

JSSS Board Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2022

Des Moines, WA

Attendance:

In person: Evija, Cynthia, Peter, Matthew, Khrystine, Greg, Robert, Susan R., Khrystine.

Online: Luke, Sukey, Inez, Elizabeth, Kate, Sharon.

Absent: Heather, Lisa, Alex, Petra, Susan Wyatt.

Agenda

- 1) Minutes of the previous meeting
- 2) Board Membership—resignations and reflections
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Journal Report
- 5) World Café
- 6) Proposal from Inez Martinez on the Conference Organizers' fees
- 7) Reflections on Current Conference
- 8) Plans for 2023 conference
- 9) Membership fee payments by Board members

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. Approved.

2. Board Membership – resignations and reflections.

- Information Technology Coordinator (previously called *Communications Director*; the Bylaws had not been updated to include that office):
 - Lisa is stepping down as Communications Director within the organization. We offer a vote of thanks for Lisa's outstanding work.
- Editor of the journal:
 - Elizabeth is stepping down as editor of the journal. Thank you for all you've done.
- JSSS Public Relations Coordinator:
 - Susan Rowland has offered to take on the role at the request of Evi. Elizabeth nominated Susan; Evi seconded the nomination; it was unanimously approved.
- JSSS President and VP:
 - Luke is stepping down as president, taking on the role of VP (nomination of Luke as VP: Peter nominated; Elizabeth seconded; unanimously accepted.)

- Evi is stepping down as VP, taking on the role of president (nomination of Evi for President: Susan nominated; Elizabeth seconded; unanimously voted to accept.)
- Information Technology Coordinator:
 - The position remains unfilled. Evi has started a conversation with a potential candidate.
- Message from Evi as incoming president:
 - Thank you for the vote of confidence. I will work hard to support the society and I hope you will help—this is not work for one but for our community. I will be reaching out to you and hope you will give me your hand in getting things done together.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Greg Mahr:

- We needed to take out a liability insurance for the conference. I am trying to get insurance for the Board in general. Insurance companies are either extraordinarily expensive or marginal Internet operations. Working with the carrier called "My Wallet." The umbrella carrier approved \$470/year—reasonable compared with other offers. Not sure how great coverage is—in final stages. Hard to get through to them. We will have to have that coverage for subsequent conferences.
- Current finances: Between 45–50K in the multiple banks: PayPal, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo.
- JSSS has a PayPal card reader available now.
- Suggestion from Evi: something that might be good to consider for the future Google Business Suite to share reports with everyone and to systemize processes. Greg supports the Google suite.
- Lisa has offered to take on a Treasurer's assistant role. Greg welcomes Lisa as assistant.

4. JSSS Journal Editor & Status.

- Elizabeth: A couple of candidates for the new general editor of the journal have been considered. I want to thank Greg Mahr who offered to step in as the new journal editor when it looked like we did not have any candidates.
- 2 candidates for general editor for the journal:
 - Dennis Pottenger. Has attended many conferences when Don Fredericksen was still with the JSSS. Dennis has published works on Jungian theory. He is an author and a member of the JSSS community. Dennis is a therapist and specializes in wilderness retreats.

- Dylan Hoffman. Dylan has not yet been part of the JSSS community but would like to. He is currently applying for a full-time faculty position, so couldn't commit 100%.
- Discussed qualifications, previous publications, and degree status of candidates.
- Elizabeth Nelson moved to nominate Peter Dunlap and Dennis Pottenger as coeditors in chief for the journal for next year; seconded by Matthew Fike; unanimously accepted.
- Elizabeth and Luke proposed themselves as assistant editors.
- It was proposed to make Dennis part of the Board; Peter seconded; unanimously accepted.
- Journal Status Update:
 - Elizabeth: We received the final proofs yesterday, corrections were made, and we are within days of posting the journal. This morning we sent agreement asking authors to fill out—so all authors are in agreement to have their work published as open access. The 2022 journal is looking gorgeous. We've got a great team!

5. The JSSS Statement on Diversity with World Café update.

- Feedback from Peter and Evi—regardless of outcome, the exercise was helpful to community; biggest value was that people could express themselves.
- Cynthia: Rich inputs, still organizing and summarizing the richness collected to include in the final statement.
 - Cynthia will craft an overarching statement of JSSS's philosophical approach to diversity with a more detailed accounting of how to achieve that practically.
- Evi: Also have question of diversity fund in the agenda. The fund needs to be developed.
 - Greg: might be more expedient to have scholarships for socioeconomic diversity.

6. Proposal from Inez on the Conference Organizers' fees.

- The Proposal by Inez:

The proposal is that the Board makes it a policy that the registration fees of the Program Chair, the Site Coordinator, the Webmaster, the President, and the Treasurer be waived for every conference and that the membership fees of these persons be deemed met.

- The Substitute Proposal was made by Evija:

The proposal is to establish a Conference Organizers' Fee similarly to the current practice of assigning Regular and Student fees and potentially other types of fees in the future. The Conference Organizers' Fee may be provided to individuals with direct and significant involvement in the conference program, site, and registration coordination (such involvement is typically associated with the tasks of Conference Program Chair, Site Coordinator, and Treasurer). Such a fee must not be less than 50 USD and must be paid in full to register for the conference. The conference chair shall plan all the conference fees by building them into the overall conference budget model. The Board shall endorse the conference plan, including the budget.

- The substitute motion was approved with one abstention.

7. Reflections on current conference.

- The conference required great efforts to arrange as it involved managing not only the conference venue and participants but also accommodations and food. That is not a sustainable model and should not be repeated.
- There is a desire to have the conferences organized at hotels for convenience.
- Not everyone who wants to participate in the conference can afford to pay the hotel prices. Dorm option is a welcome one for attendants with a reduced financial ability.
- The current conference has a strong sense of participation and a community. The quality of presentations is high.

8. Plans for 2023 conference

- Possible locations for 2023:
 - Robert: Investigating Mexico as possible conference location:
 - Room and board comfortable and affordable;
 - Logistics of travel and arriving at venue are easily arranged;
- Returning to Asheville:
 - Luke: would like to settle on a “home” location (or two) for JSSS conferences.
- Possible themes for 2023:
 - Diversity and community in some way;
 - Transdisciplinarity of perspectives;
 - Diversity, holism, etc.;
 - Greg: survey membership for suggestions?

9. Membership fee payments by Board members.

- All Board members must pay the membership fees annually. Evi made motion. Mathew seconded. All in favor. It was unanimously accepted that all the Board members must pay membership fees.
- Robert: Will send out notices so membership is up to date.

Thank you to Luke for serving as president the last 4 years! Evi: Personal thank you! (Discussion and thanks from the Board members.)