

IAEP Business Meeting minutes
Sunday, October 26, 2014
Intercontinental Hotel, New Orleans, LA

Executive Committee attendance: William Edelglass (co-director), Margret Grebowicz (at large), Jonathan Maskit (treasurer), Brian Treanor (at large), Steve Vogel (secretary). Barbara Muraca (co-director) was not able to attend.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm. The members of the Executive Committee were introduced.
2. Steve Vogel gave the secretary's report, as follows:

" As of noon today, we have a total of 77 registered at the conference, compared to 68 reported registered at last year's business meeting. Of those, 63 pre-registered at a discounted price. As of yesterday (so just before the beginning of the conference) the total membership of IAEP was 120, compared to 130 last year at that point. Of those 120 members, 43, or 36 %, paid the reduced fee for students or retired people. 30 members, or exactly 25%, are women or have names that seem to me to be women's names. 28 (or 23%) of our members have non-US mailing addresses: we have 10 members from Canada, 3 each from Poland and the Netherlands; 2 each from Brazil, Germany, and the United Kingdom; and 1 each from Australia, Belgium, Finland, Italy, Japan, and Norway. "In 2013 we had a significant jump in the number of proposals submitted, which went up almost 30% to 109, but this year there was a significant decrease, to 72, which is the smallest number in 3 years. 61 of the 72 proposals were accepted, for an acceptance rate this year of 85%. Continuing a policy we adopted last year, we added several invited sessions as well. Of the 75 authors or co-authors of proposals this year, 20 were women (as far as I could tell), which is to say 27% of the authors. Of the 19 proposals authored or co-authored by women, 14 were accepted, for an acceptance rate of 74%. Last year 40% of the proposals were submitted by women, and the acceptance rate for those was also 40%. Of the 61 papers accepted for this year's conference, 23% were authored or co-authored by women, compared to 31% last year."
3. Jonathan Maskit gave the treasurer's report (see below). The state of our finances, as the saying goes, is strong. Not as strong, though, as these numbers suggest: they include many pre-registrations for this year's conference, but not yet the conference expenses. Last year's conference cost just over \$4,000, and expect this year's to run to about \$4,600. We opened the year with a balance of \$16,730.39 on hand; as of now our total balance is \$21,897.01. Other upcoming expenses include \$2,000 to the Philosophy Documentation Center for taking over circulation of *Environmental Philosophy*.

4. Arnold Berleant asked how much we pay to SPEP. William Edelglass answered: We pay \$750, which gives us a separate listing on separate pages in the program. There are great advantages to the organization to have our program available not only to our members also to SPEP members – it's also on the SPEP website
5. Jonathan Maskit is working at providing tax-exempt status for IAEP, which will allow us to receive donations, will regularize our status, and will protect him (and future treasurers) against misunderstandings by the IRS about IAEP's income, which at the moment goes into an account with Jonathan's name on it.
6. Brian Treanor spoke in memory of Helen Tartar, a great friend of IAEP and of many of us. She worked at Stanford University Press and then at Fordham, and was a great supporter of environmental philosophy. Brian said she was the only editor he knew who attended IAEP meetings, and stayed for them all. She targeted younger scholars, and helped them develop their careers. Brian spoke of the impressive degree to which Helen was involved in philosophical dialogue; she was not just someone who passively published things but played a role in actively shaping the development of areas of philosophy such as ours. A highly important figure in the world of philosophical publishing, she will be deeply missed.
7. Margret Grebowicz discussed upcoming meetings. Next year's meeting will be in Atlanta on October 10 – 12, 2015, following SPEP as usual – note the earlier date. We have also decided that the date for submission of proposals for the conference will be moved up: rather than mid-March, it will be **February 15, 2015**. Rooms will cost \$129. 2016 meeting will be in Salt Lake City and 2017 in Chicago.
8. Steve Vogel spoke about the upcoming ISEE conference in Kiel in July 2015. IAEP will have a presence there: a roundtable discussion on "continental environmental philosophy: where do we go from here?" as well as several IAEP sessions of papers. Information will be coming out soon. We are also planning a IAEP –affiliated conference at Pace University in summer 2016; the local organizer is Ilan Safit. Pace is in lower Manhattan; rooms in dorms at Pace will be available at low cost. Themes associated with the venue are obviously of interest: urban ecology, the built environment, New York, etc. Bruce Foltz suggested in this connection that we not forget the folks concerned with architecture who have been so involved with IAEP in its earliest days.
9. Jonathan Maskit spoke about the changes to the bylaws that were passed last spring. Mostly they cleaned up matters where our practices had changed over the years, as well as clarifying – for the purposes of the application for non-profit status – that, e.g., officers receive no remuneration. The opportunity for holding elections electronically was added, and procedures were specified for filling positions on the EC that become open in the middle of a term because of resignations, etc.

10. William Edelglass indicated that nominations would soon be requested for one Co-director, for Secretary, and for Treasurer. and that next year we would also be electing a new member at-large to the EC. If people are interested in these positions, please let someone on the EC know. There are descriptions of the responsibilities of Secretary and co-director that would be helpful for anyone interested in those positions.
11. The annual award for the best paper by a graduate student was presented to Trent Yarosevich, for his paper "Stolen Goods: The Fencing of Conflicted Ends in Preservation."
12. Steve Vogel introduced a discussion about program format. During the past few years we have experimented with different formats for sessions, including invited sessions, book sessions, etc. What are the members' views about such formats? Ilan Safit suggested there be more plenary sessions, with everyone in one room – after all, we're trying to change the world! Julie Kuhlken appreciated the session on Katrina, and suggested we continue organizing sessions with a direct connection to the place where the conference is being held. Bob Sandmeyer pointed out that the program had not indicated which sessions were invited ones, and suggested that it should. Bruce Foltz agreed there should be more opportunities for plenaries, perhaps on Sunday night; he also pointed out that Bob Frodeman used to get people to come from the sciences or other adjacent fields. Mark Hathaway proposed having the papers posted ahead of time; a straw vote on how many would prefer that was taken, and somewhere around 6 or 7 said yes. Darrell Arnold suggested papers could be posted for plenary/invited sessions. Rebekkah Sinclair proposed that papers could be posted after the conference. Crina Gschwandter pointed out that with papers available online there might be more time for discussion during the sessions. Julie Kuhlken noted that a Dropbox could be set up to which people could be invited to submit papers either before or after the conference. There seemed to be general approval of book sessions, with discussion of the advisability of sessions on books by non-members (Bruce Foltz) and/or by members (Brian Treanor). Bruce Foltz suggested space in the program could be used for announcements of new books by members.
13. Bob Sandmeyer announced a conference being held by The University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group, a multi-disciplinary group of University of Kentucky graduate students, on the Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE). It will be held February 26 - February 28, 2015 in Lexington, KY.
14. Brian Treanor is editing a book series at Fordham on environmental issues, and encouraged members to submit proposals.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

IAEP Treasurer's Report: 10/1/2013–9/30/2014

Income and Expenses Summary

Category	Item	Amount	Notes
INCOME			
	Memberships & Conference Registrations	9595.00	
TOTAL INCOME		9,595.00	
EXPENSES			
2013 Annual Conference		4,015.50	4640 inc. SPEP fees from FY2013.
Other Expenses		346.63	Mostly Paypal
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,362.13	
NET		4,962.87	

Assets

Checking

Date	Item	Amount	Ledger Balance
10/1/2013	Opening Balance		5,205.39
	Income	890.00	
	Transfers from Paypal	5,000.00	
	Total Deposits	5,890.00	11,095.39
9/30/2014	Total Expenses	(4,031.00)	7,064.39

Paypal

Date	Item	Amount	Ledger Balance
10/1/2013	Opening Balance		11,525.00
	Income	8,638.75	20,163.75
	Expenses	(331.13)	
	Transfers to Checking	(5,000.00)	
9/30/2014	Total Withdrawals	(5,331.13)	14,832.62

Combined

Date	Item	Amount	Ledger Balance
10/1/2013	Opening Balance		16,730.39
	Total Income	9,528.75	26,259.14
9/30/2014	Total Expenses	(4,362.13)	21,897.01

Expenses (Detailed)

Category	Item	Amount	Notes
2013 Annual Conference			
	Meeting rooms & catering	2,979.20	
	SPEP fees	0.00	624.50. Included in FY2013 report.
	Badges & Supplies	78.27	
	EC Business Meeting Meals	358.03	
	Honorarium	500.00	Ted Toadvine
	Speaker Expenses	0.00	
	Grad Student Award	100.00	
	SUBTOTAL	4,015.50	
2014 Annual Conference			All in FY2015.
Other Expenses			
	JEP Subvention	0.00	\$2000 now due
	PayPal Fees	331.13	
	Gift for Admin. Assistant	15.50	
	SUBTOTAL	346.63	
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,362.13	

Upcoming Expenses (Some Estimated)

Category	Item	Amount	Notes
2014 Annual Conference			
	Meeting rooms & catering	2,511.81	Will be higher
	SPEP fees	750.00	
	Badges & Supplies	111.52	
	EC Business Meeting Meals	~350.00	
	Honorarium	500.00	David Wood
	Speaker Expenses	0.00	
	Grad Student Award	100.00	
	A/V Costs	~300.00	
	SUBTOTAL	4,623.33	
Other Expenses			
	JEP Subvention	2000.00	now due
	Gift for Admin. Assistant	~50.00	
	SUBTOTAL	2,050.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		6,673.33	