Annual Meeting Notes

1. Meeting called to order: 1:30 by Paul Booth

Attending the meeting:

1. 2015 minutes distributed and reviewed.
   1. Correction – Jennifer Dunn’s name is spelled without an “e”
2. Paul Booth reports on the Executive Committee meetings.

The 2017 conference is in St. Louis. We need suggestions for pop culture places nearby and keynote speakers

* 1. Katie Wilson, Anheiser Busch
  2. Darryl Clark, owner of sweetie pies?
  3. Allison Liben, music producers, remodeling art in the park district, The Arch!
  4. Jennifer Dunn—craft beer in St. Louis
  5. Janet Novak—someone who speaks on the music in St. Louis
  6. Eric Newsome, Matt Kent, Collin Bunn
  7. Ayanna Gaynes--\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Morton
  8. Merryan Wherry—baseball
  9. Ray Schuck—Vacuum Cleaner Museum
  10. Katie Wilson, Plane Restoration Museum, Haunted Mansion
  11. Brandi Odem—St. Louis Paranormal Society

1. Ideas for speakers:
2. Bob Batchelor—Jesse Kavadlo
3. Pierre-Damien Mvuykekure, University of Northern Iowa, teaches blues and jazz in literature

At this point, Word Closed the note taker lost the rest of the speaker ideas.

1. Kathleen Turner, Executive Secretary report. 2015 report distributed. We made around $6,000 which is good. 2016 projected report distributed.
2. Two member at large positions open for next year.

* Jennifer Dunn (Member at Large)
* John Dowell (Member at Large)
* Julia Largeant (Program Committee)
* Katie Wilson (Program Committee)
* Allison Liben (Member at Large)
* Maryan Wherry (Program Committee)

Questions and concerns--

Janet Novak—why does the Program Committee need three people?

Submission system isn’t working right

1. Lori Abels Scharenbroich (Kelsey filling in)

Conference is going well, breaking even

We have a contract to work with Hyatt Regency for the next three years.

The next conference is in St. Louis, Oct 18-22 2017

1. Kathleen Turner, Executive Secretary reports that we have 412 people registered as of Thursday morning

John Dowell—HDMI cables

Keywords for the submission site instead of seeing the list of areas right away

Perhaps secondary areas too

Caryn Neuman noted that she could not make a panel with her area, but she noted papers with food in the title in other panels. Is there a way to fix this problem.

Anthony Adah, questions. Sound in the presentation rooms. No sound.

Area chairs not knowing when panelists have been moved. Area chairs should be cc’d on the email communication with the panelists.

International people spend a lot of money to come here, so we should acknowledge them.

Jennifer Dunn—10% increase in people at the conference this year. Think about why we had the increase and how we can retain that. This is likely because we are in Chicago.

Concerns about the conference not being in Iowa. Check out Kirkland college hotel.

Anthony Adah people complaining about the quality of the program, binding, overall appearance. We are looking into vendors who are more local for program printing in the future.

SW PCA, Director…lost her name, flash drive to app, and printed program is just the program at a glance. Tammy Burnette takes care of the app. Guidebook is the app. Kathleen will talk with Tammy about this. Critique of the app is that It drained phone batteries.

Caryn Neuman—we need a printed program. Poster boards of the day at a glance (Katie Wilson). We can think about phasing it out.

Bob Batchelor, report on the journal. Doing really well. 4th annual issue. Acceptance rate is 10-20% and falling. Viewer numbers and downloads—being read more than most journals (online). Special topics, special issues, ideas welcome. We get really big names in the journal. He needs more editorial board members. Those people need to be at a higher standing because that’s how editorial boards work. Happy to have reviewers though. 4 years in, still kinks. Won an award last year.

* Anthony Adah—help grad students get published, create a section in the journal for winners of the grad student competition, Gary Burns award. Anthony could reach out to those students and encourage them to work on the paper a little more and submit it to the journal
* Katie Wilson—give those winners free access to the publishing workshops

Unfinished/Old Business, Paul Booth

* Mentor/Mentee Program. We need mentors! K. Wilson.
* Area Chairs. Cortney

Wresting area officially accepted by Cortney

New business

Looking at new submission sites

Eventual goal is to create one site for everything

We are aware of problems with the submission site and continue to try to fix those

Ideas for making the conference better

Carolyn—Riffing night. K. Wilson seconds the riffing

Jennifer Dunn—Doing a craft beer tour either pre-conference or during. Be on the lookout for that next year.

Bob Batchelor do we have to wait for 501c3 status for endowment? Kathleen says starts laying groundwork now for endowments. Bob is willing to head, lead, or help create that.

Ayanna Gaynes—karaokee or live karaoke

We can investigate a live band. Katie Wilson—there’s a few professional places in St. Louis that has live karaoke

We are putting together a survey to the membership with some questions that we didn’t have data about. That survey will be sent on soon after the conference.

Announcements:

SW PCA director. SW meeting in February in Albequerque

Adjourned 2:41