

DHLSNA AGM Business Meeting 2019

Location: MLA 2019, Chicago, IL

Time: 10am

Persons Present: Joyce Wexler, Nanette Norris, Holly Laird, Erin Johns Speese, Earl Ingersol, Joseph Shafer (attended via Skype)

Meeting

Joyce: Overviewed the election results. As everyone ran unopposed, all persons were elected. (Joyce overviewed the names and each election position.)

Nan: (Overviewed the treasury report.) Checking is at \$19,859.26. The maximizer, which is a savings account, is at \$5,401. In PayPal, there is \$824.83. As a part of this number, there is a \$500 payment that is being held in trust for the International Conference. Included in this number is also the DHL Society of Australia's Grad Student Fellowship money. The current treasury report, especially concerning the conference, shows that there is surety for the conference in the future.

Nan: (Overviewed expenses.) She noted especially Bravenet, a wire transfer (that needs to be tracked down), and another expense that is probably a stipend of \$250 related to the International Conference. There is also a purchase listed, but it is not clear what this was for. (The next treasurer will need to track down this information.) Overall, there is a profit of \$884.

Nan: Also included some PayPal documents that illustrated where members were located geographically. PayPal also has a graphing tool that tracks transactions. Currently, the numbers in the PayPal document are skewed as a result of the International Conference, but in the future, we can use this tool to see growth in the DHLSNA.

Joyce: Introduced potential topics for 2019 MLA, which included: Portals of Discovery, Teaching DHL Today, Animal Rights, DHL and Technology, Intersectional DHL, DHL and the American Landscape.

Earl: Also proposes Lawrence and Women and mentions the work of Barbara Kern.

Nan: Discusses the potential of inviting Barbara Kern as a speaker for the International Conference.

Erin and Nan: Indicate support for Intersectional Lawrence as it would include work on Lawrence and Woman but would also broaden the potential responses.

Joe: Suggests something more broad than Lawrence and Women but perhaps less broad than Intersectional Lawrence. Maybe Lawrence and Gender?

Earl: Also suggests the potential for a Woolf and Lawrence panel as Woolf admired and wrote about Lawrence.

Joyce: Supports the Intersectional Lawrence panel.

Holly: Suggests that the CFP would need to be developed and should receive some critique if we would decide on Intersectional Lawrence.

Nan: Pulls from information from Tonya Kraus that suggested that intersectional could work in terms of the feminist concept of intersectionality but could also apply to intersections of genre, periods, etc.

After discussion, the consensus is that the MLA 2019 Panel will be “Intersectional Lawrence.”

Joyce: Asks about the upcoming Virtual Graduate Conference.

Nan: The Conference is on April 19, 2019 with abstracts due in February and acceptances in March.

Nan: Also proposes the question of whether or not the DHLSNA should sponsor the best graduate student paper from the Virtual Conference for travel to the International Lawrence conference. The conference can offer housing and food, and the society could offer an additional stipend for travel. (This will need to be discussed with the Executive Committee.)

Nan: On the International Conference in Taos. The Sagebrush Inn has been contracted for the conference. There is information already up on the website: dhlconf2020.org. The information for the Sagebrush Inn is on the website. No CFP submissions are up yet. Would like to have submissions sooner and set up portal for abstracts sooner than initially discussed. In terms of the Sagebrush Inn, indicated that her initial contact has left the Inn and that currently she needs to develop a relationship with a new person in order to ensure the success of the conference. She also indicated that transportation is costly between the hotel, Albuquerque and Taos. She is currently working on finding shuttle/van transportation for the conference.

Nan: Most of the speakers have already been booked. She is looking for one more sponsor for a dinner. There will also be a special viewing of DHL’s paintings as well as a performance of an unfinished play by Lawrence, which will be directed by Dr. James Morin, who specializes in Drama at University of Nottingham. As a result, discussion of having the editor (Schwarze) of the Cambridge edition of Lawrence’s plays as a speaker at the conference.

Meeting Closed: 11:30am