

MINUTES from the 2007 Annual Business Meeting of the Politics of Education Association
Minutes recorded by Lora Cohen-Vogel, PEA Secretary

There were 44 people in attendance at the annual PEA meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association convened in Chicago, IL.

Bruce Cooper (Fordham), PEA President, called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm and called on the Secretary to present the minutes. Minutes from the 2006 meeting were distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting. Lora Cohen-Vogel (Florida State University), PEA Secretary, presented the minutes and Kathryn McDermott moved to waive the reading of the minutes. John Sipple (Cornell) seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted without amendment.

Brendan Maxcy (U. of Missouri), on behalf of the elections committee (Maxcy and Katie Bulkley) for the 2007-2009 cycle, was called upon. He announced that elections would be held for Association secretary. (Elections are staggered, and elections for President, Treasurer, and two at-large members are scheduled to be held in advance of the 2008 business meeting.) Dr. Maxcy announced that the Elections Committee had solicited nominations for Secretary via the PEA listserv in advance of the meeting. Stacey Rutledge of Florida State University stood as the only nominee. Jim Cibulka (U. of KY) moved to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Stacey Rutledge as Secretary; Doug Mitchell (U. of CA, Riverside) seconded the motion. Brendan Maxcy, as elections officer, called the vote. It passed with none opposing.

Katie McDermott (UMASS-Amherst), chairman of the publications committee, was called upon by Dr. Cooper to give the committee report. She introduced the release of the 2007 Yearbook (published simultaneously as a special issue of *Educational Policy*) on the politics of privatization (Fusarelli & Bulkley, eds.) and the imminent release of a special issue of the *Peabody Journal of Education* on the role of the media in education (Cynthia Gerstl-Pepin & Darleen Opfer, eds.). She also announced the committee's acceptance of a proposal for the 2008 Yearbook on the politics of fear in schools. The committee is currently soliciting proposals for the 2009 yearbook and the 2009 special issue of the *Peabody Journal of Education*; proposals are due by May 15, 2007. From the floor, Ken Wong (Brown) asked whether PEA should consider a blind refereed process for the Yearbook and themed special issue of the *Peabody Journal of Education*. Discussion ensued, but no decision was made.

Bruce Cooper reported on the status of the "PEA Handbook" (Cooper, Cibulka, & Fusarelli, Eds.). It was reported that the Handbook chapters are almost finished, and that the Handbook would likely be published with 27 chapters by Erlbaum (which bought out Taylor & Francis) in 2008.

Stacey Rutledge, coeditor (with J. Brooks) of the *PEA Bulletin*, gave an update on the Bulletin. The editors are committed to publishing two issues per year. Articles during the last 12 month cycle were authored by Mike Kirst (Stanford), Brendan Maxcy, John Sipple, and Enrique Aleman. The editors are trying to build an announcement section, and called on members to submit news of newly published work to be included in each Bulletin.

John Sipple, PEA program chair for the AERA conference, announced that PEA received double the number of submissions that it did last year. He reminded the membership that SIGs are no longer allocated slots on the basis of the size of SIG membership but on the number of proposals submitted, and encouraged members to submit to the SIG during the upcoming August. He also reminded members that Division L typically awards PEA one session for the PEA Yearbook. Discussion ensued about whether the special issue of the Peabody Journal of Education should also be automatically awarded a slot. The editors of the 2007 special issue of PJE had submitted a proposal to PEA, but were not awarded the slot when the proposal failed to receive reviews that outranked other proposals.

Bruce called on Dorothy Shipps (City University of New York) to speak on behalf of the awards committee. She thanked the committee, comprised of Bonnie Fusarelli, Doug Mitchell, Hanne Mawhinney, Jim Cibulka, Eric Freeman and herself (all serving since 2005), for their work to review submissions and nominations for 3 faculty awards and one dissertation award. She then announced and acknowledged the four finalists for the Outstanding Dissertation Award: Seth Halverson, Frank Grossman (Teachers College), Eric Ness (Vanderbilt), and Deidre Martinez. The winner of the 2007 Outstanding Dissertation Award was Deidre Martinez. Dr. Martinez was unable to attend AERA, but Dorothy Shipps read a statement by her aloud. The David Colton Award, recognizing individuals who make a distinctive contribution to the development of the Politics of Education Association, was awarded (in absentia) to Donald H. Layton for 2007. Dorothy Shipps announced that the Bailey Award, given in 2006, is only given every other year and, therefore, will not be awarded for 2007. Calls for nominations for the Bailey award were sent via the listserv, but did not result in a robust pool of applicants. The committee will look again next year (for 2008). Dr. Shipps then asked the membership to consider constructing two separate committees to serve PEA Awards activities, arguing that the time involved is substantial. Hanne Mawhinney made a motion to create two separate awards committees, and Katie McDermott seconded the motion. The motion passed with none opposing. Dorothy Shipps announced that she would ask James Cibulka to head the Scholarship and Service Awards Committee which would take nominations for three different awards for 2008: The Steven K. Bailey Award, the Roald F. Campbell Award and the David Colton Award. The Dissertation Award Committee would be headed by Dorothy Shipps, and would seek nominations for the Outstanding Dissertation in the Politics of Education.

The Treasurers report indicated that PEA currently has 188 paid members, and another 116 members whose memberships have lapsed. Of the 188 members, 11 are not AERA members (and pay for PEA membership to the association directly). The balance in the Association account is \$16,720. From this total, approximately \$6000 has been encumbered and is currently being processed for pay-out by AERA. These expenses cover yearbooks, mailings, award plaques, award checks, and misc expenses (e.g., copies).

Dana Mitra reported on PEA's newest initiative – POETS (Politics of Education Teaching Services), a repository of course syllabi, assignments, and materials on the PEA web site. POETS currently has in its archive 8 syllabi, and Dr. Mitra is soliciting additional syllabi and materials. Members should email her with their materials at dmitra@psu.edu.

Burke Nagy, a SAGE exhibitor, was called on. He handles the PEA Yearbook Series for SAGE. He expressed SAGE's continued interest in publishing the Yearbook as part of the journal, *Educational Policy*.

At 7:15 pm, James Cibulka introduced the invited speaker, William L. Boyd. Dr. Boyd is the editor of the American Journal of Education, has published over 140 articles and 16 co-edited books, and is a past president of PEA and was the first V.P. of Division L. Dr. Boyd presented a talk entitled *Insurmountable Obstacles: The Evolution of Educational Policy and Politics on the United States, 1950-2007*. His powerpoint will be posted on the PEA Website under POETS.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:05 p.m.