

AATC Business Meeting
Tampa, Florida
October 10, 2014

7:30 AM – Meeting called to order by AATC President, Barbara Slater Stern. Dr. Stern welcomed members and guests to the annual business meeting.

Items discussed by Dr. Stern:

1. Announced the 2015 and 2016 conference sites, Portland, Maine and Grand Rapids, Michigan.
2. Announced new board members-John Pecore, Amy Williams, Bill White (President Elect), Brad Conrad, and Kate Kauper.
3. Dr. Stern called upon Christi Moroye to announce the Professor Fran Hunkins Dissertation awards.
4. Next, Dr. Stern called upon Dr. Lynne Bailey to give the financial report. Dr. Bailey did not present the membership with an official report, but explained aspects of AATC's 501C status and why the organization is required to build a reserve of funds to cover at least two years worth of conference contracts.
 - a. Dr. Bailey gave a detailed account of AATC's journal contract with Information Age Publishing with Dr. Marcy Kysilka providing the background and origins of the conference's relationship with IAP.
 - b. Dr. Bailey discussed conference numbers and thanked Dr. Peggy Moch for her work on a spreadsheet that would help the organization track data on how money is spent. She also thanked Dr. Pecore for his work as Program Chair.
5. Dr. Stern thanked Dr. Pecore for his work as Program Chair.
6. President Stern called upon Dr. Shelley Harris (membership) for her report.
 - a. Dr. Shelly Harris reported retention suggestions in the form of attention to greeting conference attendees, stickers on badges to help new members identify conference officials.
7. Next, Dr. William White invited all members to voice their needs or wishes.
8. President Stern then called upon AATC's historian , Dr. Vicki Ross, who reported that the office of the historian is collecting any and all information on the history of AATC.
9. Next, Dr. Megan Kennedy discussed the O.L. Davis, Jr. Outstanding Book award.
10. President Stern then called upon Dr. Brad Conrad to discuss the news letter. Dr. Conrad urged the membership to think about multiple modes of communication, i.e. Twitter.
11. Dr. Bruce Uhrmacher reported on the writers's workshop. He stated that the participants were small in number, but were a dedicated group. He suggested a single rather than a double session for next year.
12. Dr. Stern reported that Dr. Christie Moroye was elected to a 3 year term as co-editor of AATC's CTD journal.
13. Dr. Amy Masko then gave an Outreach report that included new initiatives on pre-conference events. She spoke on the 10 a.m. session on how research of AATC members can make a bigger impact. She reported that the AATC Council (board) rejected a proposal regarding political position statements. Dr. Stern responded that due to a Florida law that prohibits 501C organizations and that AATC received its 501C status from the

state of Florida and is therefore subject to its laws pertaining to 501Cs, there can be no position statements. Dr. Masko also reported that the Outreach group recommended that and Outreach member serve as a liaison to the Executive Council one be appointed from the Council.

14. President Stern then held an extensive discussion on revisions to the AATC Constitution. She thanked Dr. Kysilka for her suggestion of a summary sheet for revisions rather than the entire set of statements regarding each revision.
 - a. Dr. Stern offered information on the changes and opened the floor for questions.
 - b. Dr. Bailey briefly discussed the website in order to clarify the insertion (change) of maintenance to the constitution.
 - c. Dr. Stern discussed who can vote at council meetings and who may attend these meetings.
 - d. Dr. Stern spoke on Article 4, section 7- clarified who can fill a council term if vacated when a voting council member assumes other positions, e.g. program chair.
 - e. Dr. Stern clarified that only program chairs can hold 2 positions and did not have to resign their council position to assume the position of program chair.
 - f. Dr. Stern clarified the change regarding program co-chair. She explained that since AATC's inception, the organization had supported the idea of a program chair and co-chair for continuity. She went on to say that the concept of a program co-chair should be re-established or reinstated.
 - g. Dr. Stern discussed AATC's obligation to keep two years worth of conference contract funds in order to fulfill the organization's signed contracts.
 - h. Dr. Stern offered that the organization does not reimburse except for speakers' expenses.
15. Dr. Stern called for a motion to accept all of the revisions to the AATC Constitution.
16. Dr. Rich Biffle and Dr. Marcy Kysilka moved to accept changes/revisions. Dr. Peggy Moch seconded the motion.
17. The motion passed unanimously.
18. Dr. David Flinders announced statistics of a 38% acceptance rate for last year's journal and one change to the journal in the form of "Out takes," in the form of small items.
19. Dr. Pamela Thompson gave a briefing about the Portland, 2015, annual meeting. Called upon the membership to voice their preference/s regarding pre-conference events.
20. Dr. Stern thanked everyone for their attendance, which provided the business meeting with a quorum in order to facilitate the votes for the constitutional changes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.