

AAR/WR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
19 March 2021, 12:00-3:00 pm
Online Zoom Meeting

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), Hester Oberman (Interim Regional Coordinator), Joseph Paxton (Conference Manager, non-voting), Jacob Perez (Northern California Student Rep), Emily Silverman (Interim Vice President), and Sakena Young-Scaggs (Diversity and Inclusion Advocate)

Notes: This meeting was recorded by Interim Regional Coordinator Hester Oberman. However, the EC did not receive the recording. The minutes are based on the meeting agenda and collective memory of the meeting.

Minutes compiled by John Erickson and Anna Hennessey

1. President Anna Hennessey begins the meeting with greetings and welcome, followed by a short introduction of board members.
2. Vice President and Program Chair Emily Silverman, and Conference Manager Joseph Paxton give an update on the status of 2021 conference implementation, including the number of registered attendees and the EventBrite registration statistics.
3. Regional Coordinator Hester Oberman updates the board on the total amount of AAR/WR's savings account.
4. Regional Coordinator Hester Oberman updates the board on the Open Board Positions. AAR/WR's submission deadline for its open board positions has now passed. The elections at the Business Meeting will be for the following candidates:
 - A. 2021-2025 Presidential Line (VP Elect): Marie Cartier, PhD
 - B. 2021-2023 President: Emily Silverman, PhD
 - C. 2021-2024 Regionally Elected Coordinator:
 - a. Hester Oberman, PhD
 - b. Jake Nagasawa, PhD (will receive in May)
 - D. 2021-2024 Regional Rep - Hawaii: Joseph Paxton, PhD
 - E. 2021-2024 Regional Rep - Nevada: Roberta Sabbath, PhD
 - F. 2021-2024 Women's Caucus Liaison: Janice Poss, PhD Student
 - G. 2021-2023 Student Rep - Arizona/Nevada: Larry Morris, PhD Student
5. President Anna Hennessey and Honorary Board Member Susan Maloney present AAR/WR's 2021 Policy File for board review, discussion and approval. They advise the board that the Policy File revisions were approved by the Executive Committee on March 5, 2021 and sent to the board on March 11, 2021. The pages of the Policy File to be reviewed include pages 1-14. The rest of the Policy File will be reviewed between late 2021 and early 2022.

-Northern California Student Rep Jacob Perez questioned the language in the Policy File pertaining to the need for board members to attend all board meetings in person. After discussion, the board unanimously agreed that the language should be changed to read (under “Responsibilities of Regional Student Representatives” and “Responsibilities of Regional Representatives, Diversity and Inclusion Advocate, Queer Advocate, and Women’s Caucus Liaison” [page 10]): “To attend in person or through virtual participation two annual meetings per year; one held during AAR National’s annual meeting, and the other a day long board meeting prior to the AAR/WR regional Spring conference. In person attendance or virtual participation is required, if they miss two consecutive board meetings, they relinquish their position.” President Anna Hennessey changed the language to the document while sharing her screen with the board.

-The board voted unanimously to approve changes to the Policy File and to upload the new document to AAR/WR’s website.

6. Honorary Board Member Susan Maloney suggested that AAR/WR’s Board implement an onboarding orientation for the AAR/WR Board, something that would happen during the year after the spring conferences.

7. In preparation for AAR/WR’s 2021 Annual Conference, President Anna Hennessey discussed what to do in the case of “Zoom bombs,” as well as other basic Zoom etiquette.

8. President Anna Hennessey closed out the session.