

SEPES Business Meeting  
February 4, 2006 Decatur, GA

President: John Petrovic  
President elect: Randal Hewitt  
Site Coordinator: Eric Sheffield  
Sec/Treasurer: Stephen Tomlinson

Members present: J. Petrovic, R. Hewitt, E. Sheffield, S. Tomlinson, R. Lakes, D. Boyles, S. Triche, J. Kaminsky, D. Michael, P. Kovacs, D. Breault, A. McKnight, G. Seals

Petrovic calls the meeting to order at 12:30. He seems very frustrated that nobody is paying any attention to him. Perhaps he is thinking about an alcohol policy.

Three items are added to the agenda: (1) Should there be a policy on the use of media? (2) Is attendance at concurrent session a matter of concern? (3) Should SEPES develop a journal?

The minutes of the previous meeting are approved with no dissent heard.

Petrovic presents treasurer's report.

R. Hewitt is officially installed as President and Deanna Michael is elected secretary/treasurer for next three years.

Petrovic announces redesign of the webpage and invites suggestions for further improvement.

R. Lakes motions to rescind \$5 payment of dues to CSFE for past years. S. Triche seconds. After discussion the motion was withdrawn. SEPES will continue to encumber funds for CSFE.

P. Kovacs raises the issue of publishing conference papers on the SEPES website and/or developing a journal. D. Breault raises the possibility of SEPES affiliation with the newly revived journal *Sophist's Bane*. Discussion ensued about what "affiliation" might mean. One idea was that the SEPES logo would simply appear on the masthead of the journal. Another was that X number of SEPES members would serve on the editorial board. S. Triche moved that options be developed by Hewitt and Breault and be presented at the next meeting. Seconded by J. Kaminsky. Motioned passed 8-2

E. Sheffield explained requests for and problems with providing media at the conference. The cost of renting equipment from the hotel is prohibitive. Sheffield moved that SEPES have a formal policy of providing no media. Seconded by D. Boyles. Motion approved unanimously.

R. Lakes discussed the merits of having 3 sessions, since attendance has become an issue. Consensus was that the only feasible action is to encourage members to attend as many sessions as possible. No action was taken on this item.

Andrew McKnight was nominated and unanimously approved as the 2007 program chair and will host SEPES in Birmingham. Steven Triche will explore the possibility of hosting SEPES in New Orleans in 2008.

R. Hewitt will write letter to Dean James Mclean thanking Petrovic for his presidential address. Petrovic will write to Sheffield's dean thanking him for hosting SEPES in GA.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15.