

**Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools
Executive Committee Meeting
Hilton Embassy Row
Washington DC
March 23, 2007**

Present: Scott Delcourt, Susan Guma, Sandra Holley, Chet Jablonski, Dale Kinney, Martin Kreiswirth, Mary Martin, Harry Richards, James Schaefer, Mick Thompson, Renetta Tull.

President Jim Schaefer called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

Secretary-Treasurer Report:

Scott Delcourt circulated copies of the minutes from the 12/8/06 Executive Committee meeting. The minutes were accepted unanimously with one friendly amendment removing a multiple comma from the list of attendees.

Scott Delcourt distributed an updated membership report. In 2006-2007, there were 144 paid institutional and sustaining members; slightly down from the previous year. However, there were 7 conference sponsors to help defray the costs of the 2007 annual meeting. The Executive Committee agreed that increasing membership remained a high priority and discussed assigning NAGS regions to each Executive Committee member next year for personalized membership recruitment and follow-up.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee discussed a plan to increase its membership to 16 members assuming that the amendment to the NAGS Constitution would be approved at the business meeting on March 24. It was agreed to add additional at-large representatives from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ontario in order to maximize coverage of the NAGS region for membership recruitment. All current at-large members would serve for an additional year. The following individuals will be asked by Susan, Jim, and Scott if they would be willing to be presented to the NAGS membership for service on the Executive Committee:

Gary Boire, Lakehead University, member-at-large, 3-year term
Mark Curchack, Arcadia University, member-at-large, 3-year term
Candace Hetzner, Boston College, member-at-large, 3-year term

In addition, the following officers were elected:

Mary Martin, President-elect
Scott Delcourt, Secretary-Treasurer (re-elected)

The Executive Committee discussed recruiting the final 2 Executive Committee members from New York and New Jersey (the New Jersey appointment would be a two-year appointment replacing President-elect Mary Martin). Susan and Scott will consult with Ron Kane about a representative from New Jersey, and review possible members from the state of New York.

Annual Meeting 2008:

President-elect Susan Guma asked whether the Executive Committee thought having the 2008 meeting in New York, New York would be more popular than having it in Bronxville. Would increased attendance offset the higher hotel and catering costs? The Committee agreed to price hotels in the city. A fall meeting of the Executive Committee will held at the hotel site, the date to be determined later.

Acknowledgements:

Harry Richards from the University of New Hampshire and Daniel Lamson from the University of Maine were acknowledged for their contributions and support to NAGS and the annual meeting. There was some discussion of keeping Harry on the Board in an advisory capacity.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted,

Scott G. Delcourt, Secretary-Treasurer