

Agenda for phone conference

January 10, 2017

Notes taken by Teri (Thanks!)

Attendee:

Jana, Heather, Galen, Mark, Keshav, Teri, Pasang, Steve, Debarati, Sienna (10 people)

Absent:

Sya, Jessica, Mary, Bill (all sent votes by email and voted aye on all three proposals)

- Review 2017 budget
attention to KRC expenses

Questions on budget:

No questions raised, some email discussion with Mary.

Heather moved, Mark seconded – all aye

- Approve 2016 Madison minutes

Spelled Jessica's name incorrectly, any questions? Debarati: EC meeting at Boulder and not Madison? Yes. Heather: Addenda? **Heather moves, Teri seconds: all ayes.**

- *HIMALAYA* update
 - General issues

Sienna: She and Mark just went over 37(1), comes out between May and June, special theme. Earthquake issue going well. All going well. Peer review difficult, to get reviewers. (*Please assist *HIMALAYA* in suggesting reviewers and expanding their pool*)

- New editorial team

Heather: One application for next editors. We got four nibbles from prospective editors. Mona Bahn and David Citrin applied. Mark: many skype calls with David first, and then both, to answer their questions about process, mechanics, etc. We are fortunate to receive their application, both committed scholars and committed to journal. He is excited by their application. Jana: Mona is productive and David is earlier in his career but enthusiastic. Is Mona going to take the lead? And where housed? Mark: Will lead different aspects. UW Seattle has a certain energy with the new Nepal Studies Initiative

that David can bring and hopefully resources. Mona is senior scholar, course release, tenure and some resources. Heather: David runs NGO and is good with bureaucracy and details. He will take lead on comings and goings and schedules. ANHS and UW Study Abroad program collaborated in Fall 2016 and he is good manager. A strength of his. They have different expertise and strengths. Sienna: Mark and I are now more conscious of how we divided labor and gave them ideas on how to do that. Teri: will they come to ANHS meetings. Sienna: David will come if he can. Mona is wrapping her head around it. Sienna: Mark and I will be at Boulder and will be the editors still. The four of us will meet in the spring at Macalester to discuss hand-over. Mark: good question for us to ask them and make clear that expectation. Heather: Mark, Sienna, and I have all talked to them and can answer questions about their application. They want support from ANHS for the journal. Jana: we will have \$8000 left with Dartmouth subvention is over. Heather: Sienna and Mark have preserved the subvention to carry over this year. In future years, with EBSCO and subscriptions we have \$5-6,000 coming in from journal so we are asking ANHS to commit to \$2-3000. I have mentioned to them fundraising is part of it. They have labor from institutions but no money yet. I think we can do \$2000/year with our \$13,000 of membership/year. Do we have any reservations? Steve: what if we do want to say no? what other options do we have? Mark: I think we only got one application because we have given people an unappealing job because the money doesn't go to back to the journal. We are lucky to get them since we run our journal in this way. Steve: We will have to change editorship again and with one application we are in a bind a little. Next time maybe no one will want to apply. What then? Sienna: That is the history of the journal. Mark and I were the only ones who talked with Arjun. Heather: I have seen the journal expand and improve with each editor. And that attracts interest. Mark: I never received a job description like Sienna and I put together for them. The shape of academic journal publishing and a lot is going to happen in the next four years. We are the Prius – print and on-line. During the term of their editorship, the way that journals like this are released will be very different. Jana: Online only? Mark: We are unusual in our printed version. Teri: what is their version for the future. In their letter? Sienna: we've basically said it's up to them but no discussion yet. Heather: they want to expand international aspects of journal. Mark: Sienna and I for the first 1.5 issues we kept the same style as Arjun and then they can work out where they want to take it.

Heather: can we vote on 38(1) for them to take over editorship?

Heather: motion to approve Mona and David to become editors as of volume 38.
Debarati: seconded it. All ayes.

- Administrative shift

New accountant at UW. Judith thanked for her service and she continues to help. We are now consolidated at UW. We can become familiar with Anne and John. Teri: I am excited about the newsletter. Mark: do we have bullet points for Anne's job? Heather: yes, we did circulate job description a while ago. Mark: We need to be trained in whom we should contact about what items. Do you want to be cc'ed? Heather: send to Anne and cc

me. We need to shift to use them more for things since we are all volunteers and they are getting paid. Anne can help Steve with membership.

Sienna has to leave now.

Heather: questions on administrators?

- Update from KRC development committee
(Galen, Teri, Heather)

Heather: Galen, KRC updates? Galen: want to say that Anne has been great for membership activities. 2016 was a good year for membership and Anne was a big part of that. I visited KRC in December and met with Manohari. I emailed KRC committee last week with notes. On-going challenge is how to get people into the door of KRC. Echoing Teri's ideas, small ideas offerings could get people in the door to make it inviting and productive. We can provide mail service. As Mary outlines in her message today, the space is more inviting already. Books on shelves and desks. Still need some decorations on walls. Himalayan journal covers could be framed. We could make it more good for workspace with a desktop computer or two to make it more useful for meetings, using printers, checking emails. I use coffee shops which isn't ideal. KRC has stable wifi and relatively centrally located for north side, just not Patan. And good restaurants nearby. Work station, mail service, etc. Issue right now is that Manohari seems bored because there are not people in the door so he doesn't have much to do. I sensed he wants more work but a frustration that he doesn't know what that work is or should be. KRC could host lectures better – foreign and Nepali. We can co-host with Heidelberg, etc, other organizations, SSB. Find activities that are not in competition but in collaboration.

Pasang: Galen mentioned converting room into office space for rent. This is a good idea. A question I have is if KRC could be an office for other organizations such as the one UK and Japan? Heather: in discussion with Manohari, the 2017 budget included \$260 for purchasing mid-level computer for office to be used by visitors. At SSB conference, we work closely with Japan, French, and UK Nepal associations and they do not have on-the-ground office space in Nepal. Some use SSB in a similar way such as sending members for library access or study space. Mark: The English and French side, there might be a sense among our colleagues in Europe that this approach is particularly American – intellectual imperialism. They prefer working through local partners such as SSB. It's deliberate that they don't have local offices. Teri: let's get our KRC doc together, send out to EC and membership. Heather: we can send a date to have a document ready for the whole membership at HSC V. Jana: one way we can get people to go over to KRC. I remember going to Embassy for movie night and marine bar, maybe we could have monthly movie. Mark: I like idea of mail service. It's not exciting or beautiful to visit the office. So many venues for sharing in Kathmandu so we may not be competitive in that way to people. Do we need that imprint and footprint? Teri: we need to figure out what we can do for people. Mark: Scholars often hang out at Himalayan Java (rather than TU) – so maybe Manohari can take it to the people. Conversation pushed into civil society spaces, more governmental spaces is eroded and we are part of

the problem. Heather: we spend \$14,000 on KRC and receive \$2000 from it. For CAORC's requirements, we do not need a full-time director or an office - only a mailing address. AORCs in Iran and Iraq which do not have stable presence. The CAORC review said we were amazing for being in multiple countries but how do we serve that? Can we serve scholarship better by having small footprint in Lhasa, Darjeeling, Kathmandu vs large footprint in Kathmandu? Jana: decorations? Photos from members? Heather: we need to contribute our connections to KRC to send students and faculty to KRC. Galen: lack of knowledge about KRC and what it can provide. Need to communicate them.

-Membership update (Steve)
WildApricot and Paypal considerations

Steve: not much to report. Numbers are stable. 307 members. 290 paid memberships. Institutional membership 19, 16 active, 2 are pending. Some tasks go to Anne, such as pending, and I don't get the info anymore. Central Missouri lapsed and may not be able to retain. Wild Apricot has had snags for the past 6 weeks - maybe because of credit card changes and renewals not working with Paypal. Heather: trying to maximize our EC members connections to increase our membership. Wild Apricot not ideal and Paypal has questionable practices.

- CAORC link - <http://www.caorc.org/>

Heather: put this here because it was asked for at Madison. All CAORCs are different and provide inspiration.

- HSC 5 update (Galen)

Galen: Sunday (1/15) is deadline for abstract submissions. 35 panels accepted. And many individual panels submitted. New and exciting items and areas such as Tibetan plateau and Burma and India, etc. Heather: Jan 20 is also acceptable for abstracts individual abstracts and already accepted panel abstracts. Deadline extended as per Holly email.

- EC meeting in Boulder (Thursday - August 31st - is this possible?)

Mark: I would come in Wednesday. Teri, Pasang, will also come early. Heather will send ballot about it. Debarati: I like to have everyone together at one time. Teri: longer meeting for those who can come and then EC meeting for voting. Debarati: but other meetings people know they will miss presentations so can spend time meeting during conference. Teri: so also ask if people willing to miss conference for meetings.

- Title VI feedback

Heather: some comments are that we don't offer post- or pre-doctoral fellowships or full year fellowships. We can do some things to prepare ourselves for next round such as doing surveys of events, etc. Next grant is 3 years from now. Debarati: what can increase

our chances? Heather: documenting all of our activities and putting quantitative numbers on attendance, demographics of it (women), and people's response to it. Book prize is good move. Anything to show we are the Nepal and Himalaya institution in the US. If EC can share anything you do at your home institution, host scholars, seminars, classes about region, take those numbers down. Anna Stirr hosted ANHS seminar on how to present. Teri: Maybe we can do that more? Himalayan Resources Foundation? How many organizations are giving short-term trainings?

- New roles for prizes

Heather: Those three announcements have been sent out and posted on the web (Senior, DBB and Book Prize). Help get the word out. Keshav thanked for leading Senior Fellowship. We have disseminated the announcement.

- Other volunteers from the EC

Heather: Jana is collecting syllabi and they are getting posted on website. Other activities? Jana: hard to find syllabi focused on Himalayan studies. Please send and we will post. Also have dissertations link so send us that information. Pasang: I now have 2-3 months I can help with things so let me know.

Heather: other business? Jana: other centers do cool things such as dissertation workshops. Heather: HSC is thinking of having a graduate student workshop before the conference. Galen: I haven't heard more about that. Teri: preconference workshops are great idea, like South Asia. Heather: this is part of thinking about the growth of HSC and what it looks like in the future compared to South Asia. Galen: in terms of South Asia meeting, what does this mean? Heather: bureaucratically, the EC have to attend the annual meeting which will be Boulder in 2017. We will see year to year what we should do.

Heather: Any further questions? Thank you!

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