

Jungian Society for Scholarly Studies 2022 Conference, Seattle

Members' Meeting on Sunday, July 10, 2022

Convening: Evi, President

Introduction of Board members: Susan R., Robert, Matthew, Cynthia, Greg, Khrystine, Dennis, Evi. (Apologies: Alex, Luke, Susan Wyatt, Lisa, Heather, Elizabeth, Sukey, Petra, Sharon.)

Agenda:

1. Members' feedback on the 2022 conference
2. Suggestions for next year's conference: theme and locations

Agenda item 1.

- Request to notify the conference participants of potential COVID exposure cases.
- Presentations were personal, intimate, passionate.
- Excellent food, excellent music setup.
- Members praised diversity statement efforts and need for continued work.
- Suggested improvements and changes:
 - Softer beginning; label round tables; single-day sessions—advertise this more; bonding before conference starts; need a place that fosters community.
 - Pluses and minuses regarding dorms. Dorm was nice—no larger common area, though.
 - Social justice / scholarships for diversity.
 - Queer voices in attendance but not part of leadership.
 - Recording concurrent sessions.
 - Label themes for conference panels.
 - Need to clarify the process by which members become Board members. A discrepancy was noted between the process described in the Bylaws and the process which took place at the conference. The president promised to discuss the matter at the next Board meeting and communicate with the members following that.

Agenda item 2. Suggestions for next year's conference: theme and locations

Show of hands for Puebla, Mexico, and Asheville, NC, received approximately equal support. Distance of travel to Mexico and potential safety issues were raised. There was enthusiasm for expanded JSSS collaboration with Mexican colleagues, and for JSSS holding conferences not only on the east and west coasts of the U.S. but also to the north and south of the nation's borders. The Mexico idea was countered by the fact that JSSS is a North American organization. The conclusion was that further research was needed.

Potential conference themes were listed on sticky notes and then organized according to frequency: honoring ancestral voices; the paranormal; belonging / alienation; liminality; spirit of place; holism; unifying stories / storytelling; climate / ecology / environmental psychology; Jungian arts-based research; activism; making sense of world today; visions of future; duality / multiplicity; white shadow / light shadow; emergent ideas / visions; messiness of transformation; community; trust; and locality / non-locality.