

## Notes MSSA EC meeting Nov. 7, 2012

- UG center seems likely place to meet (lower cost, etc.) – Mark Konty
- Would have to subsidize the student rates – reg is per day, they do the organizing.
- Only pay for who shows up.
- Provides AV equip. (whole time \$140-150)
- CVB – convention visitor's bureau – Lexington (also an option) They get bids & proposals for us. Crowne Plaza, for example. \$109 + 5k food & bev.
- 2015 in Lafayette, 2014 Mobile (11/5-11/8), 2013 Atlanta
- First year for renegotiation is 2016
- Proposal to increase student reg to \$25 due to increase in Spectrum cost to \$33

Minutes for Jamie Baird:

Kevin Breault asked if we could consider giving a monetary award for the winner of the Spectrum Paper Award.

Discussion followed. Mark suggests that it would need to be a formally judged contest if the money comes from MSSA's budget – Kevin says he will check with T&F – they might be willing to fund it. They may be interested in something like that to promote the journal. As long as it does not hurt T&F's contributions to MSSA, says Mark.

Ruth suggests we ask ASA for updated database of soc programs/directors each year from Jean Shin, for purposes of soliciting papers for undergrad and grad competitions. The databases go out of date frequently due to people leaving etc.

Ruth will craft a proposal to revise the operations and procedures manual to change the language to reflect what we actually do with the two student competitions. She will present the proposal at the second EC meeting on Sat.

DeMond is not present. He sent the VP-elect report to Anita Bledsoe-Gardner. There is a winner for the undergrad competition. He will give full report on Sat.

Minutes from Winter meeting were M/S/P (motioned, seconded, passed).

Earl presented the current program. 43 sessions – 4 concurrent sessions. Earl went over the main event schedules. Reminder about the breakfast – 7-8:30 – first 50 MSSA members eat free – Earl will tell Jamie the location after this meeting.

Mark is asking if there is enough in the food/bev budget, could we provide an open bar an event? Earl says no, the orders are already in.

Spectrum Editors – will read full report at banquet. Brian provided highlights. Ruth & Tina will revise call for special issue papers – per conversation with editors.

New editors are not planning any major changes with Spectrum – will continue to carry on the success. Plan is to convert to online submission/review. T&F is covering the costs. Eliminated the \$10 submission fee. Things are going smoothly with the journal and the impact factor continues to increase.

Mark suggests to give some kind of thanks and acknowledgement to John, since he did two consecutive terms. And increased the impact factor.

Kevin & Brian asked to be put on EC email list for minutes, and reports. They left to go to the Spectrum Editorial Board meeting.

Tim – Forum report – got 12 issues out, had glitch on one, fixed it. See submitted report for details.

Need new webmaster, new Forum editor. Rolling the two positions together, no conflicts, since only one of these positions is a voting position. Tim needs to give it up because he cannot have two voting positions.

All reports M/S/P.

Mark presented Stan Hodges' Stanford Lyman scholarship report. 2 papers, unanimous amongst judges to give both an award. Split it? Or take money from operating budget? Discussion ensued. Lyman's family donated the money for scholarships – but Tim can't remember if there was a stipulation for the amount. Agreement that both winners should get full amount, but how to get the funds? Have to decide this now, today.

Should discuss adding a responsibility to the Lyman coordinator involving fundraising into the OPM.

Decided to give \$1000 to both winners, will figure out how to fix the money issue later on.

Tina – problem – costs of midwinter meeting prohibitive to people wanting to serve as MSSA officers. She says several who would otherwise run for office will not because of the extra costs. She argues we need to discuss a way to do the meeting electronically. The President should be person to set this up.

Mark says people need to be there in person – certain people, (pres, sec-treas) but not everybody. Need to revisit on Sat. Have a separate contract for the midwinter meeting w/hotel – need to get rid of this.

Tina needs to write proposal for this to present on Saturday.

Committee on Nominations report M/S/P.

Motion to adjourn M/S/P.