

NBS Meeting Minutes  
Dec 12, 2020  
10am - Via Zoom

Board Attendees:

Present: Corey Shelsta, Brian Bjorklund, Tiffany Fier, Ricky Greenwell, Scott Boyle, Peter Lehrol, Ben Golden Absent: Lucas Granholm

Welcome

Section Update

Secretary Report – Send in your memberships

Treasurer’s Report – Current account balance: \$4078.58

VP Report - Brian

- Newsletter – will be coming out Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
- Next newsletter is currently scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Right before the virtual national conference
- May 15<sup>th</sup> and Aug 15<sup>th</sup> are the next newsletters
- Brian is transitioning into retirement
- Someone will need to take over editing the newsletter
- Todd R – we should gather for a membership meeting during the virtual national conference

Website – Todd Edwards

- Everything should be current
- Still has the skeleton of a website shown four years ago
- More graphically dynamic
- Plans on working on it further
- Requesting pictures from the group so we can showcase our work
- Corey is all for updating the look of the website – it looks quite dated
- Need to make a greater effort to add pictures to Facebook page
- Todd E can pull the pictures from the Facebook page too
- He will share a blind link in the future for feedback before taking it live
- Hoping to share late January, then go live during the Conference
- Terena Wilkens has requested that we not *only* post stuff on Facebook due to privacy concerns
- Brief discussion about the ACTF format this school year

National Conference

- Virtual
- Fees – Dan Culhane – there will be a charge to attend

- Considering various payment methods and fee structures
- Looking to go live with the payments in early January
- Individual may be roughly \$75
- Decided not to do any NBS grants this year due the possible virtual structure and the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic
- Also had made plans with a virtual Cover the Walls, also fell apart due to lack of funding from National
- Corey will be on a couple virtual panels
- Peter Lehrol – who is presenting? Both Corey, Luke Granholm and Tiffany F will be presenting via the Education commission
- Dan – looking at recording the content and making available for a whole year for those who have registered for the conference. Also investigating how we can have a question-and-answer session at the end of the presentations
- Looking to see if they can create migratory breakout rooms where people can choose to come and go

#### Fall Conference 2021

- The situation is still very uncertain
- Todd E – let’s plan for the best-case scenario
- Corey agrees, we should at least find out if we have a possible host site
- Adam Dahl – would be interested in hosting but he can’t speak for the institution (St. Benedict/St. John’s University)
- Work with the planning and model of the virtual national conference and possibly adapt ours into a compressed version
- Corey – we could do that, but we decided to not go that route due to Zoom exhaustion
- Todd Reemtsma– should we explore outdoor possibilities? Will be dependent on the weather.
- Terena Wilkens – they have a brand-new facility (Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN) but they are not fully up and running. They are also being told not to plan anything either. She will keep us posted.
- Todd E – What if it’s more social than instructional? Also outdoors? Keynote speaker and one or two people might follow then we could have a BBQ or a picnic?
- Peter is a big fan of the idea because we are all craving more human connection
- Corey – let’s carry on through an email exchange, work on having a better idea when we get together in March – as a board we could put together several options and present them to the group in March
- Niffer Pflager – with all the conferences being cancelled, tenure-track people are looking for an opportunity to present their work.

#### Board Vacancies

- We are down two board vacancies- VP for Programming and Member-at-Large Southwest.
- VP of Programming

- Peter – it's a lot of work for one person to be in charge of programming because it's such a lot of work
- The model is not effective
- We should have a commission instead, a programming committee instead of putting everything on one person
- Matt Gilbertson – yes, it's a ton of work just to get people to lead presentations. It's easy to tap own circle but hard to reach out further.
- Send out emails to also fill the Member-at-Large, Southwest Position
- Need to keep the VP as a point person
- Corey – let's leave it as is for now

Discussion as a group- what we've been doing this semester!

Meeting ended: ~11:30AM