

SPESE Fall 2008 Regional Meeting

Minutes from the SPE southeast regional meeting at the regional conference

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Meeting convened: 9:25AM

Welcome

Mark Malloy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Asheboro. This was followed by introductions from each of the 29 members present at the meeting.

Approval of the minutes for the regional meeting in Denver, Colorado. The minutes were approved without amendments.

Treasure's Report:

Daniel Kariko reported that the region is still doing very well financially. The current balance is a healthy \$27,405.05. The goal for the regional conference was to break even with approximately \$7,000 in expenses would leave a balance of \$20,000. As yet the payment from the national office for membership has not been added.

Regional Conference Updates:

A big thank you again to Greg Stewart and Randolph Community College for hosting the 2008 regional conference. A well planned event in a beautiful rural setting made for a memorable time.

2009: Perry Kirk of West Georgia will host the 2009 regional conference. The conference will be held in Atlanta and will include events associated with Atlanta Celebrates Photography Month. Perry was not in attendance and details regarding the upcoming event will be available soon. There were some concerns with the costs associated with the Atlanta conference. Also the idea of charging student members registration fees seems contradictory to decisions made at previous meetings.

2010: hosted by George Blakely & John Mann at Florida State University

2011: hosted by Christa Bowden at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

2012: hosted by the Light Factory in Charlotte, NC

2013: University of South Florida in Tampa (maybe?)

National News:

Congratulations to Michael Marshall and Michelle Van Parys from the Southeast region who were elected to the national board. Both were in attendance in Asheboro.

The National offices have now moved to Cleveland, Ohio and the new national web site should be up and running.

The national board has established new membership fees. Beginning January 2009 as follows:

Regular membership – 125.

Senior/Retired – 90.

Student – 55.

Regional Officer Elections:

Mark Malloy will be ending his three-year term as Chair in March of 2009. We opened the floor for nominations for his replacement at the regional meeting in Denver. Several nominations were made, and one of those nominated has agreed to run for the office. Rebecca Nolan is the lone nominee. The matter was discussed among the members as to how to proceed since the ballots that were to be distributed during the summer were not. There was a move close nominations and to proceed with the election, that motion was seconded. The members in attendance voted and Rebecca Nolan was elected Chair for the term 2009-2011. One member wanted it noted in the record that this was not in keeping with the by-laws of the society.

Newsletter:

Ryan Adrick serves as our newsletter editor. Thank you Ryan for volunteering for this service to the region. The newsletter will come out in November and will be the first electronic edition. The plan is to make it in PDF format for printing. If you have information or announcements you would like to include please forward them to Ryan at ryanadrick@gmail.com.

New Business:

Scholarships: The proposal which was passed by a vote of the membership in attendance in Denver was more clearly defined to offer \$500 and registration fees to one adjunct professor, one undergraduate and one graduate student to attend the national conference. There was discussion about setting guidelines for submission deadlines and procuring a juror from outside the region. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously by a vote with one abstention.

Due South:

The good news is that the publication Due South is now ready, unfortunately there was disagreement as to how this will be distributed to the students involved. Discussion centered on the shipping and the costs. It was suggested that we bring a number of copies to the national conference to give to those students. It was also suggested that we ship the books the institutions with which the students were associated. However since this project began over 2 years ago many of these students have moved on. It was the consensus of the members that we started this project and we need to finish it. Trying our best to get the books into the hands of the intended students no matter what the cost. A motion was made to charge the executive committee with resolving this issue. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned. 10:40 AM

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