

Minutes of WSSA Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, April, 4, 2018
8:00am - 5:00pm

Present: Barbara Bonneken, President; Michele Companion, Immediate Past-President; Christopher Brown, President-Elect; Anthony Amato, Vice-President/Secretary; William Schaniel (2016-2019) & Student Grant & Awards Coordinator, Meghna Sabharwal (2017-2020), Debra Andrist (2015-2018), Mary Jo Tippeconnic Fox (2015-2018), Mark Melichar (2015-2018), Stephen Mumme (2015-2018), Karen Jarratt-Snider (2017-2020), Moises Diaz (2016-2019), Larry Gould, Executive Director; Kate Herke, Communications Director

B. Bonneken called the meeting to order at 8:03am and welcomed all. Introductions of the members of the Council followed.

M. Companion moved and M. Diaz seconded approval of the minutes of the Fall Business Meeting in September 2017. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously on a voice vote. M. Companion abstained.

Decisions

- WSSAcon will be the twitter handle of the association.
- M. Sabharwal will also have access to a new wssa e-mail gmail account.
- The Vine Deloria Prize will appear on the website.
- WSSA will pursue the creation of a new logo,
- WSSA will pursue a direct link to Regonline on the ABS site and the website(s) will present the WSSA conference registration payment in such of way that ABS attendees understand that it is mandatory and necessary for the ABS meeting/conference.
- Diane Berry will assume duties of an official program editor and be contracted to perform these duties in this role for the next five years.
- M. Companion and C. Brown seconded a motion to increase regular registration, retiree registration, and luncheon fees each by 10 dollars for each, and student registration by 5 dollars. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- M. Companion and D. Andrist seconded a motion to initiate and instate a third category of fees (onsite registration), which are 15 dollars higher (above regular fees across the board) for each category of registration and the luncheon. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Reports

- K. Herke gave an update on registrations. There are over 500 registrations. She noted that there were several people who asked for registration after the window closed. B. Bonneken asked about how many people were expected to register on site. K. Herke said that she expected around 120 if her past experience serves. She pointed out that the WSSA does not take debit cards, but only about five people had real problems in

registering because of debit cards. L. Gould brought up the unusual number of requests for letters of support this year.

- K. Herke informed the council that the WSSA is doing an experiment based the mobile app and on the large quantity (200) of unpicked-up 2017 programs, which had to be discarded. This year's experiment entails having printed programs available at the desk, but only upon request.
- K. Herke gave an update on marketing. She will have more time this year for marketing because of a job change. She is soliciting ideas for marketing. She requested anyone who has ideas to contact her.
- K. Herke noted that this is the time for the summer newsletter and it is mostly housekeeping. The fall newsletter will run in September and August 15th is the deadline.
- B. Bonneken announced that she will collecting names for nominations for the President, Vice-President/Secretary, and the Council.
- L. Gould gave a summary of the journal bidding process. He offered to work with Elsevier to come up with another 7 (seven) year contract. The WSSA's contract ends on January 1, 2019; the association has until the 28th of December to notify them; and Elsevier has the option to not renew the contract.
- L. Gould explained the mandate for the wearing of nametags for admittance to all events and sessions. This will be introduced this year. He explained the ticket control on drinks: two complimentary drink tickets for each attendee. L. Gould said that there is a need for a timeline for D. O'Reilly on Tuesday. The Council discussed different destinations: Vancouver, Seattle, Bellingham, Sacramento, Colorado Springs and New Orleans. He noted the considerations involved and warned, "most hotels turn us down." He noted that arrangements have been made until 2023 (Tempe). The WSSA will purchase space on a cloud after talking to Diane Berry. He continued by stressing that program coordinators must use the website. He wondered about inefficiency and business. He presented a graph of conference registrations over time, noting that the registrations' timing creates a cash flow problem. He circulated a sheet with data of registrations, revenue, and costs since 2011. He warned of rising costs. He cited data from 1964 and contrasted it with today. K. Herke compiled the data. He pointed to cost and revenue discrepancies, emphasizing the role of revenue from Elsevier. He explained changes and threats in several trends. He explained the added costs of journal editors. S. Mumme asked about buyouts. L. Gould singled out the cost of the rooms for the fall meetings for discussion. He raised the issue of the program and the app. He explained the details of comped rooms. He defined the terms that showed up in his handout and pointed to dividing lines. He described the changes in printers and laptops and their implications for the rise in expenses. He pointed out that all catering comes with service charges; hotel staff salaries come out of these service charges. L. Gould announced that the San Diego 2019 hotel wants a cash deposit of 60,000 in early September. He warned the council that this might necessitate drawing from the WSSA investment account, which was not supposed to happen until 2020. He concluded by highlighting the flux of the present day and market.

- L. Gould counseled that more of the program work should move to Diane Berry and that WSSA funds should follow the move in the work.
- M. Companion reported on elections and awards. She characterized the last elections a success. She circulated a copy of the winner of this year's book award (*Mining Coal and Undermining Gender*).
- M. Sabharwal mentioned that W. Schaniel had discussed drafting a handbook for student awards and papers.
- M. Sabharwal reported to the Council on social media, especially Facebook. She asked K. Herke for administrative rights to Facebook. M. Sabharwal told the Council that she had looked into Twitter and the handle "WSSA" is taken.
- W. Schaniel described how he and several other members of the council (Mary Jo Tippeconnic, M. Melichar, and M. Sabharwal) conducted the student awards and travel grants. He gave a summary of the numbers for last year and this year, noting that there were no undergraduate student applicants this year. He noted that they would notify all student submitters of their eligibility through an automatic system on the website. He also suggested contacting institutions' undergraduate research conferences.
- C. Brown, M. Companion, and B. Bonnekesen gave D. Andrist information about how to contact local institutions. C. Brown volunteered his knowledge on San Diego's geography programs, with which he had first-hand graduate experience. The three Presidential officers will be visiting campuses in San Diego this fall.
- K. Herke introduced Ms. Diane Berry, who will be the conference program editor and carry this as an official title. She has assisted conference coordination since the presidency-elect of Heather Albanesi. Applause followed.

Discussions

- The format of the program was reason for discussion. In response to a query about PDFs, she stated that she will do a "Did you know" piece on the conference PDF in the newsletter. W. Schaniel suggested information on student awards and travel grants be part of the "Did you know" handout. B. Bonnekesen suggested another item for the handout: "Did you know that we support local non-profits?" L. Gould followed this suggestion by stressing the need for an open publicized invitation to all non-ticketed WSSA receptions and events. L. Gould and M. Companion added another item for the piece: people who wish to donate to the foodbank will be able use credit cards at the desk and collection table. B. Bonnekesen suggested that if anyone thinks up idea to have them to her by 1pm that day.
- The Council addressed marketing after K. Herke reported on it. C. Brown instructed all to ask her, "why do you work so hard?" Answering the question of what is the WSSA's attraction, M. Companion recounted an anecdote about a student in San Francisco, noting that our student- and peer-friendliness is a draw. B. Bonnekesen suggested that there be a first-time attendee column in the newsletter, especially for students. W. Schaniel proposed that this could be a requirement. B. Bonnekesen encouraged section coordinators to bring students to the desk and obtain three-line reviews of the conference. She also encouraged those present to look into junior faculty. K. Herke will

do a “why are you here” survey in the newsletter. B. Bonnekesen pointed out that the current app (Attendify) has a notification functions and once per day an announcement could go out for feedback. B. Bonnekesen asked about possibilities for external marketing efforts. Along these line, M. Sabharwal proposed a short survey of the membership. Karen Jarratt-Snider asked all to contemplate the possibilities of graduate students at neighboring Institutions because the WSSA is student-friendly. B. Bonnekesen suggested that the WSSA’s diversity is its strength with its sections for different participant and researcher populations. M. Companion underscored that the WSSA is not just student-friendly, it is faculty friendly. She added that much networking across disciplines occurs. L. Gould asked about the possible need for professional marketing. Some present concurred that there is a need “to get it [the message] out the front door.” K. Herke asked for someone to write for the newsletter and do a WSSA press release that could be sent out media outlets. She asked M. Companion to write up her ideas on networking and inter-disciplinarity. W. Schaniel stressed the theme of career development.

- M. Diaz asked those present to consider/re-consider the visual program of the Association, especially the logo. B. Bonnekesen asked for the Council’s thoughts about hiring a market company. She noted that the conference and logo originated in the print era and the contemporary digital-only world is cause for review.
- K. Herke asked council members to inform what publication is most read in their disciplines.
- Discussion of the social media took place M. Sabharwal suggested that student winners and their wins should be topics in the WSSA’s social media feeds and streams. M. Companion suggested Diane Berry as someone who could handle the creation of topics, streams, and feeds on various platforms. L. Gould noted the Library feature on apps. Discussion ensued about the Twitter handle on whether wssacon or wssaconf would be the WSSA Twitter handle. D. Andrist addressed the variety of social media. B. Bonnekesen asked the Council to offer their assessments of different social platforms.
- L. Gould showed a 1979 map of the WSSA’s service region, and discussion ensued about the logo and who could/should a new design a logo. L. Gould approved M. Diaz’s comments on the logo. B. Bonnekesen suggested that the Council revisit the issue on Saturday the 7th M. Diaz offered to obtain and run several graphics (logos) past the council. B. Bonnekesen suggested that we allot funds to make marketing a yearly part of our budget. D. Andrist said lots of programs do contract work and suggested a contest. M. Diaz and M. Sabharwal reflected on their institutional experiences with the student contests falling at busy times of year. B. Bonnekesen proposed that the reveal of the logo could be on the Wednesday of the Annual Conference. All present at the meeting agreed that the logo would be multi-platform and have color numbers specified.
- K. Herke stressed the need for general-audience pieces in the newsletter.
- D. Andrist stressed a piece on WSSA inclusiveness in terms of rank. L. Gould recounted an anecdote about large conferences and their hierarchies. M. Companion asked, “how many of you are still working on the same [topics] in your dissertation.”

- B. Bonnekesen underscored that if the WSSA does hire, the professionals need to know the organization.
- K. Herke asked everyone to recommend a student worker, reliable, self-starting, resourceful, and works well with others. M. Sabharwal asked for clarification on pay and international students. M. Companion noted bilingualism is a plus. Discussion of international student instructions ensued.
- C. Brown gave a report on the conference. He stressed the following points: conference organizers must remind dection coordinators every month; they need to remind local institutions of the details of student waivers more frequently and earlier; they need to ready, advance, and expedite the app graphics to create the app, get maps of the hotel, ads for the program book from section coordinators, be efficient on the handoff of the app, repacking with file types, all of the conference general meetings. He will compile these and give them to D. Andrist. D. Andrist will work with webmaster, Omni press, C. Brown, and L. Gould and others. C. Brown spoke to the integral role of Diane Berry. D. Berry will be the official program editor, the Council agreed. The app works, he said. C. Brown congratulated the hotel rep. He noted limits in terms of space. He spoke to need to understand the workload of the app. The hotel's electronic marquees are test for double room scheduling, which often escapes the eyes of the conference coordinators.
- L. Gould offered a proposal to raise all registration rates by 10 dollars and create a separate onsite category with higher conference registration fees. He explained this as a matter of covering the real costs of onsite registration. C. Brown questioned this and its implications for equity and its impact on registration. He asked whether this would reduce registration. W. Schaniel explained the three-tier system. B. Bonnekesen asked about the perception of a penalty. K. Herke addressed the most difficult cases. W. Schaniel suggested making conditions for rare exceptions clear to section coordinators and council members upon request. K. Herke, C. Brown, and W. Schaniel discussed the new schedule of registration fees and the third category of registrations. They shared thoughts on the issues involved. L. Gould explained the graduated fees. Some international attendees will receive accommodation, he underscored. In San Diego in 2019, the new fee and tier structure will go into place.
- L. Gould described the troubling matter of section coordinators who are late registrants or even non-registrants. M. Companion advised the incoming president-elect D. Andrist to telephone section coordinators who do not respond e-mails. L. Gould used the verb "pester" and K. Jarratt-Snider used a similar verb to describe necessary actions. K. Herke recounted one episode and she also noted the problem of knowing how many plates to order for the luncheon if section coordinators do not claim their free tickets or even respond to e-mails. B. Bonnekesen pointed out the website's lack of information on free luncheons and wondered about its possible role in the confusion among coordinators about the luncheon.
- L. Gould described the failing password pop-ups for those who navigate to the WSSA Registration through the link on the ABS site. Discussion ensued about a direct link to Regonline on the ABS site and the importance of communication to prospective ABS of this as their conference and of the necessity of WSSA registration.

- L. Gould asked for feedback on food. Comments followed.
- A cost-savings discussion occurred. D. Andrist suggested recycling, nametags for example. K. Jarratt-Snider suggested wristbands instead of nametags. S. Mumme wondered about Albuquerque and its role in the organization's success. He and others expressed positive opinions about Albuquerque. M. Companion raised the issues of Reno and Dallas. M. Companion raised the issue of claim-jumpers on our Reno hotel rooms. K. Jarratt-Snider asked about Fort Worth. L. Gould clarified and said he has hosted a Fort Worth delegation seeking the WSSA conference.
- Discussion took place about cancellations and refunds. K. Jarratt-Snider raised the California employee reimbursement ban issue, which L. Gould clarified. It should not apply, he stated, but it is subject to many local interpretations across CA. The CA "travel ban"/"boycott" prompted discussion. The discussion returned to the topic of cancellations. To separate genuine reasons for cancellation from other reasons, D. Andrist explained how she keeps records of "serial no-shows." On the topic of "boycotts," C. Brown asked about the WSSA's standards in addressing those who canceled and asked for refunds.
- B. Bonnekesen addressed the previous conference. She shared some reflections, raised the issue of the app (Attendify) and mentioned Guidebook as a potential, but expensive, mobile app. She asked for feedback on the app from those present.
- L. Gould stressed the need to get the conference program out much earlier in the interest of participants' travel arrangements. Section coordinators' roles prompted discussion among Council members. The discussion shifted to the topic of the final conference program.
- L. Gould asked Mary Jo Tippeconnic and K. Jarratt-Snider if AIS would allow the Vine Deloria Award to be posted on the WSSA website as an award. C. Brown asked both of them to let D. Andrist and C. Brown know who the coordinators would be this coming year. B. Bonnekesen thanked W. Schaniel and the awards committee.
- L. Gould stressed that the WSSA must heed an August 15th go-live deadline every year. Otherwise, he warned, the WSSA will suffer from changing boats in midstream. All requests for changes to the website, he underscored, must go to K. Herke first so that webmaster M. Molenaar receives one and only one message. B. Bonnekesen asked where the website compliments were coming from. L. Gould concluded that the website is in good order. L. Gould noted his phone number was the only phone on the site.
- B. Bonnekesen asked for ideas for the website. S. Mumme responded by pointing out that books and articles could be put on the website to improve the attention and excitement to the WSSA members' successes. L. Gould noted that the WSSA has a dropdown space and things more prominent could be in the crawl line. S. Mumme discussed how this would challenge the discipline-bound thinking prevalent in so many other institutions. W. Schaniel noted the yearly work with NGOs. M. Companion pointed out that this has not made it to the website. Bonnekesen suggested links on the WSSA website to the local universities would give them good PR. C. Brown highlighted that the WSSA is great for international students and it cannot be oversold to students. B. Bonnekesen asked about local media, and L. Gould replied. She asked for any ideas

about media to publicize the WSSA. K. Herke will do a survey of comparable organizations' websites.

- L. Gould initiated a discussion about the history of WSSA. Nothing has gone into the archives for last ten years. The 60th anniversary would be cause for this history, which could go up online as a PDF. L. Gould suggested comments from and about past presidents. B. Bonnekessen addressed archiving and wondered about a permanent app, which would be better adjusted to an ipad or an iphone. The program would be hosted and archived automatically.
- C. Brown broached the subject of the app. B. Bonnekessen explained the task of the app. developer. Guidebook is aspirational, but it is more expensive, she pointed out. Omni Press (the program printers as of late) is learning and they still have a physical book. D. Andrist underscored that there was no need to work to invent something others had already invented. C. Brown spoke of his fumbles in the process, but Omni Press was courteous and eager to help. They corrected the program in a matter of hours.
- L. Gould addressed the issue of deadlines. Calendar deadlines or “date from” deadlines. He was emphatic about the deadlines. L. Gould and K. Herke focused on the need for a draft program much sooner. M. Companion stressed the need for paper deadlines being December 1st. C. Brown read aloud this year’s deadlines and recounted his experiences. B. Bonnekessen explained how she managed deadlines and worked with section coordinators to overcome difficulties. C. Brown and M. Companion shared experiences. L. Gould emphasized that he received the calls from people asking for printed programs. A. Amato offered a formula that M. Companion and C. Brown recognized as already in place. Discussion ensued about how to communicate best.
- L. Gould proposed that the WSSA pursue an Indigenous policy journal that would be online. The WSSA will approach Elsevier. He stated that a portion of the proceeds would be “returned” (given to the American Indian Studies section or student travel grants for presenters at its sessions). He stressed that this is in keeping with best practices in relationships with Indigenous communities. He added that two journals (this prospect and the SSJ) would make the WSSA more attractive to publishers than an organization with just one. He stated that more information on this matter will come on Saturday at 8am, April 7, 2018.

Action Items:

- 1.) The WSSA will approach Elsevier about the prospects and terms for an Indigenous policy journal.
- 2.) These assignments and requests were assumed by or made of the Council and its ex-officio members:
 - Shortly after the conference, all need to send to K. Herke a response to the question: “what is the most widely read publication/journal in your field” shortly after the conference.
 - All Council members should send a WSSA-focused “Did you know” short item to K. Herke for the newsletter.

- M. Companion will write up her ideas on networking and inter-disciplinarity.
- K. Herke will make newsletter assignments if there are no volunteers.
- K. Herke will do a survey of comparable organizations' websites.
- All Council members should send any suggestions or corrections to the WSSA website in a timely and organized manner.
- Everyone will recommend a student worker who is reliable, self-starting, resourceful, and works well with others. All will send their recommendations to K. Herke.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

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Saturday, April, 7, 2018
8:30am - 2:00pm

Present: Barbara Bonnekesen, President; Michele Companion, Immediate Past-President; Christopher Brown, President-Elect; Anthony Amato, Vice-President/Secretary; William Schaniel (2016-2019) & Student Grant & Award Coordinator, Debra Andrist (2015-2018), Mary Jo Tippeconnic Fox (2015-2018), Mark Melichar (2015-2018), Stephen Mumme (2015-2018), Karen Jarratt-Snider (2017-2020), Moises Diaz (2016-2019), Jesus Ruiz Flores (2017-2020), Larry Gould, Executive Director; Kate Herke, Communications Director Daphne Pedersen (SSJ editor), Krista Lynn Minnotte (SSJ editor)

B. Bonnekesen called the meeting to order at 8:35am and welcomed all. Introductions of the members of the Council and Guests followed.

Guests: Ilaria Meliconi (Elsevier Publishing), , Monica Gallamore (Council 2018-2021), Jessica Clark (Council 2018-2021), Diane Calloway-Graham (Vice-President/Secretary Elect, Past President)

Decisions

The Social Science Journal (SSJ) Editors are empowered to find and shall find additional reviewers and bring their names to the Council for approval at the Fall Business Meeting.

S. Mumme moved and Karen Jarratt-Snider seconded a motion to thank Diane Berry. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The active committees were constituted for the coming year.

The dates of the Fall Business Meeting were set and announced. The meeting will start on September 20th and end on September 22nd.

A logo revision committee shall oversee the process for a new logo. K. Herke shall chair and M. Gallamore and W. Schaniel shall serve on it. Ideas will be accepted that come from PR departments of universities, marketing departments, and design departments as well as elsewhere. The logo's colors shall remain the same.

Reports

Ilaria Meliconi reported on the Social Science Journal. She conveyed to all those present that she wants the Journal to be better. She remarked on the Journal's low acceptance rate, which is a good sign. She will work with the new editors to create momentum. She described the Journal's strengths as having many papers that are of great interest to the general public. She expressed her desire for the Journal's further growth and improvement. Prompted by L. Gould, she defined the measure known as impact factor. She characterized gaming this measure as short-sighted.

SSJ Co-Editor Krista Lynn Minnotte described her background and the smooth transition to editorship of the journal, appraising the latter as helpful. She said that she and co-editor D. Pedersen had reviewed up to 192 submissions so far, offering context, numbers, and dates. She stressed the vast majority of submissions are desk-rejected. She declared that she and co-editor D. Pedersen "are here to learn from you [i.e., those who govern the WSSA]."

SSJ Co-Editor Daphne Pedersen circulated a document titled "Editors' Report." She gave a summary of the work of S. Witt, the former editor. She pointed to some numbers in the document. She underscored the high rejection rate. She called to the Council's attention to the difficulty of finding reviewers.

L. Gould reminded the Council of the imminent end of current journal contract with Elsevier, which comes at the end of this year. He discouraged any protracted process. He stressed the volatility of the industry. He recounted the previous process. C. Brown asked about the timeline, and Gould replied that June would be when the correspondence and discussions about the journal contract would intensify.

K. Herke and L. Gould reported on this year's conference. They commended the student workers. L. Gould offered the registration and room numbers from the conference, pointing out that non-presenting guests is a new category. He discussed issues of nametags and the "claim jumpers," who reserve rooms in the WSSA's block. He offered up-to-date numbers on registrations and room pickup. There 962 guest room nights and 610 total registrations as of Saturday the 4th. W. Schaniel asked, how many conference participants/registrants are students?" K. Herke responded that the norm over the past few years is about 25 percent. She called attention to the matter of hotel's rates, noting the rack rate at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego.

M. Companion offered information about Tristan Wu, an Emerging Scholar this year. She said that, although he will be unable to attend the Presidents' Reception, he expressed his desire to attend and bring students to the conference next year.

K. Herke explained credit card transaction software. She presented the capabilities of Regonline versus Square Space. Regonline has data that the WSSA can access on Google forms. She described limited information about the participants' locations as an example of useful data that is not available.

L. Gould reported on student participation. This year so far, the pre-conference registrations were 27.4 percent students and onsite registrations were 23.8 percent students. He pointed out that the WSSA recently redefined "student" to make it more narrow, and K. Herke added clarifications of definitions, process, and comped registrations.

K. Herke repeated that this year's conference was the first conference where tags were required to be worn. L. Gould spoke to this, and asked for feedback from those present.

K. Herke reported on the program. She began by underscoring that both the printed program and the app cost money. 300 programs went into the trash in San Francisco 2017. She pronounced the change to on-demand programs a success, noting the rate of a 20-percent pick-up among registrants. She pointed out that at the same time, relatively few knew about the mobile app (Attendify) and desk workers did not speak to registrants about the opportunity to have a printed copy. She pointed out the need for more onsite information on the mobile app, particularly signs in the conference venues.

K. Herke reported on matters of the registration timeline.

C. Brown commended D. Berry and asked all to thank her. Applause followed

Discussions

The impact factor of the Journal prompted discussion. B. Bonnekesen asked about positive versus negative citations. S. Mumme inquired about the pool of journals that the citations are from, asking, "What is the universe these citations are from?" I. Meliconi clarified. S. Mumme noted that it is all too often that "historians get slighted." "What is the impact factor," inquired C. Brown. I. Meliconi provided the number. W Schaniel inquired, "What is the norm?" "Over one (1) would be good," responded I. Meliconi. L. Gould attributed the source of the impact factor differences to academic promotion practices that depend on self-perpetuating prestige-affirming networks of scholars and journals. He referred to a tri-modal distribution of journals' impact factors that arose because of these networks. *Social Science Quarterly's* impact factor was the closest to SSJ's, D. Pedersen clarified, and she underscored that the SSJ was catching them. B. Bonnekesen remarked that there are there aspirational journals. I. Meliconi reiterated her aim to raise the SSJ's measures.

Discussion addressed the review and editorial needs of the Journal. The editors seek reviewers for the Journal's pool of reviewers. B. Bonnekesen offered a list of all of our members' names for use for this purpose. Krista Lynn Minnotte highlighted a need to expand and grow the editorial board. D. Pedersen added that some journals have up to 45 people on the board. I. Meliconi stated that there is no set figure, but there is a need for diversity. The need to expand the pool prompted more clarifications, and L. Gould spoke to some of the issues involved.

The topic of the content of the Journal arose in discussions about the publication. S. Mumme characterized some truncations of the article length as "violence." He reiterated a point that he has made in the past about the Journal's apparent preference for quantitative works with hypothesis testing over narrative works. M. Companion asked about length and concluded that the Journal is generous about length. Krista Lynn Minnotte informed those present that to date she has never rejected article for length. She asked those present about their disciplinary vision for the Journal, suggesting areas to explore and seeking advice of expanding the works. Bonnekesen stated that it is important for the Humanities to find themselves in the Journal more frequently. K. Lynn Minnotte replied and posed a question about potential submissions from English literature scholars about poetry. A. Amato requested that they "flip" the approach and require that the authors show signs of reaching out to other Social Science disciplines. Karen Jarratt-Snider countered this suggestion, noting that the Journal needs to reach out to authors of works from Indigenous Studies especially. D. Pedersen informed those present that mixed-method pieces do appear in the Journal. She reminded those present, "We are not . . . first choice." She recounted an anecdote. B. Bonnekesen commended former SSJ editor S. Witt, thanked her, and expressed appreciation for her service and achievements. She welcomed the two new editors.

The logo was cause for discussion. L. Gould discussed the potential exorbitant costs of the logo. B. Bonnekesen addressed the challenge. Some advised that the WSSA "look in our own schools" for graphic design talent. The idea of Logo Contest that would culminate at the next conference was greeted with enthusiasm. K. Herke will chair a logo committee. Members volunteered, and the issues were defined.

S. Mumme asked all to revisit deadlines and criteria for the paper competition and scholar choices. He made points about semester compression and its negative effect on students' ability to submit. He spoke of his need to review student paper viability before any abstracts could come from students. He proposed a deadline shift. Discussion ensued. Some spoke for the shift and others spoke against moving the deadline. C. Brown suggested faculty get ahead of the abstract process. All concurred that February 1st will be the paper deadline for the paper competitions. C. Brown pointed out that winners can be in the revised program with the app.

The Council thanked C. Brown for his successful service.

L. Gould spoke of the need to equip D. Berry with more tools. He reiterated his point about the need to free up people in leadership to think, describing a "Chihuahua yapping at ankles." He

also pointed out advantages for institutional memory and income. A motion of commendation ensued.

The app and printed program approach were appraised by those present. M. Companion received complaints about the lack of an announcement at the desk which informed conference registrants that printed copies of the program were available upon request. C. Brown highlighted a solution in the website-posted pdf. The discussion moved to the pdf on website. K. Herke confirmed its presence to clarify. B. Bonnekesen suggested how to deal with the matter. M. Melichar underscored the need for a plain solitary button front and center. The button, those present agreed, should be on the WSSA's front page. B. Bonnekesen suggested the "Learn more here" link. Some present expressed their liking for writing in physical copies of the program. K. Jarratt-Snider suggested a "Go green" sign could be present at the registration desk and it could change behavior, and D. Calloway-Graham suggested copies with "Sample" be available.

Discussion took place about the situation and place that is present-day San Diego, especially the San Diego border wall. In its programming for 2019, Association for Borderland Studies (ABS) seeks to cross the border. C. Brown and S. Mumme will be liaisons to ABS. S. Mumme pointed out that Mexico's wine country is a short distance away. L. Gould cautioned that border-crossing be done with care about visas and their restrictions.

W. Schaniel offered his idea for an award for students from emerging economies. L. Gould judged this idea ready by the Albuquerque Conference and no earlier. B. Bonnekesen encouraged W. Schaniel and others to investigate the matter. The impact of such awards on finances came up in the discussion. One present suggested virtual participation via Skype, but some balked at this, citing costs and existing practices in place.

Action Items:

- 3.) The SSJ Editors will bring the names of new candidates for the SSJ editorial board in time for the WSSA Fall Business Meeting.
- 4.) The following assignments and requests were assumed by or made of the Council and its ex-officio members:
 - K. Herke will investigate creating a prominent pdf button on the website.
 - K. Herke requested that Krista Lynn Minnotte and Daphne Pedersen compose a newsletter piece to introduce themselves and the Journal, particularly describing the types of people who submit to journal.
 - S. Mumme will write on the border wall and the hard-to-believe situation at the border for the newsletter.
 - Diane Calloway-Graham will write on the San Diego trolley for the newsletter
 - L. Gould will write a newsletter piece on Going Green (i.e., paperless or less paper-intensive).

- W. Schaniel will write on students and the conference for the newsletter
- C. Schelly, as a section coordinator, will write a piece on her section for the newsletter.
- Mary Jo Tippeconnic and K. Jarratt-Snider will write a newsletter piece on the newsletter on the tribes fighting in California for federal recognition.
- Diane Calloway-Graham will do a piece on the local foodbank for the newsletter.
- L. Gould will write a piece on Pt. Loma Seafood for the newsletter.
- S. Mumme and Diane Calloway-Graham will discuss the Spotlight Organization for 2019.
- D. Andrist will write a “please come” piece for the newsletter
- M. Melichar will do a San Diego trivia piece for the newsletter
- C. Brown will do the President’s Soapbox will do a piece for the newsletter
- C. Brown will do a brief wrap-up piece on the conference for the summer newsletter.
- W. Schaniel will do a newsletter piece on the student awards given out.
- D. Andrist will write a newsletter piece on a section name change and identity and group nomenclature.
- Students will write a newsletter piece on What the students knew professors do
- A. Amato will compose a newsletter piece on “what I wish the students knew.”
- M. Gallamore will be responsible for a newsletter piece on what students think professors know.
- M. Diaz will send in ideas for the fall newsletter.
- Bill Pederson will write a newsletter piece on the Northern Arizona Social Work Program.
- J. Clark will write a newsletter piece on the Western Wyoming Community College Research Symposium, which involves travelling to conferences
- Ruben Martinez of Michigan State will write a newsletter on food insecurity among migrant workers children.
- Karen Jarratt-Snider will write a newsletter piece on a pet peeve: “Native American studies programs teach students how to be Indians.” This newsletter piece or a separate piece will address the differences in group nomenclature and power.
- D. Andrist will write a newsletter piece on a pet peeve: “languages don’t just teach . . .”
- The Book Prize committee will include Diane Calloway-Graham, Michele Companion, and Chelsea Schelly.
- W. Schaniel, J. Clark, M. Melichar, and Mary Jo Tippeconnic will be the committee the student awards and prizes.
- The Finance Committee (Nina Burkhardt, Jim Peach, and D. Calloway-Graham) will serve as an oversight committee, too. This motion to effect this change in the Operations Manual will come before the Council at the Fall Business Meeting
- A. Amato and S. Mumme will comprise the committee for the Larry Gould article award. They will reach a decision on the winner and inform the President-Elect

and K. Herke of the winner by January 15. After consultation, the editors of the SSJ will e-mail them the finalists.

- A review of the nominations for the next leadership and council members will take place at the Fall Meeting, and the Council will make final the slate of candidates and the ballot format at the Fall Meeting
- The Vice-President/Secretary, as has been practice and official procedure for several years, will review the website.
- Karen Jarratt-Snider will provide K. Herke with the details and language and process for the Vine Deloria Award.
- L. Gould will e-mail all to prompt them to respond if they need a Saturday-night stay to make flight arrangements. All should respond to him.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony J. Amato