

Minutes from the SPE southeast regional meeting at the national conference in Miami.
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Welcome

Mark Malloy opened the meeting, followed by introductions from each of the 46 members present at the meeting. An informal poll showed that the meeting was fairly evenly split between students and educators/professionals.

Treasurer Report –

There was a large round of applause and thanks to Silvia Lizama for 5+ years of service as our region's treasurer. Silvia is stepping down, and Daniel Kariko is taking over as the new treasurer for the region. Silvia reported that SPESE is doing better financially than ever before. Thanks in large part to a very successful regional conference in Boone and minimal operation expenses; we currently have a balance of \$20,914.71 in our account. Ya-hoo! Discussion of spending this money follows below in new business.

Regional Conferences

Rebecca Nolan will be chairing the next regional conference, hosted by Savannah College of Art and Design, October 11-14, 2007. Keynote speakers will include Andrea Robbins & Max Becher, Zig Jackson, and honored educator: Sam Wang. There will also be a Regional Faculty Show and Juried Student Show. Rebecca is accepting proposals for presentations at the conference. You can contact her directly with submissions or for more information: rnolan@scad.edu / 912.525.6503.

Look for more information about the upcoming conference on the SPESE website, www.spese.org and the regional newsletter.

Future conference plans include:

2008: hosted by Crista Cammaroto and the Light Factory in Charlotte (subject to change depending upon renovations at the Light Factory).

2009: hosted by Perry Kirk of West Georgia, to be held in Atlanta

2010: hosted by George Blakely at Florida State University

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

Website

The SPESE website continues to look great, with new updates being posted as they are received. Everyone was encouraged to check out the site, and send in additional information on their schools and samples of student works.

Newsletter

The next newsletter is currently being prepared and should be out in the next couple months. A short discussion followed between the options of an emailed pdf version and printed/mailed version. By unanimous vote, the members favored an emailed pdf. John Scarlata will supply the most up-to-date email list from the regional conference to send out the next newsletter.

Please send information to Blake Praytor to be included in the newsletter including exhibition announcements, articles, competition call for entries, photographs etc. Send to blake.praytor@gvltec.edu

List Serve – Michael Marshall reported that he spoke to the national office about a regional list-serv. The national office reported that only one region of SPE is currently operating a true list-serv hosted by a school in that region, although this service will be available upon the launching of the new national SPE website, hopefully soon. In the mean time, Corey George has offered to help set up a php (hypertext preprocessor) through the SPESE regional website to serve as a conduit for dialogue until the true list-serv is set up.

Officer Elections

Vice Chair / Secretary – Michael Marshall will be ending his term as vice chair / secretary following the national conference in 2008. A nominating committee was formed for this election including:

Former officer - John Scarlata: scarlataj@appstate.edu

Current officer - Daniel Kariko: Daniel@DanielKariko.com

Member at large - Scott Weber: sweber@mail.barry.edu

Email any of the nominating committee members with nominees, self-nominations accepted.

New Business –

Most of the new business surrounded the spending of current available funds. A discussion of various ideas ensued. A motion was made to eliminate regional conference charges for students as long as they were current members of SPE. This motion passed unanimously and will be in place for the next regional conference.

Other ideas included a publication of student work in the form of a newsletter or posters. This discussion included a juried student publication utilizing the new online book service – Blurb, an idea that is currently in motion. Look for more information soon.

Sam Wang proposed a former practice of inviting faculty members within the region to bring one print of a predetermined size to the conference, creating a formal portfolio to be donated to a recognized collection. There were lots of positive responses to this idea, but no volunteers to coordinate such an effort. If you would like to coordinate this, please contact one of the regional officers.

Meeting adjourned.