

PEA Minutes
April 13, 2005
Montreal, Canada

There were 46 people in attendance at the annual PEA meeting held in conjunction with AERA.

Bruce Cooper, president, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for all present to introduce themselves. Bruce began the meeting by talking about the continuity of the organization since its inception in 1969. The organization is currently growing and adding new politics of ed scholars. His goals are to continue to increase membership, to expand the dialogue about politics of education and to provide more opportunities for publication.

Minutes from last years meeting were distributed and accepted without amendment.

Carolyn Herrington discussed the relationship between PEA and Division L of AERA. She indicated that there is a large overlap between the organizations with many PEA members serving in leadership roles in Division L. She also relayed that Division L (with Carolyn editing) would be publishing a handbook of education policy research which will include a section on politics. The handbook will be published by Lawrence Earlbaum.

A discussion was then held about starting a book series devoted to the politics of education. George Johnson, the publisher from Information Age publishing led the discussion. He indicated that each book in the series would be published in both paperback and hardback. The series would not be limited by topic and could include higher ed politics. PEA would decide who would be the series editor and then that editor would have control over content. The series would release a book every 12-18 months with 10 books in the entire series (initially). The average book length would be approximately 200 pages but is ultimately unlimited. A minimum of 500 copies should be sold. The publishing turn around time is 15-18 weeks from the time they receive the finished manuscript until the time it is printed.

Jay Scribner moved to accept the proposal from Information Age publishing. The vote was 40 in favor of the series with none against and no abstentions. Ken Wong then moved that an interim structure be put in place that would appoint 2 editors to get the first two books out with a more permanent process developed for selecting the series editor during that interim. Catherine Marshall made a friendly amendment that the publications committee decide the first two editors. Both motions passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was read by Bruce Cooper for Lance Fusarelli.

Jane Lindle presented the slate for the position of association secretary. Lora Cohen Vogel was nominated and Barbara Jackson moved that the nomination be accepted by acclamation.

Darleen Opfer gave the publications committee report on behalf of John Fitz. The publications committee has lined up editors for the next two yearbooks as well as the 2007 special issue of the Peabody Journal. We also have a yearbook and a special issue being released this year (2005). An issue was raised about the deadlines for submission of proposals – the website currently has a deadline listed in May for the 2007 yearbook but that yearbook editorship has already been filled. Betty Malen suggested that the publications committee clarify their dates for future submissions.

Lora Cohen Vogel discussed the PEA Bulletin. If you haven't been getting your bulletin it probably means you need to update your email. The Bulletin has been expanded to include a features section, a news section, and a prospectus section. If you have news or ideas for feature articles please contact Lora.

This year on the AERA program we got three sessions plus a business meeting because of our SIG status. We received 5 proposals for symposia and accepted 2. We received 6 paper proposals and accepted 4. John Sipple volunteered to be our AERA program chair for next year.

Sandra Vergari gave an update on the fellowship committee. The US Conference of Mayors gave \$40,000 for the fellowship to go to pre-doctoral students who could work for the Conference for 12 months. The fellowship committee received 2 candidates and one name was put forward but this person was unable to fulfill the fellowship. The fellowship will continue for a second year if the Conference has the funding – should it continue the original candidate will be asked to serve. If you know of additional contacts for fellowships with other associations, please let the fellowship committee know and they will pursue the lead.

Betty Malen asked about PEA awards. We realized we are off-cycle with the awards as they should be given in alternating years. It was recommended that an awards committee be appointed to get us back on track. Also the eligibility brackets for the awards need to be adjusted so that people don't miss out on the awards (for example, the dissertation award needs to cover this year so that students remain eligible).

Bruce adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.