

March 2017

In attendance: Dale Hanes, Judith Collins, Brian Attebery, Valorie Ebert, Amanda Rudd, Sean Nixon, Mike Smith, Sydney Duncan, Karen Hellekson, Bill Clemente, Sherryl Vint, Donald Morse, Jeri Zulli, David Higgins, Isabella Van Elferen, Gary Wolfe, Skye Cervone

General

1. We need a policy about documents for travel visas. Bill will continue sending the information for visa documents.
2. There will be some virtual voting for the June meeting. Some people will need to Skype in. For people who are not there for the entire discussion, a document will be created, and then they can vote via email.
3. Motion to appoint a separate person to judge the Jamie Bishop Award so it is no longer the responsibility of the IF Division Head. Sydney seconds, 1 opposed, motion passes

Conference Chair Report: Donald and Jeri

1. The hotel has been franchised.
2. We had previously decided to cap our growth at 500. We are currently at 481.
3. Vegetarian meals in the restaurant a problem. The corporation maintains control over menus when in previous years we could just work with the General Manager.
4. The price of food for the lunches and the banquet has increased, and we have absorbed these costs for a number of years. We will need to evaluate and discuss in June.

1st VP Report: Isabella

1. Programming: There was a problem with people not reading emails this year, so there were many changes to the schedule, and it could have been more organized. There will be email deadlines next year. To be discussed in June.
2. Isabella will also be proposing changes to how panels are accepted and created.
3. The submission form needs to be adjusted so it will accept italics.
4. Abstracts were not published with the schedule this year. There were no complaints.
5. This is Kyle's next to last year, so a call will be put out after the conference for a new FTV DH.
6. Words and Worlds: Initially designed to give poetry a place at the conference. Isabella and David will need to clarify the policy here.
7. Motion to make the Fairy Tales and Folk Narratives group a division. Unanimously approved. They will be responsible for determining a name and a description.

2nd VP Report: Dale

1. Welcome to David Higgins.
2. We had cancellations due to health concerns. There were a small number due to geopolitical concerns, specifically.

Treasurer Report: Bill

1. We did not lose any money.
2. This is Bill's last year.

Tech. Report: Mike and Sean

1. Mike will look into an app we can use for the conference and report back in June.
2. Sean: on-site tech. is good. He wants to keep around \$1,000 set aside to replace old technology.

JFA Report: Brian

1. *JFA* is mostly caught up. 5 issues have been done in the last year.
2. Chrissie Maines has done a lot of work to help get *JFA* caught up.

Awards Report: Gary

1. All awards got plaques this year.

Publications Report: Judy

1. We need an "in memoriam" policy.

SCIAFA Report: Amanda

1. The Facebook group has 130 members, up from 106 members last year.
2. 12 people signed up to be mentees, but only 6 people signed up to be mentors. Each mentor had 2 mentees this year.
3. Only one people took advantage of Kit Hume's offer to go through job documents.

PIO Report: Skye

1. Twitter seems to be very popular.
2. The listserv, Facebook page, and Twitter account are publicized in the program this year.
3. The process of updating and refining the website is on-going and continues.

Registration Report: Valorie

1. Welcome to Karen.
2. Thursday Lunch: 178-181 (a few cancellations)
3. Friday Lunch: 351
4. Banquet: 214

Book Room:

1. Journals that are not taken by members will be pulped.
2. There will be more discussion about long term plans at the Business Meeting.
3. Sherryl has invited a proposal for a solution to long term volunteers.
4. We have already saved \$800 on storage costs.

General:

1. We will be developing written policies for things over the next few years including updates and best practices.
2. In June, we will work on a statement about the travel ban and how as an international organization, we reject the ethics implied by the ban. Donald will make an announcement at one of the food functions that we will develop a formal statement.