

**Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth Hotel  
Portsmouth, NH  
April 7, 2006**

**Present:** Gwendolyn Davies, Scott Delcourt, Susan Guma, Julia Halevy, Dale Kinney, Martin Kreiswirth, Mary Martin, Cari Moorhead (guest), Harry Richards, James Schaefer, Mick Thompson

President Harry Richards called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

**Secretary-Treasurer Report:**

Scott Delcourt circulated copies of the minutes from the 12/9/05 Executive Committee meeting. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were accepted unanimously.

Scott Delcourt distributed an updated membership report. In 2005-2006, there were 153 paid institutional and sustaining members; 7 higher than the previous year. The Executive Committee agreed that increasing membership remained a high priority. Delcourt also reported that the 2006 conference should break even, or possibly run slightly in the black due to additional conference sponsors.

**Executive Committee:**

The following individuals will be presented to the membership for service on the Executive Committee:

- Susan Guma, President-elect
- Mary Martin, member-at-large, 2-year term (re-elected)
- Mick Thompson, member-at-large, 2-year term (re-elected)
- Chet Jablonski, member-at-large, 2-year term (new member)

The Executive Committee discussed recruiting the final Executive Committee member from the mid-Atlantic region (New Jersey or Maryland). Sterling Bland, Jr. from Rutgers University and Renetta Tull from University of Maryland, Baltimore County were identified as excellent candidates. Harry Richards and Scott Delcourt agreed to approach the candidates to determine their willingness to serve. There was also some discussion of increasing the size of the Executive Committee, both to be more representative of the Northeast region and to allow the Executive Committee to take a more active role in NAGS matters (i.e. membership recruitment, conference planning, awards selection).

Gwen Davies received thanks from the rest of the Executive Committee for her service on the Committee.

**Annual Meeting 2007:**

Jim Schaefer reported that the 2007 annual meeting would be held in Washington DC, possibly at the Georgetown Marriott Conference Center, pending available dates in early April. A fall meeting of the Executive Committee will held on site. The date will also be determined.

Given the enthusiasm of attendees for the topics presented in the plenary sessions in this year's meeting, the Executive Committee discussed focusing next year's conference on practical issues (e.g. geopolitical issues, ethics, doctoral mentoring, more legal issues, time-to-degree).

**Acknowledgements:**

Sharon Andrews, Cari Moorhead, and Jon Adams from the University of New Hampshire, and Amaranta Ruiz-Nelson and Daniel Lamson from the University of Maine were acknowledged for their contributions and support to the NAGS and the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Submitted,

Scott G. Delcourt  
Secretary-Treasurer