payne Prize to \$500 prize, \$500 travel
- f. Still working on mentoring program
- g. Working with C. Baum to update website
- h. Create expertise database for press contacts

3. Approval of 2015 Minutes

4. Treasurer Report (J. Sosa)

- a. Projected \$3K in membership dues by end of calendar year
- b. Explanation of expenses incurred at AAA
- c. Wiley-Blackwell funds are being recalibrated, expect a TBD change
- d. Increase in awards reflect surplus funds
- e. AAA attendance down for second year, fewer section memberships, we're one of few sections that increased membership this year
- f. Plan to create a quasi-endowment within section budget: earns interest for AQA rather than leaving it in AAA accounts where interest goes back to AAA
 - i. Mary: suggest getting written commitment from the Exec Board that they won't touch the quasi endowment funds
 - ii. Jay: AAA can't get those monies out, but fund raising should be earmarked for particular funds
 - iii. Member suggestion: follow SMA's practice of offering a Sustaining Membership, over and above dues to fund quasi-endowments

- g. AAA initiating registration and section membership waiver for those who are in the first year following PhD—as soon as this is announced we will send this opportunity to listserv
 - h. Need to recruit for new Treasurer
5. Nominations (M. Finkelstein)
- a. Balloted Position Needs
 - i. Incoming co-chair (2017-19)
 - ii. Treasurer
 - b. Non-balloted Position Needs
 - i. Nominations co-chair
 - ii. Grad student rep
 - iii. Payne Prize readers
 - iv. Program Committee members
6. Website (C. Baum)
- a. Gathered more syllabi for Resources section, continue with this
 - b. Any suggestions for site welcome
 - c. Working to create continuity between FB and website, begun Twitter (@queeranthro)
 - d. Big site update planned
7. Communications (A. Kakaliouras)
- a. Effort to increase AN content from AQA
 - b. Please submit anytime (1000 words)
 - c. Any interest in alternative media forms? Ex: zine, blog, anything else?
8. Program Committee (S. McGlotten for M. Jackman)
- a. Received 5 panel proposals, 5 paper proposals: down from previous years, but all AAA attendance is down
 - b. There are 7 AQA sessions, 3 with invited status
 - c. Next year's theme: Anthropology Matters, CFP 4/15
 - d. Encouraged pairing with DC area activists
9. Payne Prize (R. Phillips)
- a. Received 18 papers and 1 film (10 undergrad, 9 grad)
 - b. Winner: Michael Pierson (UChicago), no runners up
 - c. Tayo Jalaosho is incoming chair
 - d. Need for two more members (ideal: 6 total)
10. Benedict Prize (N. Dave)
- a. 9 monograph submissions, 4 edited collection submissions
 - b. Noelle Stout is next year's Chair, grad student rep needed
 - c. Honorable mention (monograph): Gregory Mitchell
 - d. Winner (edited volume): Quesada, Gomez, Vidal-Ortiz *Queer Brown Voices*
 - e. Winner (monograph): David AB Murray, *Real Queer*

11. News & Announcements

- a. Remaining panels, events, receptions

12. New Business

- a. Ideas for including prize submissions in program:
 - i. Is there a way to include prize paper submissions to program? Perhaps moving up prize submission dates will facilitate this. Payne is now due in June and past date to submit to program. Committee members will discuss possibility of changing dates.
 - ii. What about an AQA committed panel for Payne Prize papers?
 1. Will allow exposure for great papers that do not win. Panel can be populated with papers at discretion of committee, this way no need to change deadline for Payne submissions
 - iii. What about one panel for Payne, one panel for Benedict nominees?
 - iv. Can we put Payne papers on website, or chapters from Benedict nominees that link back to press website?
- b. What can sections do to respond to recent Presidential election?
 - i. Add a statement to our website
 - ii. AAA produce a statement and sections sign on
 - iii. Individual sections can draft their own statement
 - iv. Was there conversation in section assembly about formal response to election?
 1. No. The president of ALLA called for an emergency response for a coalition of sections
 2. Many thought resolution would come up at the AAA business meeting because sections didn't have time to draft anything
 3. Need to connect and consolidate efforts
 - v. Does AQA want to make a separate statement or in collaboration with other sections?
 1. At this point, emphasizing collaboration

13. Passing of Tierra and Scepter to Margot

14. Meeting adjourned