

Saturday, January 11, 2020
Chula Vista Room
ASTE Full Board of Directors

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Orientation for new members: Debi Hanuscin, Judith Morrison, Eric Pyle, Jennifer Mesa, NSTA Rep (Paul for now) - will change June 1, 2020
2. 2020 conference follow-up with conference chairs
 - a. 2020 Conference Evaluation Plan
3. Dinner at 5:30
4. 2021 Conference update
5. 2020 May board meeting schedule - Bring your calendars
6. Remaining Reports if needed
7. ASTE Code of Conduct
8. Additional agenda items as added

Attendees: Valarie Akerson, Gil Naizer, Debi Hanuscin, Katie Green, Judy Morrison, Andrea Burrows, Jonah Firestone, Renee Schwartz, Paul Adams, Emily Dare, Ian Binns, Eric Pyle, Meg Blanchard. Absent: Jennifer Mesa (regional rep from SE).

Discussion Items:

1. Conference site equity issue: Currently, CA folks will not be able to attend the Greenville, SC conference in 2022 as on banned state list. Current list is: AL, IA, KS, KY, MS, NC, OK, SC, SD, TN, and TX. WA currently prohibits travel only to NC, but might change. Debi Hanuscin thinks a public web statement of ASTE policy should be made, so that members understand why meeting will again be occurring in a banned state in 2022. Policy needs to be public. No motion needed. Debi will do this. Add to page about hosting a future meeting. As of 1/14/20, this statement was added: "Conference Location: [The location of the annual meeting depends upon proposals to host the conference submitted by the membership](#). The ASTE board will not pursue a location for the annual national conference in a state that legislates discrimination based on gender, disability, race, or sexual/gender orientation. In the case where a conference venue is already under contract prior to new discriminatory laws in that state, the ASTE board will work to address the impact of such discrimination on teaching and learning through purposeful selection of keynote speakers, special conference sessions and workshops."

2. 2020 Conference Feedback:
 - a) A more formal welcome would be nice at posters on Thursday morning.
 - b) Happy about quality of the food
 - c) Want fireside chats next year as there are fireplaces at Salt Lake hotel.
 - d) If we have breakfast again on opening morning, bring back the birds of a feather signs on tables: first time attendees, solos from institutions.
 - e) On registration, could click "want to be involved", but then contact information not sent on in the resulting email. *****John should be able to fix this.**
 - f) Get a "Hiring" ribbon for name badges.
 - g) Liked the longer snack and lunch breaks.
 - h) Would like a link to more information about the plenary speaker(s)
 - i) Need more info about how to give a good presentation (prep & skills)
 - j) App upgrade needed, along with a video about how to use it
 - k) Conference evaluation will be posted very soon by Debi and Andrea (up as of 1/14/20)
3. Board Meeting Dates: these work for everyone at this time
 - a) May 4th and 5th
 - b) May 12th and 13th
 - c) May 11th & 12th
 - d) Kate will contact hotel to see if any of these work. If they don't, will look at other hotels in SLC. If none found at comparable price, will move to another city.
4. Code of Conduct discussion:
 - a) Agree in principle, then charge Equity Cmte with creating. Valarie so moves, with Debi seconding. Eric brought up GSA example as a template.
https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Membership/Code_of_Conduct/GSA/Membership/Code_of_Conduct.aspx Debi brought up the AMTE reporting mechanism: <https://amte.net/form/report> **Motion passes unanimously.**
5. Oversight Committee email read & discussed by group (see Appendix 1).

Discussion:

 - a) Regions can allow for more than the one annual meeting at the national conference
 - b) Make Regional Directors meeting at different time than the other committees, as most directors are on committees. **Kate emailed Brooke to coordinate this with Jonah.**
 - c) Some regions have no continuity. For example, two cannot find their by-laws.
 - d) Regional meetings can bring in new members and provide an alternate meeting, which is often closer to home, and also has lower registration cost.
 - e) All regional directors think regions are useful.
 - f) In May, Board should discuss more.

- g) Why are people unhappy with regions?
 - h) Add region questions to the Grand Membership Survey.
 - i) Regions provide a voice that would be missed.
 - j) Deb requests that when members renew, they be asked for region affiliation.
Kate asked John Rhea to add this.
 - k) Gil will reply to the Oversight email
 - l) These questions will be part of summer board meeting.
6. WISE Forum report 16d (see Appendix 2):
- a) Gil will email WISE with concerns and ask them to reach out to Eric (Equity Cmte Chair) and the presidential team about the Code of Conduct and their involvement. Should also involve PD cmte. An April online PD session a possibility. Other options to be explored. Andrea Burrows will do this. Newsletter, online PD, F2F, web site, etc. Implicit bias training might be very helpful.
7. Awards Committee (Emily):
- a) Suggest that there be a grad student award of some sort. Perhaps have Grad Level Award for the existing paper awards (V & VI). Is there time to do this before the March 1st deadline? Especially as not public until now, so grad students might not have written their paper, knowing they were going to apply for an award. Also, will ASTE need to ask for additional funds from Carolina Biological Supply? Or will other award \$ be cut to make room for new one? Consensus was to wait until next cycle.
8. Committee Memberships: list needs to be updated and placed on the web page. Gil will send to Kate & John.
9. Policy Forum (16g) report: Scroll down to read the Draft Position on Teacher Preparation statement. <https://board.theaste.org/policy-and-government-relations-2/>
- a) Review and respond by the end of the month. Gil will follow up with Board members.

Gil Naizer adjourned the meeting at 19:43.

Appendix One: Oversight Cmte email

From: Patricia Morrell <p.morrell@uq.edu.au>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 11:10:21 AM
To: Akerson, Valarie <vakerson@indiana.edu>; Gilbert Naizer <Gilbert.Naizer@tamuc.edu>
Cc: Gillian Roehrig (roehr013@umn.edu) <roehr013@umn.edu>; Malcolm Butler <Malcolm.Butler@ucf.edu>; Judith Lederman <ledermanj@iit.edu>; David Slykhuis <david.slykhuis@unco.edu>; Al Bodzin (amb4@Lehigh.EDU) <amb4@Lehigh.EDU>; crowther@unr.edu <crowther@unr.edu>
Subject: Oversight Committee Meeting

Hi,

The Oversight Committee Meeting met this morning and we have the following suggestions for the Board to consider:

- a. We are in favor of ASTE having a written Code of Conduct which would cover all behaviors related to the organization and also include a process to follow if someone feels the code has been breached. Malcolm has examples from CSSP if needed.
- b. The Committee liked the idea of Innovations having broader access and generating income as via charging for downloads...Suggested adding it to the Learn Tech Library to widen the scope of potential audience and possibly as a membership tool.
- c. Forum: Could the Exec. Dir. Send a notice to all Fora execs after the January meeting, asking for names/contact info for current leadership team and reminding them they are responsible for submitting two board reports annually. Also, include those folks on the notice that gets sent reminding of when board reports are coming due.
- d. We discussed the results of the town hall follow up survey–suggested strategic locations are important for increasing membership and for bringing in international members. With so many of the responsibilities for the conferences being shifted away from the regions, perhaps it is important to consider the Board having full responsibility for nomination/selection of conference sites as opposed to the regions.
- e. We recommend the Board reconsider its minimal expectations for Regions. What is the role of regions currently? How do the regions serve ASTE? They seem to hold more of a legacy role. Additionally, the role of directors of regions should be looked at (being aware that the by-laws of the

different regions probably differ). Can the regions be responsible for helping to increase visibility of ASTE in their regions and trying to build membership? Can the role of the International Region be clarified so the responsibility for carrying out the MOU with EASE in terms of conferences be clearly designated? That seems to be a matter of confusion. Same with potential MOU with ESERA—what is the role of the International Region? They currently hold their annual meeting at one of these two conferences, but they don't know if they are supposed to be soliciting for the designated meeting times to represent ASTE as opposed to just the International Region of ASTE. We understand the affinity many members have for their regions, but again it seems to be historic rather than strategic. By looking at minimal expectations, the Board may be able to bring the regions into a role that better serves the current organization.

Many thanks,

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Appendix Two: WISE Forum Report

Report Session

Winter

Report Year

2020

Report

16d

Report Title

WISE Forum

Name of Person Submitting Report

Katie Brkich

Is this a regional report? if so, please choose your region

No

Report/Summary of Activities

On 1/10, as part of the ASTE Conference, the WISE forum held their annual dinner and forum meeting at the Hard Rock Cafe in San Antonio, TX. While over 53 tickets to the event were sold, only 39 total people attended.

After dinner, around 30 attendees returned to the conference hotel to hold our business meeting in an unused conference room for approx. 1.5 hrs. This was done because a private space was not available at the restaurant in which to conduct needed business.

After many years in the role, Katie Brkich stepped down as WISE forum chair and Jessica Riccio will begin the position moving forward.

Jessica expressed interest to the group to look closely at SOPs for the group, in improving communication and collaboration beyond the yearly forum meeting, and working with the equity committee to hopefully begin helping ASTE work on some continued issued that women conference attendees consistently experience in terms of gender equity and professionalism.

As always, many accomplishments, both personal and professional, were shared and celebrated, and many first time WISE attendees were welcomed and networking was established for support as they move forward.

A group picture was taken and the meeting dismissed around 9:40pm.

Items for Discussion/For Board Action

WISE would politely request a serious and concerted effort be made to have ASTE begin addressing equity and professionalism issues that women attendees are experiencing at the conference related to gender

disparity. This is a systemic issue with more than enough examples taken from just the past few days to warrant examination and action.

WISE would like to work with the Equity Committee to develop a plan of education and advocacy to make ASTE a safer and more welcoming place, especially for new female scholars.

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