

MINUTES from the Annual Business Meeting of the Politics of Education Association
April 8, 2006

Minutes recorded by Lora Cohen-Vogel, PEA Secretary

There were 73 people in attendance at the annual PEA meeting on April 8, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association convened in San Francisco.

Bruce Cooper, president, called the meeting to order and called on the Secretary to present the minutes.

Minutes from the 2005 meeting were distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting. Lora Cohen-Vogel, secretary, presented the minutes, announcing that they had been posted on the Association website since late April of 2005. Stacey Rutledge moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Janie Clark Lindle seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted without amendment.

Janie Clark Lindle, elections officer for the 2006-2008 cycle, was called upon. She announced that elections would be held for Association president, treasurer, and two at-large members of the executive board. Election for secretary is held in the off-year, and, therefore, is scheduled for the 2007 business meeting. Dr. Lindle announced that the Elections Committee had asked Bruce Cooper to restand as president. She then thanked Lance Fusarelli for his service as treasurer of the Association. Dr. Lindle reported that after soliciting nominations via the Listserv and PEA Bulletin, the Committee received no nominees. Therefore, the Committee contacted active members and asked them to run. Dr. Lindle then submitted a ballot to the membership that included Bruce Cooper for President, Vincent Anfara for Treasurer, Rick Ginsburg for At-Large Member, Bob Johnson for At-large Member.

From the floor, Doug Mitchell moved to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Bruce Cooper as President. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jay Scribner. Janie Clark Lindle, serving as Elections Officer, called the vote. It passed with none opposed and none abstaining.

From the floor, Doug Mitchell moved to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Vincent Anfara as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jay Scribner. Janie Clark Lindle, serving as Elections Officer, called the vote. It passed with none opposed and none abstaining.

From the floor, Andrea Rorrer moved to nominate Brendon Maxey for At-large Member. The motion was seconded. Hearing that there were three candidates for the two at-large positions, Dr. Lindle called for a vote by ballot. Members in attendance were instructed to vote by writing the names of two candidates on a piece of paper. Ballots were collected and tallied. After the reading of the PEA Bulletin report (see below), Dr. Lindle announced that Brendon Maxey and Rick Ginsburg had been elected at-large members.

Lora Cohen-Vogel, secretary, was called upon for the reading of the Treasurer report as Lance Fusarelli was absent. She read from the report, highlighting the \$6,477 balance as of November 1, 2003 and the current balance (as of 2/28/06) of \$13,892. She then read a statement from outgoing Treasurer Fusarelli that pointed to the increased income despite added costs associated with the purchase and mailing of the special politics issue of the *Peabody Journal of Education* (a project begun in 2002 or 2003). The statement went on to describe yearbook distribution as uneven. Most members receive the yearbooks within 4 months of its printing, though members joining or renewing in the Fall usually wait longer. Dr. Fusarelli ended his statement by committing to send the 2005 yearbooks to members who had not yet received them.

John Fitz, chairman of the publications committee, was called upon by Dr. Cooper to give the committee report. He announced that after his 5 year tenure as publications chair, Kathryn McDermott would take over beginning immediately. He thanked the members of his committee, encouraging them to continue to serve. He then announced that the publications committee has lined up editors for the PEA yearbook and the special issue of the *Peabody Journal of Education* through 2007. The committee is currently soliciting proposals for the 2008 yearbook.

The PEA program chair for the AERA conference is John Sipple. Dr. Sipple will serve at the program chair for the 2007 AERA conference as well. He announced that a change in AERA bylaws would revamp the way SIGs are allocated slots on the AERA program. Slots will no longer be based on the number of SIG members but on the number of proposals submitted. There was discussion about generating a higher number of submissions. Bill Boyd asked whether the policy change would encourage people to flood the system with proposals regardless of quality. Also asked was whether there was a limit on submissions. Dr. Sipple could not offer a definitive answer on these questions. He reported that the 2006 PEA program at AERA was comprised of one business meeting slot, one paper session, and one round table.

Bruce Cooper announced a new initiative to improve the teaching of the politics of education. He envisions a national data bank housing course syllabi, cases, course notes, and other materials. He called on the members to volunteer for the effort.

Janice Hansel reported on the PEA Offshore Conference held at Stanford University on April 6, 2006 in honor of Michael Kirst as he retires from teaching. She coordinated the meeting for PEA. She said that about 40 people were in attendance for the PEA sponsored morning session. Another 150 or so Stanford alums and friends of Dr. Kirst joined in for the afternoon session. The morning session included a welcome by Bruce Cooper, a tribute to Dr. Kirst by Jacob Adams, and a panel headed up by Bill Boyd about ongoing studies in five urban districts throughout the United States. Panelists included Charles Kerchner, Dorothy Shipps, Kathy Bulkley, Eva Gold, Norm Fruchter, and Jane Hannaway.

Lora Cohen-Vogel and Stacey Rutledge, co-editors of the PEA Bulletin, announced that three issues of the Bulletin were published this year. The Bulletin has been expanded to include a features section and a perspectives section. The current issue (Spring, 2006) includes a feature article on immigration policy, educational policy, and exclusionary politics by Melissa Marschall of Rice University and a piece by Gregg Garn and Lance Fusarelli on teaching the politics of education. Dr. Cohen-Vogel announced that she will be stepping down as co-editor, and that Jeff Brooks of Florida State University will be taking her place. The editors solicited authors and ideas for articles from members.

Bruce Cooper gave an update on the USCM-PEA Fellowship. 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. Danielle LeSure, selected by the fellowship committee last year, is now ending her work with the Conference. Dr. Cooper said that he hoped to be able to award another fellowship in the future.

Bruce called on Dorothy Shipps and Douglas Mitchell to speak on behalf of the awards committee. An awards committee headed by Dorothy Shipps was appointed after the business meeting in 2005. The committee has successfully brought the awards process back on-cycle. Dr. Shipps reported that the awards committee includes herself as chair, Doug Mitchell, Hanne MaWhinney, Bonnie Fusarelli, Jim Cibulka, and Eric Freeman. She said that the committee, working as a committee of the whole, bestows all of the awards that PEA gives. This year winners for two awards (the outstanding dissertation award and the Stephen K. Bailey award) were selected. There were 14 submissions for the 2006 dissertation award. Submissions included an application form, nomination form, and 450-word abstract. Four finalists were selected. Of these, two were awarded. They were Tiina Itkonen (Lorraine McDonnell, advisor) and Brendan Maxey (Jay Scribner, advisor). Winners receive a check in the amount of \$200, a plaque, written comments from each of the committee members, and publication guidance from Bruce Cooper.

Dorothy Shipps called on Douglas Mitchell to make presentations to the recipients of the Stephen K. Bailey award. He said that the award was created to honor those making major contributions to the field. Previous winners have included Bill Boyd (inaugural recipient), Doug Mitchell, and Tim Mazzoni. Dr. Mitchell reported that committee deliberations over the nominees resulted in a tie. The committee awarded the honor to Betty Malen of the University of Maryland, College Park and Jim Cibulka of the University of Kentucky. As is convention, recipients were given the opportunity to speak. Both thanked PEA and its members.

Bruce Cooper acknowledged the good relationship PEA has with Division L: Policy and Politics and called on the Vice President of the division, Carolyn Herrington, to stand.

Dr. Cooper made a final announcement about how to join PEA, encouraging members to renew through the AERA web-based membership portal.

Finally, Doug Mitchell was called upon to introduce the invited speaker, Michael Kirst. Dr. Kirst presented a talk entitled *Forty-two years of teaching and research on the*

politics of education. He called on the Association to move beyond the consideration of the state of the field and onto an agenda for the future.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:50 p.m.