

MINUTES from the 2008 Annual Business Meeting of the Politics of Education Association
Minutes recorded by Stacey Rutledge, PEA Secretary

There were 52 people in attendance at the annual PEA meeting on March 26, 2008 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 6:20 p.m. He talked about his tenure as president and the end of his term. He talked about the 25th anniversary event and the 2009 anniversary in San Diego.

Bruce then calls on the organizers of the National Education Politics Workshop, Michelle Young (University of Texas at Austin), Lora Cohen-Vogel (Florida State University) and Stacey Rutledge (Florida State University) to speak about the workshop held on March 24th. Michelle reports that 85 graduate students and junior scholars participated in the event. She thanks the two keynote speakers, Carolyn Herrington and Jay D. Scribner.

Bruce then called on the Secretary to present the minutes. Minutes from the 2007 meeting had been distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting. Stacey Rutledge (Florida State University), PEA Secretary, presented the minutes. The minutes were accepted without amendment.

Vince Anfara (University of Tennessee), Treasurer, was then called on to discuss the current membership and finances. He said that PEA had 190 members of which 151 held one-year memberships and 39 held two-year memberships. He said that the association in his tenure had fluctuated between 182 and 200 members. He said that almost all were joining through AERA however Bill Boyd (Pennsylvania State University) continued to manage an account in PA and periodically received checks from individuals not wishing to join AERA. Vince then turned to the budget. He said that the current account balance was \$14,292.66. He said that the yearbooks for members came to approximately \$9,000.00 and this went to SAGE for the annual Education Policy yearbook, TaylorFrancis for the bi-annual Peabody Journal of Education, and some for postage. He also paid \$364 for plaques for awards.

Vince also gave some heads up on AERA's plans to reorganize SIGS. He said that AERA is moving to limit and control awards as well as have all SIGS rewrite their by-laws. AERA is also planning to sunset 6 SIGS.

John Sipple (Cornell) and Greg Garn (University of Oklahoma), PEA Program Chairs for the 2008 meeting, were then called on to present their report on the AERA program. John reported that they had received 28 proposals and had 36 reviewers. They invited members to the Friday afternoon Yearbook session. They also announced that they would be stepping down and asked for volunteers to take over.

Katherine McDermott (University of Massachusetts) was called on to report on the Publications Committee. She said she was pleased to announce the 2008 "Fearbook" (Education Policy

yearbook on the Politics of Fear in Education Policy) was out. She said that the committee was now in the process of putting together the 2009 yearbook on the Politics of Advocacy. She said that Dorothy Shipps (City University of New York) and Judith Kafka (City University of New York) were chosen to co-edit the Peabody Journal of Education on Leadership and Politics of Education. She called for proposals for the May cycle for the 2010 yearbook.

William K. Ingle (Bowling Green State University) was then called on to report on the PEA Bulletin. He thanked Brendan Maxcy (University of Missouri), his co-editor, and Roxanne Hughes (Florida State University), the managing editor. He thanked the lead authors from the previous academic year. He then asked the awardees of the best dissertation prize to get in touch with him about writing a piece for the Bulletin. He also called for members to send updates so the Bulletin could feature their publications and news.

Dorothy Shipps (City University of New York) was then called on to discuss dissertation awards. She reported that 14 people were nominated for the 2006 award and that 15 were nominated for the 2007 award. She noted that this year six dissertations were received that covered the topic of politics of higher education. As a result, the committee decided to give two awards this year, one for the best dissertation for the politics of K-12 education and one for the politics of higher education. She introduces the first recipient of the Outstanding Dissertation, Jal Mehta.

Jal Mehta (Harvard University) addresses the group. He thanks Sandy Jenks (Harvard University) and the awards committee. He then gives a summary of his dissertation in which he examines the emergence of the standards and assessment movement.

Dorothy then presents the Outstanding Dissertation in Higher Education, David A. Tandberg (Pennsylvania State University). He explains that his dissertation uses a New Institutional Perspective to explore the politics of higher education. He thanks Don Heller (Pennsylvania State University).

Dorothy then acknowledges Dierdre Martinez (University of Pennsylvania) last year's recipient, but she was not present. Dorothy also acknowledges Betty Malen (University of Maryland), Brendan Maxcy (University of Missouri), Lorraine McDonnell (University of California, Santa Barbara), Eric Ness (University of Pittsburgh) and E. Vance Randall (Brigham Young University) for their participation on the committee.

Dorothy noted that Lorraine McDonnell was set to become the President of AERA, and therefore might not have time to serve out her two-year stint on the Dissertation Awards Committee. Lorraine had alerted Dorothy to this limitation when she was first asked to be on the committee in 2007. Discussion began about who might replace Lorraine for one year. Before that discussion could begin, however, Lorraine volunteered to serve out her term, despite her many other AERA obligations. She received a round of applause for this deep commitment to PEA.

Jim Cibulka (University of Kentucky) is then called upon to present the Roald F. Campbell Award. He thanks Catherine Lugg (Rutgers) and Doug Mitchell (University of California, Riverside) for serving on the committee. He presents the award to Francis Fowler from Miami University of Ohio.

Francis Fowler (Miami University of Ohio) then accepts the award. She says that she served as PEA program chair for the 25th anniversary. She has also served on the Executive Committee. She says that PEA has meant a great deal to her.

Stacey Rutledge (Florida State University) is then called on to discuss elections. She thanks the other members of the ad hoc committee, Betty Malen (University of Maryland) and Lance Fusarelli (North Carolina State University). She says that the deadline for the call for nominations was February 1st, 2008 and that the ballots were sent out March 7th. Only members that were paid up through December 31st were sent a ballot. She announces the results: Lora Cohen-Vogel (Florida State University) as president, Tamara Young (North Carolina State University) as Treasurer and Dorothy Shipps (Baruch) and Dana Mitra (Penn State University) as at-large members. She then announces the new president, Lora Cohen-Vogel.

Lora Cohen-Vogel thanks Bruce Cooper (Fordham University) for his leadership over the last four years. She says that he never let good ideas die. She asks the membership to send her new ideas. Lora takes the opportunity to discuss the 40th anniversary celebration in more detail. She says that the anniversary gala will include a Video History Project that will document the history of PEA. She asks members to volunteer to serve on the gala planning committee. She also introduces several new initiatives. She reports that Tamara will be carrying out an extensive membership drive. She also says that she plans to add a data clearinghouse component to the PEA website.

Dana Mitra (Pennsylvania State University), the organizer of POETS, the Politics of Education Teaching Services project, asks members to keep sending their syllabi because she would like to expand the resource.

Bruce makes a plug for POETS and introduces Jay D. Scribner (University of Texas at Austin) who is retiring this year. Nine others spoke in acknowledgment of Jay's contributions to their scholarship and to his wise counsel on how to balance personal and professional obligations in the academe. Bruce then leads the group in a song for Jay. Jay then stands up to thank the group for this acknowledgement.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:05.