

NJCEA Board Meeting—May 01, 2009

Present: Burt Kimmelman, Nira Gupta-Casale, Mary Balkun, David McClure, Karen Zielony, John Wargacki, Susannah Chewing, Crystal Coble, Gita DasBender,

Excused: Robert Friedman, Rachael Warmington, Kelly Shea, Norbert Elliot.

Absent: Ken Ronkowitz.

Treasurer's Report

Gita reported that the balance as of May 01 is \$12,553.08.

2009 Conference Post-mortem

Last sessions of the day were a problem because of lack of attendance. We need to figure out a way of encouraging folks to stay. Lunch was long so the sessions got pushed back. Well- attended panels perhaps can be scheduled for the final period and lunch needs to be shorter.

New rules should be put into effect: two people should work on the Roundtable and two people should work on the conference. It gives new people the training for the procedures. Both the 1st and 2nd VP should be involved in organizing both the events. Another problem is that the conference is becoming a graduate student conference and we have a lot of SHU students. We need to think about how many graduate papers we accept. Perhaps we only have two graduate papers per panel. In any case, there needs to be a balance on the panels. The conference also needs to be more competitive so that not every paper that gets submitted will get accepted. Perhaps a theme for the conference may help us? We could also try to contact faculty in William Paterson, for instance, and try to have them host the Roundtable there.

We could also contact the chairs of English departments with a personalized letter about NJCEA both in NJ and other large universities in the tri-state area to encourage faculty participation in the conference and graduate student participation in the essay contest . Rachael Warmington, the graduate representative, could work on this. We could also bring copies of the CFP at the MLA in December.

Breakfast and keynote should be on the first floor of Jubilee.

Our tentative conference date is Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Burt should receive all the email addresses and we should resurrect the Participant Information Form so that we have all the information of all attendees. We should have a 8 gigabyte flash drive into which the President would put all the information. We need to

create a Procedures Document and a Calendar of events with all the deadlines. It would also be nice to institute an annual celebratory, post-conference dinner and meeting for the Board.

Possible Speakers for 2010

Richard Russo, Gretna Wilkinson, Charlene Harris, Elizabeth Koskova? (wrote “The Historian”), Caroline Hopper (First Year Experience Person—takes \$1500)

College English Notes

We have not had any issues in 2008. The last issue was the Fall 2007 issue that came out in Spring 2008. We have a new layout person helping John. SHU is funding the current issue but future funding is uncertain; John will find out this summer about future funding. We should also consider moving toward turning CEN into a Peer-reviewed journal and have an advisory board for the journal. There are some wonderful online journals (like Rain Taxi) so we could also put CEN online. We could go for a hybrid journal like Rain Taxi that is both in hard copy and online. We’d probably get more submissions. A guest editor would be a good idea once in a while. We could include book reviews on both literary texts and composition texts.

Fall Roundtable

Possible date: Saturday, October 24th from 10:30 to 12:30 with brunch being catered by UCC.

Next meeting

Friday, Aug. 28 at 9:30 at UCC, Alumni Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Gita DasBender
Secretary/Treasurer