

DRAFT

NCSA New Council Meeting
Chicago, IL
Saturday, April 26, 2016

Present: Brendan Mullan, Debra Swanson, Anna Linders, Melinda Messineo, Rachel Stein, Lisa Hickman, Monique Gregg, Michelle Bemiller, Sam Mindes, Jeff Seymour, Mellisa Holtzman, Michelle Smith, Fayyaz Hussain, Kathleen Piker-King, Todd Callais, Chadwick Menning, Robyn White, Danielle Lavin-Loucks, Joyce Lucke

President Deb Swanson called the New Council Meeting to order at 12:41pm. Introductions followed.

President Deb Swanson asked for a motion to approve the New Council Meeting agenda as amended. Motion to approve by Brendan Mullan, second by Rachel Stein. No vote was taken.

Presidential Report: Deb Swanson noted that the theme for the 2017 conference is “Peace in a Time of Polarization,” and she reported that Bruce Keith would serve as the plenary speaker.

Vice President Report: Melinda Messineo asked Joyce Lucke (conference coordinator) and Bob Carrothers to report on how the 2016 meeting went.

Bob said sessions were well attended. He noted that the absence of sheets for presiders to fill out on session attendance numbers and presenter “no-shows” was confusing for some NCSA members but those were missing because MSS collects that information later via a survey. He said that anecdotal evidence, nonetheless, suggests that there were a high number of “no-shows.” Roundtables were well attended.

Joyce said there were no problems at the registration desk, and there were no complaints. Approximately 300 people paid for the conference, roughly 2 dozen didn’t pick up their name tags, but an additional 2 dozen registered on site. We did lose some members to MSS registrations by accident, thus our registration numbers are down a bit for an NCSA meeting, but still up for a joint meeting (in 2010 we only had 270 registrations). Joyce noted that based on these numbers, we owe MSS for about ¼ of the joint expenses.

Melinda reported on the schedule for next meeting: In August, submissions for closed sessions will begin; paper submissions will be due in mid-November, notification to authors will go out in late January. There was also discussion over how to handle the undergraduate paper submissions. Alan McEvoy would like NCSA to have a 2nd submission portal available in January for undergraduate papers. This will allow him to receive all submissions as a single batch, rather than piecemeal in his personal email. Joyce said that would be possible.

Past President Report: Brendan Mullan noted that he will serve as the chair of the nominations committee and select two others to serve with him. He will create a slate of candidates to submit to council prior to the mid-year meeting. He also committed to continuing with the archive

project and centenary celebration planning. He will provide evaluations for the conference coordinator and public relations positions at the mid-year meeting.

President-elect Report: Anna Linders noted that she is looking into committee Chairships to ensure that no replacements are needed. She also noted that Alan McEvoy has agreed to Chair the undergraduate student paper committee again.

Vice President-elect Report: Rachel Stein noted she had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Hickman noted she had nothing to report at this time, as we are still waiting for numbers from MSS.

Public Relations Report: Danielle Lavin-Loucks asked for people to submit newsletter items and she encouraged people to "Like" our Facebook page.

Conference Coordinator Report: Joyce Lucke noted she had nothing additional to add beyond what she offered during the Vice-President's report.

Teaching Section Report: Mellisa Holtzman shared information from Old Council and the Teaching Section breakfast regarding the Future Faculty and Professional Development certifications. The consensus among these groups was to maintain the essay component of these certificates. She also reported on changes to the nomination process for the Schnabel Award. In 2017, we will move to an online submission format that will eliminate the need for nomination letters and allow for self-nominations. The teaching section chair will solicit supporting documentation from all nominees. Mellisa also reported that during the teaching section breakfast it was suggested that NCSA might want to consider adding a graduate student teaching award to our list of awards. Mellisa said she would draw up a proposal to that effect and present it to council at the mid-year meeting.

Student Section Report: Sam Mindes noted that the conference went well for students and that that student meet-up on Friday night was a success. The graduate student lounge was well utilized during the conference and the food was much appreciated. Discussion followed regarding offering a graduate student lounge at NCSA next year. Joyce noted that for the last two years NCSA has had a student reception and students have used the speaker's "quiet room" throughout the day. Further discussion of adding an undergraduate lounge or reception ensued but no decisions or recommendations were made. During the 2017 meeting, Sam would like to have a session early in the conference that is a "mixer" for the students so they can get to know each other and will feel more comfortable interacting at the official student reception.

Subcommittee Reports (for individuals not present at Old Council):

- Todd Callais of the Student Paper Awards Committee discussed the pros and cons for the current rules regarding the student paper awards. Currently, papers considered for the graduate award must be submitted for the conference as well. This is prohibitive for some students as they cannot realistically afford to attend the conference unless their paper wins. After discussion it was decided to eliminate the submission requirement and

readopt previous practices whereby a “graduate student winners” session is created for the conference and populated after the winners are announced.

- Fayyaz Hussain of the Profession, Freedom, and Responsibility Committee reported that he organized a session with three panelists who discussed issues of professional freedom. It was well attended and generated lively discussion.

New Business

Melinda Messineo announced that NCSA and AKD may partner to offer a half-day pre-conference workshop during the 2017 meeting in Indianapolis. The seminar will be for mid-career scholars and possibly held at Butler University in the morning on the first day of the conference. This is all tentative.

Deb Swanson asked Michelle Bemiller and Monique Gregg, Council-Members-At-Large, to work on constitutional and bylaw updates by first collecting information on each position from former position members. They should report on their findings at the mid-year council meeting.

Deb asked Joyce Lucke for a report on sites for the 2018 meeting in Pittsburg. Joyce noted that there are 8 venues to choose from, 4 responded to her queries, 1 said no to proposed dates, and 3 said that at least 1 of dates were possible. Those three are the Marriott (\$159/night; 4/6-4/7), the Renaissance (\$139/night, 3/30-3/31), and the Sheraton (\$139/night; 4/6-4/7). Discussion ensued over the pros and cons of the three hotels; Sheraton was the preferred option. Joyce will contact them further.

Deb asked for a report on future sites. Todd Callais, Alan McEvoy, and Rachel Kraus were members of a committee that investigated Columbus, OH, Louisville, KY, and Grand Rapids, MI as possible sites for upcoming meetings. Todd reported that locations for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 meetings are all open, the 2022 meeting tentatively a joint meeting with MSS again and thus would be in Chicago; the 2023 location is open, and the sentiment among NCSA council members, at this time, appears to favor Columbus for the 2024 centennial meetings (because the first meeting was in Columbus). It was suggested we take Columbus off the table until the 2024 meetings, thus, discussion ensued over the pros and cons of Louisville and Grand Rapids. A straw poll revealed most council members were in favor of further considering Grand Rapids but not for the 2019 meeting. It was suggested that Cincinnati be the location for 2019 and Grand Rapids possibly for 2020. No final decision was reached.

Deb made the following announcements:

- 2017 Conference Information: Indianapolis, Crown Plaza at Union Station (same location as the 2013 meeting). Meeting dates are 3/31-4/1. Old Council will meet on 3/30 and New Council will meet on 4/2
- Mid-year meeting for 2016 in Columbus, OH on 10/14

Fayyaz Hussain gave thanks to NCSA for help throughout the years and for the Schnabel Teaching Award.

Deb called for a motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm; Motion from Brendan Mullan, second from Anna Linders.

Respectfully submitted,
Mellisa Holtzman for Rachel Kraus (NCSA Secretary)