

March 6, 2019
APSURA Board Meeting Minutes

The March 2019 APSURA Board meeting was held on March 6 at the Pace Alumni Center. Members present were Joe Filippo, Cheryl Holt, Phil Kemmerly, David Kanervo, Allene Phy-Olsen, Sharon Silva, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, and Eloise Weatherspoon.

The minutes were read and corrected.

It was recommended that both representatives from AROHE and THERA, especially ETSU and Memphis, be informed about Jim Clemmer's death. Eloise volunteered to contact them.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Sharon announced that we have received another \$350, with \$50 more promised, for the Scholarship Fund – all of which are memorial gifts in memory of Jim Clemmer, bringing our total to almost \$23,000. Joe moved that we provide sufficient funds from the working budget to bring the total to \$25,000. The motion was approved. Sharon suggested that we endow the scholarship in Jim's memory, but leave the name of the scholarship the same, adding a description including Jim's name. We decided to delay that decision until after June for the new Board and officers.

Allene suggested that the Board should have input as to who receives our scholarship. We can review the letters telling why applicants want and feel they deserve the scholarship. Nancy suggested it should be the son or daughter of a staff or faculty person. David said we could put our criteria for the scholarship on the Scholarship Office Web page. Cheryl suggested the applicant should have recommendations from one or two faculty members. Joe read the criteria approved by the Board in 2016, stating that the applicant must be a sophomore or above.

Nancy presented the membership report, announcing that our membership list remains the same, with 96 members.

Sharon presented the Nominating Committee report, announcing that the offices of President and Parliamentarian have yet to be filled. Discussion and suggestions about a possible president ensued.

David addressed the storage situation. Suggestions were made, but no decision was made. We will continue working on it.

Carl expressed concerns that Nancy has been pressured to email the membership about various events and causes. It was decided that our policy should be that we will not send out any emails pertaining to anything unrelated to the university.

Cheryl suggested that we need to get more members involved. A membership survey was suggested.

The need for help in formatting the newsletter was discussed. Phil and Joe have both talked to Kathy Heuston, and she seems interested in helping. Perhaps a Master's Degree candidate could use it as a project toward his or her degree.

David expressed great concern about the poor attendance at our last Connections meeting. He suggested we reevaluate our need to exist. Much discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3.

Submitted by Secretary Eloise Weatherspoon.