

**John Dewey Society
Annual Business Meeting
October 9, 2021**

Present: Kyle Greenwalt, Barbara Stengel, Karenanna Creps, Sarah Stitzlein, Megan Laverty, Cara Furman, Buddy North, Scott Stroud, David Granger, Jea Sophia Oh, Joseph Harroff, Deron Boyles, Jim Garrison, Simon Jorgenson, David Hansen, Heather Keith, Susan Mayer, Maughn Rollins Gregory

Treasurer's Report (read by Sarah Stitzlein). Current membership is 126 paid members. Past year's expenses: \$13,224. Past year's income: \$25,621. Current bank balance: \$87,783. See [Annual Expense Report](#).

Dewey Studies Report (read by Sarah Stitzlein) is available [here](#) and **Journal of School & Society Report** (read by Kyle Greenwalt) is available [here](#).

Conferences White Paper (prepared by Heather Keith, highlights read by Sarah Stitzlein). See the full paper [here](#).

Open Discussion Item #1. What should we consider as we plan future annual conferences?

Susan Mayer: With a SIG, why have JDS meet at AERA. Don't we overlap and compete?

Barbara Stengel: We have to consider our three-footed stool metaphor. We are an organization that highlights philosophy, education, and democratic engagement. We should consider partnering with organizations that highlight these missions at regular intervals.

Cara Furman: With their larger budget, the JDS partnership helped NEPES this year. The AREA/JDS combo is helpful for those with limited travel budgets. AERA builds academic capital for junior scholars so it is often imperative for junior scholars to attend this organization.

David Granger: It's good to partner with local community organizations. To not just talk about other people, but to let those people to speak for themselves. To practice listening and generosity.

Deron Boyles: We have to be very strategic about long-term planning. We can't exhaust people's travel budget by having two conferences in one academic year, or international conferences without the chance to have planned for it. Having a meeting separate from AERA might be better for the long-term health of this organization.

David Granger: We should try surveying the membership to find out what they value.

Barbara Stengel: If we do an international conference, we have to think very far ahead. Do we want to think about digital conferences or digital events throughout the year?

Kyle Greenwalt and Scott Stroud: India is a possibility in 2023.

Heather Keith: We should be thinking about destination locations (like Burlington), and the internationalization of interest in Dewey. A possible six-year rotation for international locations. There could be a zoom option for those unable to afford it.

Joe Harroff: Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy is another possibility, if you want to have different people in the room.

Open Discussion Item #2. What do we with our bank reserve?

David Hansen: The best investment is our graduate students. They are the future of the Society.

Deron Boyles: We should start setting aside a defined amount to be split among all graduate students, without any competition for the monies. We need to look and plan long term.

Barb Stengel: If we created an endowment, say \$40,000, we use the interest to support graduate student travel.

Jim Garrison: We should reach out to other organizations to see what they are doing with their money. SAAP would be a good organization to talk with.

Welcoming of New Board Members and New President-Elect (Sarah Stitzlein).

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Meeting Adjourns.