

Len thanks outgoing board members and welcomes new ones.

Len raises concern with the role of the Board of Directors. They perhaps should serve an oversight function, but our by-laws state nothing about their role or duties. It does not seem possible that the Board of Directors can meet absent the president calling them to order. Terri Wilson clarifies that there are procedural issues and substantive issues. Kathleen Knight Abowitz says that this is not an organization where the President gives a scholarly talk, it is an administrative role and the program is the one area where the President gets to exercise some vision and authority. Whatever scholarly power the president has Kyle Greenwalt says that the six-year commitment of the president creates a streamlined power structure and that the issue of board involvement predates these current by-laws. Andrea English says we should not be held by precedent but that we should revisit this important issue in light of our needs. Terri Wilson suggests we create a by-law and oversight committee that we can work on focusing this. Terri also suggests that there be a financial committee that receives the budget and a program advisory question. David Labaree says that nothing prevents the Board of Directors from electing a chair to lead these meetings. Doris Santoro nominates PJ Nelsen to be chair of the board. Motion carries. PJ calls for a motion on the creation of the three committees and the motion carries.

Len announces new executive roles, Rob Karaba, Jessica Haybach, Scott Johnson and Chuck Lowery.

John Covaleskie presents on work of the awards committee. There is a need to standardize the materials that are put forward in nomination, so that more guidance is given to nominators. In addition, there is a need to clarify how the recipients will be notified. John says he will not consider his job finished this year until he has some recommendations for the President and the Chair of the Board of Directors.

Leonard Waks says he would like to consider a new journal devoted to the work of John Dewey, as with other scholarly societies. He would like a green light to move forward on the idea of this journal. Kathleen Knight Abowitz would like at least one of those options to be a re-naming of the current journal. Len is going to appoint Andrea English, Scott Pratt and others to be involved. David Granger should be a part of this committee. Eli Kramer suggests that an emerging scholar be placed on this committee.

Kathleen Knight Abowitz is working with Harry Boyte and Eli Kramer to talk about a broad public campaign related to democracy in everyday life.

Eli Kramer would like to change its name from the Student Working Group to the Emerging Scholars Group to make this group more inclusive and more representative of who they actually work with. Motion carried.

Doris Santoro recommends that, building upon yesterday's School & Society Forum, we build student voice into the annual program.

Meeting adjourns.