

ANHS EC Meeting
Brocach Pub
Madison, WI
10/23/15
6.00-10.30 pm

Begin: 6.00 pm

Attendance

Mary Cameron
Heather Hindman
Debarati Sen
Teri Allendorf
Galen Murton
Pasang Sherpa
Sienna Craig
Jessica Vantine Berkinholz (late attending Keynote)

1. Votes

- Vote on Minutes from EC meeting October 2014
All in favor
- Vote on Minutes from EC Magazine Meeting (Skype/phone) February 2015
All in favor

2. 2015: Year in Review

Mary comments: altogether great year
Lost income at KRC
Planned revenues – in service learning programs cancelled

Embassy grant – funding and Manohari preparation

In March – Review of HIMALAYA journal funding

- Open Access vs. Print Option – funding implications
- Vote not to increase price but print copy of journal not provided in \$45 membership fee
- Additional \$25 print fee - allocation of this fee discussed

Earthquakes (emphasis on 's')

- Disruption, challenge, opportunity for ANHS
- ANHS called upon to do many things immediately

- Board split on fast rapid action vs. slower deliberate response\
- How to help, how to donate, newsletters by members, op-eds by members
- Website as place for ongoing information about earthquake

Earthquake Relief Donations to ANHS (via Sienna \$5000 + additional incoming donations)

- 6 funded (# of applicants?)
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Review of earthquake newsletter

- Jana hand injury
- Newsletter paused/switched to website info

Proposal to set-up database

- Enthusiastic response, discussion, has not materialized (fell apart)
- Follow middle path

Conversation about what to do in case of another earthquake

- What can ANHS do as resource, disseminator of information, support network

CAORC Publicity

- Highlight of ANHS/KRC/Members' Humanitarian efforts
- Members encouraged to submit photos and activities to CAORC

Post-Earthquake

- Nepal Conference still held - ANHS one of 3/4 international sponsors

3. Membership report

Memberships

- 251 active members (272 minus 21)
- Institutional Members: 10 active + 5 lapsed
 - Individual reach-outs
- New system for institutional recruitment
- Modification of Wild Apricot membership website
 - Aesthetic modification
 - (EC asks for expertise on membership management and streamlining joining)
- Subcommittee on stakeholders and operations of Wild Apricot
 - Multiple but limited membership options
 - 3 layers of 1st page new membership application
 - Institutions
 - Asia or non-Asia
 - Faculty

- Asia or non-Asia
 - Print Copy or Membership Only
 - Students
 - Asia or non-Asia
 - Print Copy of Membership Only
- Major problems with Wild Apricot
 - Wild Apricot “help” is responsive but useless
- Strategies to retain institutional memberships
 - Automatic renewal mechanism
 - Teri offer to help with institutional help
 - Galen to ask Steve for current list for Teri
 - Contact names and addresses for direct communication
- Total Members: 307 names
 - Active – Pending – Lapsed
- Facebook
 - 829 “friends”
 - 180 pre-earthquake/increase by 600+ after Mary call to grow
- Call to EC members to continue to seek institutional memberships
 - Remind institutional contacts to renew memberships
- Broken link in membership inquiries
 - Need to fix broken link
 - Galen offer to help with membership email inquiries in collaboration with Steve
 - Strategies to increase institutional membership

4. Conference Reports

Summer KRC Conference (Teri)

- ANHS EC presence
 - Support emerging scholarship
 - Provide resources for local participants
 - Abstract review/vetting
 - Find person to assist in paper review
 - Pasang offer to assist with review for summer 2016

HSCIV (Heather)

- 100+
- 42 individual papers (will become 10 panels)
- 22 existing panels
- 12 roundtables
- 3-4 rejections, otherwise acceptance
- \$5 increase in registration fee

- Light on soft humanities
- Post more CfPs for literature, religion, other humanities

5. Awards (Jessica)

- 2015 DBB award: Uma Pradhan (Oxford)
 - “New Languages of Schooling”
- Selection Committee: Jessica V-B, Bill Fischer, Andy Nelson
- Only one EC member on review committee
- Deadline in spring reduces submission count but increases quality and current grad student entries
- Entries from Sociology, Geography, Business
- Consider option for Nepali language competition
 - Collaboration with Martin Chautari/SSB
- SBB Writing Workshop at KRC Summer Conference
 - Contact Manohari about Embassy Grant
 - Contact Deepak about SSB collaboration/support
 - Identify papers at conference submission review
 - Writing workshop at conference
 - Nepa School phasing out
 - Prepare Nepalis students for study abroad
- Expand in-country outreach
- Manohari to talk with USEF about support for

Senior Fellowship (Mary for Paul Karan)

- Richard Brownness, Northern Colorado
- Maoist villages in post-conflict Nepal
- Eligibility to “terminal degree” holders specified(MFA, PhD, etc)

BREAK

6. Treasurer’s Report: Budget Review (Debarati and Mary)

6.2. KRC Report

- See Spreadsheets
- Earthquake complications
- Heather: \$6000 income projection was unrealistic
- Embassy grants
 - Training for center support staff
- Study Abroad Programs cancellation because of earthquake
 - Should not have been considered potential reliable revenue streams
 - Dates not numbers

KRC Updates

- Check with Manohari about Kathmandu *Research* Center vs. Kathmandu *Resource* Center
- CAORC funding
- 2015 Budget
 - See Spreadsheets
 - Cancellation of programs
 - Cause of shortfall on funding
 - Embassy approved grant money but will not pay for fixed expenses (salary, rent, etc.)
 - Embassy grants only available for outreach, programs, etc.
 - New website, brochure, etc. expenses
 - Request to Chris Tuttle at CAORC for support
- Sienna request to Manohari for quotes on student costs for service learning programs
 - \$1200/two week trip
 - EC to follow up on Service Learning and Language programs
- Manohari
 - Skill and expertise in recruiting outreach support and study programming funding
 - Need more active directing of Center
 - How to support Manohari
 - Capacity building for Manohari
 - Utilize social capital
 - Trip to Austin – network and participate in ANHS
 - Solicitation of funds - Embassy grant
 - Send Manohari to Dhaka, Islamabad, etc to visit regional ORCs
 - What is ready to go by January?
 - Updates needed:
 - What happened to Embassy donations/furniture/funding
 - Study Abroad programs
 - Budgets and activities
 - 3-6 month window for generating programs and revenue
 - Carrot and stick approach
 - Complete CAORC Grant
 - Apply for Embassy Grant
 - Program Schedule
 - What to do with/about KRC
 - “Something needs to change”
 - How to improve KRC?: TO DO by Jan 1, 2016
 - EC/President to contact Manohari with expectations for next few months
 - Get office fully functional
 - Bookshelves in nook? (not in conference room)
 - Poster of Sarasawati, décor

- Build character
 - Pasang KRC site-visit Dec 10
- Redesign brochure
 - Images not of bedroom but of library, garden, roof
 - Printing without review of approval
- Publicity materials (services, etc) for ANHS/HSC4
- Decline salary raise until improvements made
- What does KRC Board due?
 - Accountability
- Only feedback to Mary has been positive other than library
 - More active response/inquiry (not heavy handed)
- Other issues to be clarified
 - Vote on Manohari student-translator brokerage fee?
 - Rs 1000 per intro contract?
 - Fees charged for language lessons include intro fee
 - What are other CAORC models for similar style lists?
 - Fee for non-members use of facilities?

6.1 Journal Budget

- See spreadsheet
- New 2015 fee structure
- Sienna report on numbers
- Hybrid model
- Print copy vs. open access
- Journal budget is estimate
 - Highly dependent on other funding streams
- What to do with copies of journal sets from Barbara?

7. 2016 Budget Vote

- Preliminary Approval (didn't quorum)
- Nothing different on 2016 Budget
- Judith transferred estimates from 2015 to 2016
- Line Item #8 Journal:
 - i. 50% Dartmouth, \$3500 from India-China Institute, \$500 Guest Editors of 36.1
- Declining KRC Director Salary Increase
- Approved by all with caveat to amend KRC Direct Salary Increase

8. Vote on Heather as next ANHS President

- All in favor
- Great Gratitude Expressed for outgoing and incoming Presidents

9. Constitutional Amendment on Executive Transitions (did not succeed in discussing/voting)

- President, Treasurer, Editors
- New text necessary
- Expected to be approved

10. New Journal Editors

- Starting last quarter 2017
- Solicit next editors via Networks vs. General Calls
- Individual vs. Joint editorship
 - i. Sienna advice two is better than one
 - ii. Proximate vs. non-Proximate
 - iii. Mark and Sienna have unique relationship
- Disinclined to go with commercial publisher
 - i. Archive behind paywall is problem
 - ii. Loss of aesthetic control
- Finishing 35.2 now
- Copyediting 36.1 – Secularism in Tibetan World and Contemporary Tibetan Art
- Omnibus Edition 36.2 – Ashok cluster, fewer academic articles
- Plan for 37.: Kathmandu issue
- Plan for 37.2: Earthquake issue
- Mark and Sienna's first issue was Ladakh carryover from Arjun
 - i. Hand-off worked well, want to do again for next editors
 - 1. Pipeline, Production Model
- Booked out through 2017
- Balance of art and literature and academic content
- Grad student labor as double edged sword
 - i. Need content and fastidious format attention/ability\
- Sienna strong endorsement of Jessica as future editor
 - i. Awesome editorial skills
 - ii. Concern about conflict with tenure review 2-3 years out
- Identify and begin training new editors by early 2017
- Find/define single/dual editorship model
 - i. Requires special and unique relationship
 - ii. Subjective model, organic evolution
- Sienna – highly satisfying professional experience
 - i. View from in the weeds but also from 30000 ft
- How to convey to rest of EC strategy for new editorship recruitment
 - i. Technical Skills
 - ii. Editorial Skills
 - iii. System
 - iv. Tools

- v. Undergraduate student layout at Macalester
- Get word out informally versus public call discussed

11. Members Meeting Agenda

- Mary will circulate 10/24 pre-meeting
- Recap of meeting

12. Other Business

Conclude: 10.35 pm

ADDENDUM

October 26/27

Jana Fortier and Steve Folmer submitted YES votes online and thus a quorum was reached in the vote for the appointment of Heather Hindman as the next ANHS President.