

**AAR/WR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**28 June – 1 July 2020: Action Without a Meeting and Board Vote**

**Prepared by:** 2020-20201 AAR/WR President Anna Hennessey

**Present:** Souad Ali (Arizona Regional Rep), James Berry (Southern California & Western Region Student Director), Marie Cartier (Southern California Regional Rep), Yuria Celidwen (Women's Caucus Liaison), John Erickson (Vice President Elect), Anna Hennessey (President), Anjeanette LeBoeuf (Queer Advocate), Susan Maloney (Honorary Board Member, Advisor, and Facilitator, non-voting), Thien-Huong Ninh (Northern California Regional Rep), Joseph Paxton (Conference Manager, non-voting), Jacob Perez (Northern California Student Rep), Emily Silverman (2020-2021 Interim Vice President and Program Chair), Sakena Young-Scaggs (Diversity and Inclusion Advocate)

**Notes:** Minutes prepared based on email correspondences of June 28, 2020 and July 1, 2020

1. AAR/WR President Anna Hennessey notified the AAR/WR Board via email that on June 22, 2020, she had received via email the resignation of Jonathan Lee as AAR/WR Regional Coordinator (RC). Interim Vice President and Program Chair Emily Silverman also received a copy of the resignation letter.
2. Anna Hennessey stated that according to the AAR/WR Operating Agreement 4.12, it is the responsibility of the AAR/WR Board members to fill the vacancy of the RC position on an interim basis. Upon a majority vote of the AAR/WR board, the interim RC position will begin immediately and end in March 2021, after which time a full time Regional Coordinator will be elected at the 2021 AAR/WR Business Meeting.
3. After consultation with the AAR/WR Executive Committee (EC), Anna Hennessey advised the Board that Hester Oberman is nominated for the interim position of Regional Coordinator. Hester has been President (2016) and Vice President (2015) of AAR/WR. Hennessey states that Dr. Oberman is an outstanding member of the National AAR and has served our professional society in many positions. She is co-chair of the Psychology, Culture, and Religion unit, and more recently helped in the emergency planning of converting the 2020 AAR/WR annual meeting from an in-person format to a virtual conference.
4. As a volunteer, Past AAR/WR RC Brian Clearwater (2017-2020) will mentor Hester as she assumes this important position.
5. As President, Hennessey is responsible for the day-to-day managerial requirements of the AAR/WR Regional Group (Operating Agreement 4.2.f.ii).
6. The Operating Agreement states that the AAR/WR Board members may take an Action Without a Meeting if two-thirds of the total number of Board Members consent in writing to such action (Operating Agreement 4.4). Email communication is considered a written document. Thus, the AAR/WR Board can have the election for an Interim Regional Coordinator via email.

7. Anna Hennessey sends the following instructions to the AAR/WR Board:

***Please read this process very carefully: Board Members may vote YES, NO, or ABSTAIN. Please click REPLY ALL if you wish to have all board members see your vote. Please click REPLY to have your vote sent only to me. Please send in your vote after the motion listed below is seconded by another board member.***

*A. I, Anna Hennessey am now calling for a formal motion to elect Hester Oberman as 2020-2021 Interim Regional Coordinator. Do I have a second to this motion?*

*The motion is seconded by.....(please write your name and click REPLY ALL). All others proceed to voting.*

*B. Yes, I vote for Hester Oberman as Interim Regional Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_(Your Name Here)*

*C. No, I do not vote for Hester Oberman as Interim Regional Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_(Your Name Here)*

*D. I abstain from the vote for Hester Oberman as Interim Regional Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_(Your Name Here)*

8. Hennessey states that these written consents/votes must be filed with the official minutes of the Board. These votes have the same force and effect as would votes taken at an in-person meeting of the Board at which quorum was present (Operating Agreement 4.4).

9. Hennessey asks the Board to send their votes to her by Wednesday, June 30, 2020. After receiving all of the votes, she will send the results to the entire board.

10. On June 28, 2020, AAR/WR Vice President and Program Chair Dr. Emily Silverman seconds the motion to elect Dr. Hester Oberman as 2020-2021 Interim Regional Coordinator.

11. On July 1, 2020, AAR/WR President Anna Hennessey sends the results of the online election to the AAR/WR Board. She notes that all of the votes had been received by June 30, 2020 for the board election to fill the position of 2020-2021 AAR/WR Interim Regional Coordinator (RC). Dr. Hester Oberman received unanimous support from our board. All members voted and the results were:

**11 YES**

**0 NO**

**0 ABSTAIN**