

AQA Business Meeting
Washington, DC
Dec 2, 2017

1. Introduction of board members
2. Approval of 2016 Business Meeting minutes
3. Co-chair report (Weiss)
 - a. Membership: 293
 - b. Payne Prize award raised to \$500
 - c. Applied to mentoring grant but did not receive, will apply again
 - d. Received four section waivers to grant free conference registration for non-anthropologists
 - e. Continued partnership with ENQA
 - f. Created three new travel grants
 - i. \$350 each for travel to meetings
 1. two for grad students, one for underemployed post-grad
4. Treasurer's Report (Sosa)
 - a. Quasi endowment fund
 - i. AAA holds all endowment monies, but gives option for sections to use funds as if they were endowments
 - ii. Interest from those funds go to sections rather than AAA
 - iii. \$10K from general fund used to establish quasi fund
 - b. expenses have remained stable
 - c. aim is to use interest from general and quasi funds to pay out Payne and travel monies
5. Nominations Committee Report (Edelman)
 - a. Incoming Board positions
 - i. Co-chair, treasurer
 - b. Open balloted positions
 - i. Incoming co-chair, communications chair, secretary
 - c. Open Committee positions
 - i. Program committee, communication committee, Payne Prize committee
6. Communications Committee Report (Edelman)
 - a. *Anthro News* has online presence that is unlimited, we need content and people to help encourage and curate it
7. Web Master's Report (Weiss for Baum)
 - a. Site has been updated and syncs to news and social media feeds
 - b. Site content needed, so send ideas and content
8. Program Committee (Durban-Albrecht)
 - a. Soliciting new committee members for next year's program
 - b. Big frustration re: AAA program web portal
 - c. Nine AQA panels

- i. Accepted all submitted panels, created one panel from singly submitted papers
 - d. Next year we'd like an AQA member to help with the joint reception
- 9. Payne Prize (Jolaosho)
 - a. Awarded to William Hebert
- 10. Benedict Prize (Murray)
 - a. Awarded to Eric Plemons
- 11. New Business
 - a. Proposal: add sustaining membership dues category of \$30
 - i. \$15 regular membership + \$15 donation
 - ii. Donation would support awards and travel grants
 - iii. Passed by majority vote
 - b. Question from floor: why wasn't mentoring grant accepted?
 - i. Not sure; lots applied but not all funded; no official feedback provided
 - c. Question from floor: in past, faculty have work-shopped grad student papers. Why didn't that happen this year?
 - i. No one volunteered to do it
 - ii. Tom Boellstorff: volunteered to do so next year
 - d. Suggestion from Boellstorff: establish lifetime achievement award
 - i. Seconded motion
 - ii. Could be determined by small AQA committee
 - iii. Funded award would require Board approval
 - e. Form a committee to plan lifetime achievement award as annual AQA event
 - i. Ad hoc committee would report to Board rather than waiting for membership approval
 - ii. Passed by majority vote
 - f. Question: has syllabus section of website been update?
 - i. Yes, last year (17 currently)
 - ii. Continued additions can be made: send them to Chris
 - iii. Suggestion: add emeritus syllabi as archive
 - g. Suggestion: add website feature of current reads/films
 - i. Twitter # rather than web feature
 - h. New members/attendees introduce themselves
 - i. Closing and passing of the tiarra