

Beta Phi Mu October 2018 Online Board Mtg.
DRAFT Minutes
October 26, 2018
2:30-3:30pm

Present: Gordon Baker, Cecelia Brown, Michelle Demeter, Vicki Gregory, Emily Knox, Alison Lewis, Camille McCutcheon, Heather Moulaison Sandy, Sheri Ross, Laura Saunders, Elaine Yontz

After some initial communication glitches related to the Zoom system, the meeting was called to order at approximately 2:45pm. President Elaine Yontz welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

The agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions or changes.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the board's 2018 Annual Meeting was made by Gordon Baker and seconded by Camille McCutcheon. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget and Finances: The updated budget information and finances year-to-date had been provided earlier and were presented by Executive Director Alison Lewis and Treasurer Emily Knox. Figures revealed that the financial situation is still not good and we continue to spend more money than we take in. Some brainstorming took place regarding ways to increase revenue, building upon previous discussions. Lewis wondered about the possibility of applying for grants and expressed the desire for more corporate sponsors for scholarships. Board members were asked to think about contacts they may have and come to our Midwinter business meeting prepared to share names of persons or groups to approach for such sponsorships.

The Garfield Fellowships were discussed, although they do not affect the budget; this is money that comes in and goes out. Lewis explained that she had contacted Eugene Garfield's widow after last year's funding had been received by her direction from the Garfield Foundation. Lewis explained to her the board's desire to have a new agreement in place regarding these fellowships, but she has not heard back. It was decided that Lewis would approach her again and explain that the board has decided not to advertise the fellowships this year, pending a new agreement. Lewis will keep the board informed of any developments in this area.

It was determined that the Reed Scholarships for Beginning LIS Students is the only area of BPM-funded scholarships that could be cut. In recent years, two of these scholarships have been awarded. Knox made the motion that only one Reed Scholarship be given in 2019, enabling BPM to save \$2,250. The motion was seconded by Michelle Demeter and passed unanimously.

Revision to Lancour Fellowship description: Revision to the text of this fellowship's description had been provided earlier and was presented by Knox. Questions related to the need for this change were addressed by Knox, with additional information regarding the history and wording of the previous description provided by Lewis. The changes were accepted by acclamation. Lewis will have the fellowship description updated on the BPM website prior to the opening of the next scholarship season on November 15th.

Editorial Board request: Andrea Falcone, editor of the BPM Scholars Series, had forwarded a request to name board member Camille McCutcheon to the Editorial Board. McCutcheon's CV and letter of interest had been provided earlier. McCutcheon recused herself from participation in this agenda item. After some brief discussion, Baker moved to name McCutcheon to the board and this was seconded by Laura Saunders. The motion carried unanimously and McCutcheon was thanked for her willingness to serve in this capacity.

University of Denver situation: Lewis briefly described the situation with the University of Denver, which seems to be inviting students to join BPM but is not forwarding membership applications and fees to HQ. She has tried to be in touch with faculty there repeatedly and has received no response. Yontz stated that she knew the main faculty member in question but wondered if anyone else might have closer ties. Cecelia Brown stated she knew the faculty member and would be happy to reach out to her. Lewis offered to communicate additional information to Brown about the situation and BPM requirements one-on-one.

Professional Membership application: One completed application for BPM Professional Membership has been received. Due to issues with the zip file containing application materials sent earlier, it was decided to delay the vote on this matter for another week or two. Lewis will provide all board members with an account in SmarterSelect and will "assign" the application to them so that it will be easy to find.

Misc. Updates: Yontz reported that she and Baker are continuing to try to reach out to AASL schools concerning starting chapters and/or participating at-large. We have been contacted by one school, the University of Central Missouri, expressing interest.

Lewis noted that there are currently a handful of incomplete applications for Professional Membership in SmarterSelect. She will reach out to these people following the meeting and let them know that applications will be voted on again at ALA Midwinter, to help provide a "deadline" for completion.

Additional discussion of Professional Memberships took place. Lewis explained that she reached out to people who had previously contacted HQ about memberships but who were ineligible under previous rules. She is currently running a brief Facebook ad campaign to publicize this new membership category. It was suggested that a press release go out to publicize this more widely within the LIS community. Lewis will create a press release and share it on the JESSE listserv. She will also share it with the board and requested their help in getting it out to further professional listservs.

HQ Disposition Ad Hoc Committee report: Yontz and Knox are currently serving on this committee, to consider next steps for the disposition of BPM HQ after the current contract ends in the summer of 2019. A firm decision needs to be made by Midwinter to allow time for transition, if needed. There were no items to discuss at this time. Knox stated that the committee would bring forth three options to vote on at the Midwinter board meeting.

Sheri Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting as we were at the end of the agenda. Brown seconded and the meeting officially adjourned at 3:16 pm, with thanks to all for an efficient meeting.