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Time: Tue, April 14 at 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Place: San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, Point Loma room.

2009 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

1. Members Present: Jim Garrison, Matt Pamental, Len Waks, AG Rud, Meryl Domina, Craig Cunningham, Lynda Stone, Kurt Stenhagen, Kathleen Knight-Abowitz, Peter Hlebowitsh, Dan Tanner, Bruce Kramer, Steve Fishman, Lucille McCarthy, David Granger, Linda O'Neill, Marilyn Parsons, Marilyn J. Narey, Bill Gaudelli, John Covaleski, Veronique Merlin, Terri Wilson, Elina Lampert-Shepel, Aaron Schutz, Doug Simpson, Larry Hickman
 2. The Minutes from 2008 were approved
 3. Hlebowitsh reported that the Tanner fund has been hit by the recent economic downturn, but only 20%; the fund has disbursed \$2000 this year, and \$6500 over the last 4 years, and so it continues to be a significant source of income for the society. Support for Insights and Education&Culture will be less this year.
 4. Dan Tanner discussed the mission of the society, arguing that the Society should be true to the spirit of Dewey's last published works, which engaged attacks on education, and what he called the original mission, which was the scholarly investigation of the relation between school and society. He suggested looking to AERA division B for members, and asked that we change the mission statements on the web and the membership form to reflect this notion. [This was not taken up in 'New Business']
 5. Margaret MacIntyre Latta, Linda O'Neill, and Doug Simpson were announced as incoming board members; Jim Garrison gave thanks to those who stood for election, and to outgoing board members Marilyn Johnston-Parsons, Wendy Kohli, and A.G. Rud for their valuable service.
 4. Secretary/Treasurer Pamental reported that he has shifted the membership and budget reports to an annual basis; Membership stands at 151, significantly less than at last year's meeting, but he and Kurt Stenhagen will be working to revive those numbers.
- The budget is in good shape—we net \$9936.07 in 2008. However, Pamental cautioned that this is unusual in several respects, as we have not published a book or Insights in some time.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. AG Rud on the Nomination committee: lively conversation and a successful

slate was prepared

b. Bruce Kramer: Douglas Simpson gave the ASCD lecture (3 types of schools) well received; 100 attended; 90 minutes, of which 60 was Simpson's talk, the rest was full of questions

c. Len Waks on the CSI; reported on last year's meetings and the creation of the CSI blog; other possibilities included how-to booklets and position papers;

d. Len Waks on the Dewey Lecture commission: after some debate, they aimed at keeping the lecture focused on the mission of the society (schools and society, not Dewey's texts); Valenzuela's lecture deemed a success; Waks is tendering his retirement from the chair of the CSI, but will continue to run the blog until someone replaces him;

7. Society Publications:

Educational Theory: Burbules was not present, but forwarded his report to Pamental: Subscriptions are up, but are steadily shifting to on-line only; the journal continues to be in good shape financially.

*AG on E&C: 30% acceptance rate, journal doing well, submissions coming in from a variety of perspectives; Dewey at 150: Reflections for a New Century is the next issue, which will double as a book; There will be essays by Biesta, Cunningham, Hickman, Noddings, Saito, Stengel, Waks, Hong-mei Peng; David Granger has been doing a great job as book review editor, Mahoney stepped down mid-year.

AG wants to step down in mid-2010; feels that he has done his job bringing the journal up to a high level of quality;

A motion was made, seconded, and approved that AG should chair a small committee, including Garrison and Stone, who would have the task of choosing his successor, and that the committee be charged with disseminating broadly (i.e., beyond just the JDS and the SIG) the need for a new editor, and that the journal continue to be well founded and well funded;

Insights: There was no report from Bradley; Bradley has reported that he has 2 issues ready to go; Garrison indicated that it is a matter of record that we have promised at least a hard copy in the spring before the annual meeting; Garrison further noted that it may be an instrument that is coming to the end of its usefulness;

Waks recommended getting Bradley to send Stone the issues that are ready to be printed; Pamental volunteered to take "camera-ready" copies to Doc Services

Cunningham: The Board would like to express its view that Insights is a valuable instrument of the society, and that we some kind of resolution to the present

situation, namely, what is the direction we want to take?

It was generally resolved that Lynda should find out from Jon what the status of those two issues is, and that a resolution as to Bradley's status as editor should be sought within 6 months. Later conversations need to consider possible future directions.

*Lynda Reported on the AERA program: Lecture, symposium, reception, 2 paper sessions, round table, one awarded symposium (out of 3); 36 individual paper sessions, 75 individuals involved in submissions, 30 made it on the program, 56 reviewers; Look for new things to come next year

*JDS/SAAP session: The 3rd Session, on the topic of Growth and Happiness in Ethics and Education, was a success. Organizer Matthew Pamental was joined by members Scott Pratt and Jerry Rosiek, both of the University of Oregon. Papers were well received and discussed. SAAP has agreed that JDS will have a place among the rotating groups having access to the SAAP program, so no guarantee, but we should keep in touch with the SAAP program committee each spring/summer.

*Kurt Stenhagen: will send out a "gentle dues reminder" in the weeks following AERA; cross advertising with other societies; early career award? Use Insights as an outlet for early scholarship; Need to make SIG members more aware of the difference between SIG and JDS membership;

*Motion was made to go to PayPal for US members, seconded, and passed

*Motion was made to contact Linda Christenson at Re-Thinking schools and to find out the cost of advertising in the magazine; seconded and passed

*Cunningham made the motion that individuals on the masthead of the JDS (President, past president, president elect, sec/treas, board members) should meet separately from (and prior to) the business meeting and that the society fund that meeting; seconded and passed

Cunningham then suggested that people reporting at the meeting be more conscious of the environment and use less paper.

Garrison noted that he was going to ask for board approval for \$200.00 for a JDS sponsored session at at "John Dewey's 150th Birthday Celebration: An International Conference on Dewey's Impact on America and the World," October 22-24, 2009 Center for Inquiry, Amherst, New York [approval was later given, and Fishman, McCarthy, and Pamental were placed on the panel.]

Simpson made a motion that Garrison, Pamental, and Stone be applauded for their work [applause]

Garrison passed the gavel to Stone, who adjourned the meeting.