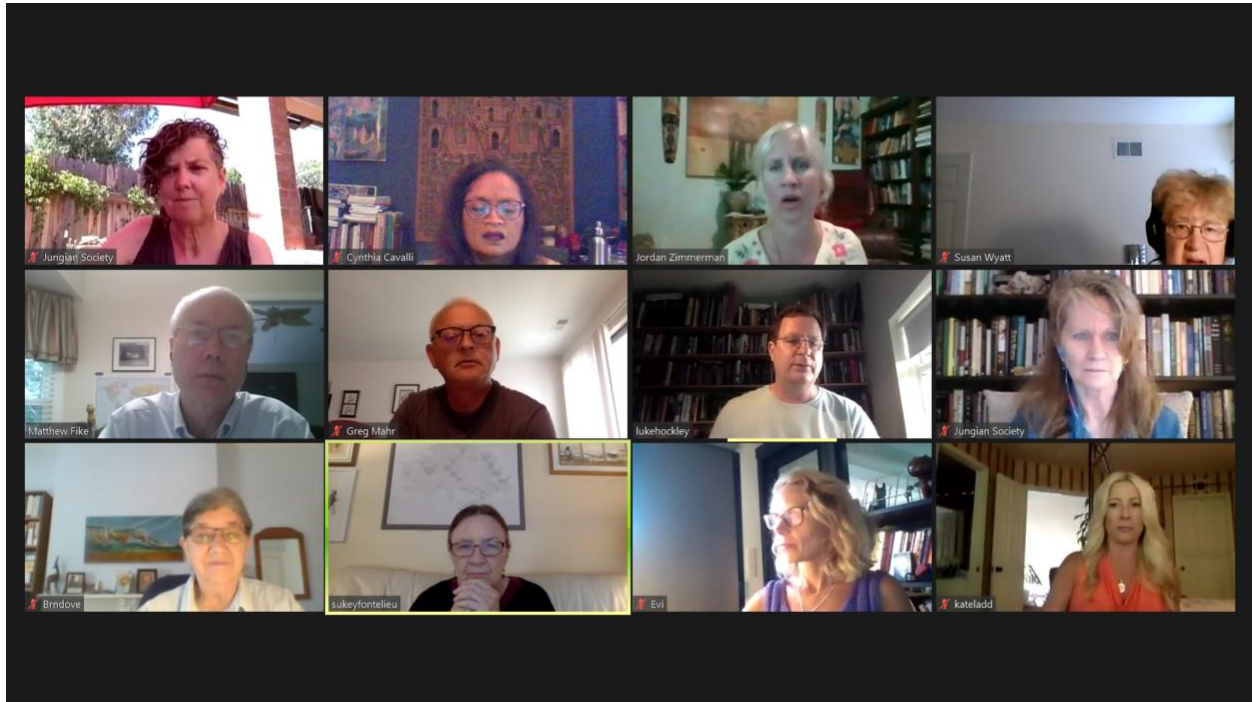


Notes/images from June 27 2020 meeting of JSSS Board

Overview of Agenda

Attendance: Lisa Pounders, Cynthia Cavalli, Heather Taylor-Zimmerman, Susan Wyatt, Matthey Fike, Greg Mahr, Luke Hockley, Elizabeth Nelson, Inez Martinez, Sukey Fontelieu, Evija Vestergaard, Robert Mitchel, Alexander Fidyk, and Kate Ladd



Minute Review: Discussion of whether members/board members who didn't participate last year were contacted about membership dues, affirming that they were.

Mailing Lists discussion: Question about status— mailing lists where we are with Robert's list and mail chimp list

Robert: His list not up to date. Lisa is coordinating 3 lists to make sure. Mail chimp list is most up to date. Categorized by over 500

Action item: Lisa and Robert to liaise whether we need two separate lists.

Matt: Added the need for redundancy – wanting to make sure we keep that

Lisa said that the list is on mailchimp – anyone with the password to Mailchimp can go look. Luke, Sukey and Lisa have access and the databases are online. Lisa shared the ways to get to them with others so there is some redundancy of access

Evi: raised suggested that we need a redundancy plan for the technology that Lisa maintains. Evi volunteered to be Lisa's backup.

GDPR Statement

Luke: GDPR (statement attached) – should evolve something not as laborious as the one I circulated, but something simpler

New Board Member

Someone nominated Kate to be a board member [I missed who] and Elizabeth Nelson 2nded and it was unanimous.

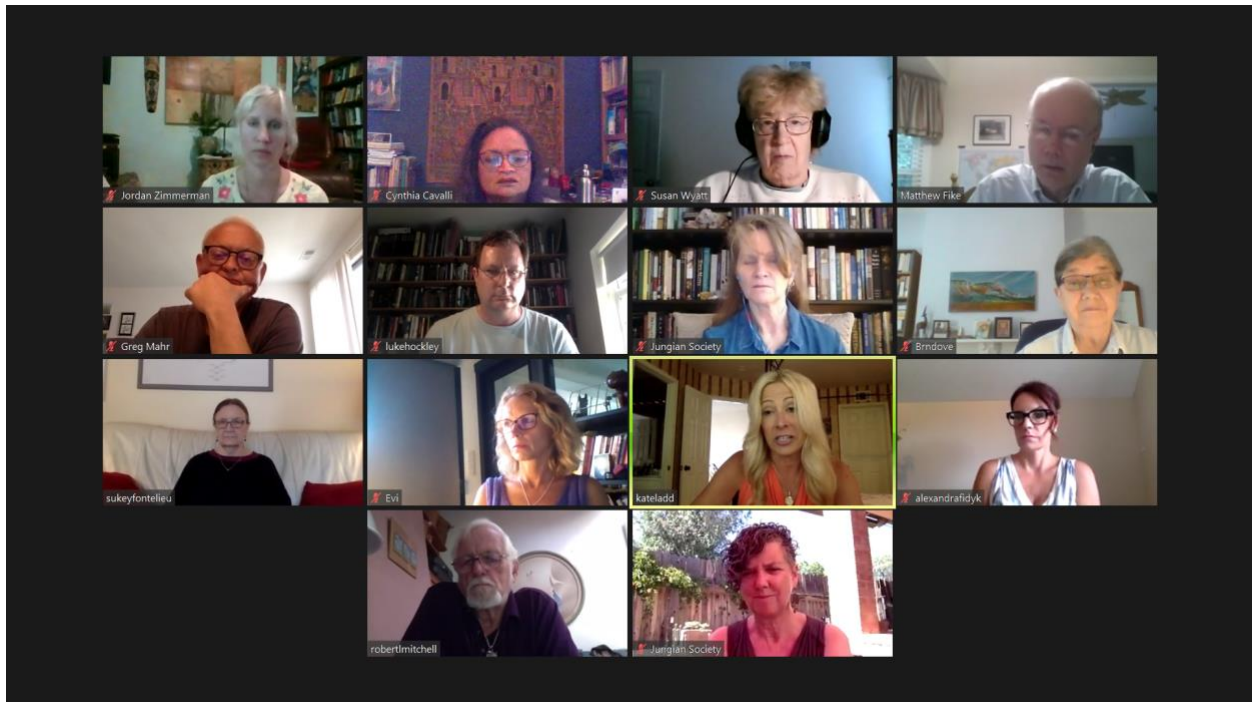
Update on the Warwick Hotel (for 2020 Conference that got postponed)

Luke: There has been no further communication with Warwick Hotel and we're not seeking any further communication with them.

Do we form the company we spoke about? To deal with contracts in future conferences? No one I've consulted thinks it's a bad idea. Bill Levant the attorney dealing with the Warwick thought it might be overkill. I'm reasonably comfortable with that.

This is an organization we can bring into being and dissolve at some point if necessary.

But things are so unstable politically, so collective views on this issue are sought.



Kate saying as added precaution could be overkill but won't hurt. Extra \$2500 for each infraction – [missed what she was detailing here] probably won't go after us.

JSSS is nonprofit we're incorporated" in Rhode Island

Sukey: give us nuts and bolts how this works?

Luke yes Evi, chime in. The idea was to have company that enters into contractual arrangements with people providing conference facilities – accommodation catering AV etc. so JSSS isn't entering into the contract but this other organization. This other org would at some point invoice JSSS for the cost of organizing the conf and other expenses. [This other entity] would have no involvement in academic running of JSSS. Everything remains as is except for contractual stuff for conferences.

The other organization would include four people – two from JSSS, the president and treasurer and 2 external members. We already have 2 to take over roll ... [missed the rest of this]

Sukey: how does this protect us?

Alex:

Luke, there was a point of differentiation made between states — we are a legal entity via Rhode Island law (?) but then Kate made reference to California. Question: does state or country impact us if we ran into a legal problem with the hotel, for example?

Luke: can we in principle go forward? Cynthia, Kate, and Evi go forward to bring this to board.

5. conference venue

Heather: see attached proposal

Highline college – also works with King County American Indian women. Close to airport. Strategically between Seattle and Tacoma – beautiful views. Nice 4 point Sheraton but not nice walk (short cab ride).

Also, economic onsite option with a large roof deck and beautiful views of the water and mountains, offering a lower price point and short walk without the need for further transportation.

Heather took a zoom tour of the quads, like dorms that are a year old. They offer shared living spaces – living room dining etc. huge rooftop patio so conference attendees can come and we can cater meals or get food delivered. Lots of restaurants nearby and the school has been accommodating. They have a dedicated conference team and website. Prices seem really reasonable.

Con: not a beautiful walk from the Sheraton. It's on the sound so beautiful but also on Hwy 99 so walking to places is not beautiful experience, but short car ride. (Bus rental and shuttle price prohibitive)

Alex: Can handicapped people maneuver?

Heather: the quads are on campus so if there's a physical handicap they are built [to accommodate] for that.

Robert: Questioned the limitation in how many quad rooms are available? Our conferences usually run about 80 people

Heather: they can commit to 24-32 people in February and perhaps more later. The hotel would accommodate others. There are 2 hotels college has relationships with – 2 different price points.

Heather spoke with housing and believes there will be significantly more but can't contractually guarantee until after February.

Other hotel is like a Best Western – and Sheraton. Has shuttle to college. But in COVID-land and the upheaval of times not sure if they'll renew the shuttle.

Why I didn't include in proposal. without shuttle would be more costly.

Inez: if we had to postpone could we [do so] without penalty? Down payment penalty of a couple hundred anticipated but this would be refundable if coronavirus is still shutting down the venue.

Heather: the commitment to school is light – under 3K a small amount

Assuming we'll have to have some of this factored in

Parking is easy – either free or \$2=3 so not an issue whereas shuttles were prohibitively expensive

Sukey: thanks for your effort and trouble!

Lisa moved and Robert seconded to go forward with this conference venue

Luke: people who were accepted for this year – will roll over.

Inez and Heather and Evi to continue working on this

6. treasurer's report Sukey

End of June early July for next year? Is that the plan? [for 2021 conference]

Treasurer's report

Alex trying to understand the numbers – is there a \$12K amount owed for the Asheville conference?

Sukey: no. last year I had to do financial report while at Asheville. Some of the costs hadn't come in yet.

Alex: what about the journal expense?

Sukey: it's for 2 years

Elizabeth: it's the layout and prep for journal used to have intern do this don't have anyone doing this now.

Alex: so, the fee for the last 2 years is to a student who did it? Matthew did copy editing and my students did layout and formatting? So cost of layout is \$2K?

Elizabeth: no I'm the layout editor and the whole journal to U of Alb site –

Alex: so cost is to you? And you charge us for layout?

Elizabeth. yes. If we have student intern to take over the role, I'm happy to pass that over.

Cynthia: [requested clarification on financial statement] current balance except for Warwick issues?

Luke & Sukey: yes we've paid our debts for last year and this is what we have sans costs for next year.

Matthew: need to be official about this? Double checked.

The dues roll over for the year.

Susan: we don't need to vote on this cuz bylaws state dues are in effect till next conference

L: thanks all

Item 7. JSSS Treasurer

In about 1 month we'll again be without treasurer for the organization. Some discussion about buy in account services.

Luke: I would like to go back to the membership to see if anyone is willing to step forward.

Evi: don't bylaws require a treasurer?

Luke: yes bylaws insist we must have treasurer and that person may not hold any other position in organization.

So I probably need to write to members again.

Robert: yes gotta be someone in the organization with accounting experience

Lisa: did have someone express interest recently?

Luke: yes but not comfortable with that person.

Sukey: didn't really want this job. When Susan was looking for treasurer she said we need one or we can't go on. I felt I should take it before getting too old or feeble. So I took it. It has been in its own way – has been annoying but I also hold responsibility to group to not go off the rails financially. I like that something deep about it. So encourage you all to think about doing it or get others to talk to them. Cuz my house is not on the market and I'm retiring and I can't keep doing it. So yeah that's what I wanted to say sorry to make such a speech!

Luke: thanks for staying on longer than you wanted.

Will write to organization to see if we get any interest

Report from journal editor Elizabeth?

Elizabeth: had couple meetings with editorial team – decided to go ahead with 2021 volume even without conference structure – will be a little different to reflect times.

General theme is journeying through the underworld. Will continue to have art poetry essays but essay will be divided into 2 sections: One for academic essays. And another section on conversations in the field. Invite short submissions not necessarily scholarly in response to question what is in crisis.

Have identified 5 areas of crisis. Will be seeking 15 pieces total 3 in each category

Environment, missed 2 areas

Systemic misogyny and systemic racism.

Want to bring in the widest possible writers.

Soliciting poetry and art on this topic. To see what comes in.

Also want to include short video clips

Heather's idea to include movement pieces. Will also have book reviews and film reviews.

Luke: retained a peer reviewed element for scholarly articles in journal?

Elizabeth: aiming for 3-4 scholarly reviewed articles plus others.

9. website development

Lisa: last year new website came online have hosting service robust only \$5/mo with templates etc.

Can capture new membership through online website – can sign up and make payment through PayPal etc.

Online registration for 2020 conf, going to have online CFP – basically able to capture info on website fill into spreadsheets on google docs site and also capture email addresses goes into mail chimp to allow for mass emails.

Luke: 788 people reached on FB. Evi checked.

Moving into people's awareness where we hadn't previously. This is a good development.

Evi: only concern – we've spoken b4. Would be good to have redundancy if you are gone and site needs fixing. Want to volunteer to help with that.

Lisa: thanks for the reminder. In fall when I'm done with online class would be good time for us to talk about it.

Evi: September would be best for me

Item 10. Ecology statement

Luke: Grew out of Asheville conf. Heather and I were tasked with creating ecology environment. Swapped emails ideas etc. over course of year and developed statement

Inez has couple concerns with text – stewardship. Makes human beings essential to earth experiences not sure it's the most real understanding of human relationship to the earth. Occurs in 2 places in text.

Other concern suggests religious orientation last line.

Acknowledging our psychological indebtedness to all life. Just put period after individuate should work.

Luke: will make changes and recirculate

Item 11. diversity.

Luke: Speak to this Inez?

Inez: organization's response to racial issues abroad. Not working within our org probably due to incompetent way of thinking about these issues.

After last few mos. Seems like the issue we might be thinking about as Jungian thinkers is the abuses of power particularly by those who have culturally based power over those who do not have culturally

based power and the psychological dynamics and roots consequences all fall within purview of this issue.

My own personal take on direction. But regarding the official statement, don't want to offer my personal take as the JSSS take.

Re: next conf which is synchronistically on issues of justice and freedom might be worth having plenary with members at different tables with questions about what this statement might say.

Present to plenary at end. Assuming conflicts etc. scheduling follow up meeting with discussion so whatever statement we came up with is result of conversation of membership.

Cynthia: [I volunteered to help and then to lead it]

Heather and Evi offered to help with "diversity" effort also

Luke: don't need to vote on this now – but devote time at next conference and Cynthia has agreed to lead it. Will work with Inez

Diversity Committee: Cynthia, Inez, Evi, Heather, and Kate

New Business

Luke: any other business?

Need formal motion to defer dues for 1 year?

Matthew F: yes.

Matthew moved, Robert seconded all voted.

Sukey: can we post this on our website? Answer: Yes, because people randomly send in dues. So, post on website.

Alexandra:

Luke, there was a point of differentiation made between states — we are a legal entity via Rhode Island law (?) but then KL made reference to California. so question: does state or country impact us if we ran into a legal problem with the hotel, for example? So JSI is the priority bc proceeding with commitment for JSSS conference

Luke: that's right re contract

Evi: I very much support the idea of set places on the East and the West coast.

Alexandra: as long as the set shuffle east and west, welcome and flex for north and south.

Luke, do we need to approve the decision to defer dues for a year?

Discussion

Matthew: I think that we need to back up the idea by voting on a motion.

Robert: The dues roll over for the year.

Matthew:

According to the Bylaws, dues are "annual." For example, the document states: "Annual dues for membership are set by the Board of Directors." There is no statement that says dues are good for two years in the absence of a conference.

Robert: I think that we have to adjust this Bylaw to account for Covid.

Matthew: You do that in a motion. Discussion

From the Bylaws: The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Bylaws or by rules of procedure adopted by the Society.

Robert: I think that we are only making an informal adjustment for these unusual circumstances

Ecological Continued Discussion:

What about reciprocity instead of stewardship?

Matthew:

It might make sense to mention the "Anthropocene" as a negative point of view to be avoided.

The idea is perhaps from Deep Ecology, which includes the notion that all life has rights.

Alexandra: post-humanist, Indigenous, and post-post-mod research have been calling for these changes for some time.

The meeting was adjourned.

