

## **MINUTES**

### **FCEA Board Meeting**

**March 17, 2007, Fort Pierce**

Present: Keith Hunneycut, President, April Van Camp, Vice-President, Carole Policy, Patricia Feito, Steve Glassman (board members), Hank Raulerson (FCEA member).

#### I. A. Call to order

--called to order at 12:15

#### B. Minutes from last Board meeting

--approved unanimously

--Steve Glassman appointed as acting secretary in absence of William, who was ill.

#### II. 2007 Conference

A. Update from April Van Camp (assisted by R. Hofer and Hank Raulerson).

The following items have been completed for the conference:

- Fifty rooms are reserved at the Comfort Suites and Best Western motels. There is a nice area in the Comfort Suites where the Board can meet the evening before the conference begins. Reservation and room information can be found at the following links or phone numbers:

[www.comfortsuites.com/hotel/fl733](http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel/fl733) 1-800-937-8376 or 1-772-409-1430

[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com) 1-800-937-8376 or 1-772-409-1750

--cost per room per night \$80.

- The Kight Center for Emerging Technologies has been reserved from 6AM-10PM, Thursday and Friday, November 8 and 9, 2007
- Mark Westberry has been assigned as the IT person for the conference
- “Reading Through the Muck” is the suggested theme, encouraging those who participate to write and present Florida works that challenge authority, speak to ecological interests, explore Florida authors’ works, and address composition issues such as research and documentation
- The Employee Development Program has agreed to help sponsor the speaker’s costs. Stanley Fish was invited, but he will not be in Florida during conference dates. Peter Matthiessen has been invited, and we are waiting to hear from him. Other suggestions include Victor Nunez, Carl Hiaasen, Bob Morris
- Longman and Bedford will provide breakfast each morning
- The President’s office has agreed to pay for one/half of Thursday’s luncheon
- The President’s office will provide water, coffee, mints, and/or hard candy between presentations

- We are currently in budget negotiations for the rest of the expenses with the exception of the Friday afternoon luncheon, which will be covered in the registration fee

B. Florida English coffeehouse at this year's conference?

--The Board voted overwhelmingly in favor of the FADE hospitality suite for the 2008 conference.

### III. Upcoming Conferences

A. 2008

--Keith reported that he is working with USF to secure a Tampa location for the 2008 conference.

B. 2009

--Keith reported that William Wall was exploring the concept of a 2009 conference in Gainesville through the auspices of Santa Fe Community College.

### IV. *Proceedings*

A. *By-laws* amendment

--Steve Glassmann reported that the by-laws amendments referred by the board at the November '06 meeting passed unanimously.

B. This year's edition of the **FCEA Proceedings**

--Claudia Slate reported by email that she and Karen Tolchin have chosen about 21 papers, with a total of about 200 pages. Completion is scheduled for May.

#### V. Distinguished Colleague award

--At the winter meeting Fred Standley suggested a Distinguished Colleague Committee comprised of one past winner and a board member with the Immediate Past President as chair.

--Discussion of codifying this arrangement by making appropriate by laws changes occurred.

--motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

--Amendment will be placed on ballot and circulated among general membership after fall meeting.

--Committee members for this year are Susan Nugent, past winner, Carole Policy, board member, Steve Glassman, Immediate Past President (appointed by President.)

#### VI. Honoring of Past Board Members.

--Motion: Past President will be awarded a plaque and retiring board members issued a certificate.

--Secretary will be responsible for producing the certificate and the President responsible for seeing to plaques.

--motion made, seconded and carried unanimously.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report

A. FCEA balance is approximately \$6,700. That estimate includes deduction of a payment to our website host (made via email to President).

B. FLORIDA ENGLISH requests their annual \$500 in support of publication of the journal.

--motion made, seconded and carried unanimously.

#### VIII. Nominations for expiring terms:

--the following nomination were made and have subsequently been accepted:

Vice President (to be determined by location of next conference);

Secretary (William Wall);

One Board member (Donald Pharr, St. Leo;s)

#### IX. Other Business

--Technically the following item was discussed after the meeting by email but for sake of compression will be listed here.

--FADE Funds

--Past President Susan Nugent reported she was custodian of a small sum of money from the defunct FADE organization.

--After discussion (some of which was conducted by email) a motion was made to dispose of these moneys by funding a hospitality suite at the forthcoming annual meeting.

--seconded and passed by email vote.

#### IX. Adjournment.

--adjourned at 1:06 PM