

AAR WR Business Meeting

March 26, 2023

Starting Business Meeting 1:04pm

Attendance of Board: President John Erickson, Past President Emily Silverman, Women's Caucus Liaison Janice Poss, Arizona Regional Representative Souad Ali, Conference Manager Jacob Perez, Regional Coordinator Jake Nagasawa, Vice President and Program Chair Marie Cartier, Queer Advocate Anjeanette LeBoeuf, Nevada Regional Representative Roberta Sabbath, Northern California Regional Representative Valerie Miles Tribble

Zoom – Honorary Board Member Susan Maloney and Vice President Elect Rita Sherma

Notes: Notes taken by Anjeanette LeBoeuf

AAR WR Conference Members: 5

Jake N. -The Business meeting is run by the Regional Coordinator.

Agenda – EC Intro, Updates on upcoming conferences, elections for open board positions, and remarks from president.

1. Introduction of Current Executive Committee: Current Past President – Emily Silverman, John – President, VP Marie, VP elect – Sakena, Jacob – Conference Manager, James Berry - Student Director/SoCal Rep.
2. March 11th – UNLV contract is signed and confirmed 2024 will be at UNLV. Thanks to Roberta Sabbath for helping get that all set up. March 15-17, 2024 is the date for AAR/WR's next conference.
3. AAWR board voted to hold the 2025 conference at ASU in collaboration with Stanford.
4. Maintain our budget – AARWR- absolute solid financial ground. 112 attendees. The region will be in the black.
5. 94 presentations, 35 panels,
6. Jacob Perez will be sending out a post conference survey – the region will use that date for future conferences. Unit chairs should remind panelists to complete the survey. Open to conference attendees.

Marie Cartier – to honor Jacob Perez and Jake Nagasawa as they have been the best and most efficient workers in conferences.

7. Open Board positions. Thanks to outgoing Past President, Emily Silverman. Shepherded us through a difficult time. \$150 gift for Silverman to thank her for her service and leadership.

Emily Silverman – happy to see the region back on track. It takes a team and a village. Works best when it comes from a place of love and respect.

John Erickson – will be transitioning to Past President. The room gave John a thank you for your service.

Marie Cartier – will be transitioning to President. Welcome. Will collaborate with you anytime anywhere.

Sakena Young Scaggs – will be transitioning to Vice President.

8. Current Open board positions – VP Elect, Queer Advocate, Regional SoCal rep, Student Rep for SoCal rep, and Student Director.
9. We do have a nominee for Queer Advocate. Is there a motion to vote on nominee?

Emily Silverman makes motion, Soaud Ali seconds the motion. Anjeanette LeBoeuf, who is the current Queer Advocate, is seeking another term. She is running unopposed.

John Erickson - makes motion to end discussion and do vote.

Valerie Miles Tribble seconds the motion.

Jake Nagasawa – vote by acclamation for Anjeanette to be Queer Advocate for another 3-year term.

All in favor – We’re here, we’re queer, and we are going forward with Anjeanette.

10. Anjeanette is voted in as Queer Advocate.
11. Vice President Elect Line will go through the line and will become President. We do have a nominee. Dr. Rita Sherma from GTU.

Motion to begin discussion, Emily Silverman makes motion, Anna Hennessey seconds the motion.

Rita Sherma – GTU thanks the board members and the regional support for the graduate students. Discusses honoring past work of the region and to continue the region’s students and emerging scholars. Dr. Sherma promises to keep the work of the region strong.

Group Discussion –

Anna Hennessey states that Dr. Sherma has done a lot for the region. Although Dr. Sherma has not served as unit chair, she has been supportive and has created entire sessions for conferences. Hennessey also emphasizes that Dr. Sherma was the contact with GTU during AAR/WR’s 2021 conference, and that she (Dr. Sherma) was able to secure funding for the region. Hennessey comments on the excellency of Dr. Sherma’s character and her ability to secure institutional support.

Valerie Miles-Tribble – has collaborated with Rita Sherma and emphasizes Sherma’s way of supporting people of all identities, as well as her ability at putting together events. Miles-Tribble also comments on Dr. Sherma’s abilities at making connections for scholars in the area of publications.

John Erickson – Notes that as VP elect, he worked with Rita Sherma and saw how much Rita helped and gave support. Suggests that in the future, Valerie Miles-Tribble should also be considered for the presidential line.

Jake Nagasawa – wanted to voice his support for Dr. Sherma.

John Erickson – makes a motion to close discussion and start voting.

Souad Ali seconds the motion

12. Voting – voted by affirmation. Rita Sherma will be in the Presidential line.

Rita welcome to the WR Regional. Looking forward to working with WR.

13. 3 Open Board Positions and no candidates – SoCal Rep, Student SoCal Rep, and Student Director.

The region honors James Berry for his service as Student SoCal Rep, and Student Director.

The EC goes to the board for approval on the appointment of an interim year for these positions.

Anna Hennessey, John Erickson, Jake Nagasawa, and Jacob Perez note the collective satisfaction of people at being back together in person for the 2023 conference after three years of the pandemic and virtual conferences

Jake Nagasawa thanks everyone for coming and emphasizes Jacob Perez as an excellent conference manager. He also thanks UC Davis for their robust financial and institution support of the region. In particular, he notes that Dr. Archana Venkatesan, the UC Davis faculty liaison, helped facilitate the 2023 conference.

Susan Maloney asks Jake Nagasawa and Jacob Perez if it will be possible to find out how many people registered and who lives outside the region.

Jake Nagasawa states that there will be a post conference survey that addresses these questions.

John Erickson motions to end business meeting.

Anjeanette LeBoeuf seconds Erickson's motion.

Business Meeting adjourns at 1:42pm.