

AAR/WR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)
14 March 2022 4:30-
Online Zoom Meeting

Present:

Jake Nagasawa (Regional Coordinator), James Berry (Southern California & Western Region Student Director), Anna Hennessey (Past President), Emily Silverman (President), Marie Cartier (Vice President Elect), Marie Cartier (Vice President-Elect), Jacob Perez (Conference Manager)

Notes: Meeting began on time. Meeting called at 4:33 PM.

Marie Cartier joined at 4:50

1. Emily Silverman opened meeting thanking EC for their service and celebrating/mourning her last EC meeting
2. Emily Silverman introduced old business per the meeting agenda
 - a. Discuss meeting with national AAR
 - i. Harassment
 - ii. Financial Access to AARWR accounts
 - iii. AAR national control of AARWR elections
 - b. Clarify UNLV vs UC Davis as 2023 host institution
 - c. Update on status of upcoming conference
3. Emily Silverman called on Jake Nagasawa and Jacob Perez to discuss the debate around UNLV vs. UC Davis as 2023 host
 - a. Jacob Perez stated that his current understanding is that the 2023 conference would be held at UNLV. No discussion currently ongoing with UC Davis.
 - b. Anna Hennessey suggesting postponing an announcement at the next board meeting until the matter is settled
 - i. Emily Silverman agreed
 - c. Emily Silverman stated that Roberta Sabbath expects the conference to be held at UNLV in 2023 in order to maintain the relationship and hold future conferences there on a rotating basis. Also wants to maintain a good relationship with UC Davis
 - d. Anna Hennessey mentioned that John Erickson is the main contact with UC Davis and his input is needed
 - e. Emily Silverman mentioned the possibility of a Stanford host with Sakena Young-Staggs in the presidential line
 - f. Anna Hennessey, Emily Silverman, and Jacob Perez agreed that input is needed from John Erickson and Roberta Sabbath so that all voices are heard from
 - g. Anna Hennessey moved to shelve this discussion until further consultation with concerned parties
4. AARWR Financial relationship with AAR national

- a. Emily Silverman asked Jake Nagasawa to clarify the relationship between AAR/WR and national
 - b. Jake Nagasawa stated that AARWR differs from other regions due to our robust policy file, but we are viewed by national as the same as any other region due to the operating agreement.
 - c. Anna Hennessey asked if national's concern about the lack of insurance for AAR/WR officers could be relayed in writing,
 - d. Jake Nagasawa agreed that greater clarity is needed around the issue of insurance
 - e. Anna Hennessey asked the board to look into the legality and consult Susan Maloney about having national access AAR/WR's bank account
 - f. Summary: AAR national stated that AARWR officers are not covered by national's insurance and could be potentially liable.
5. AAR national's role in voting
- a. Anna Hennessey explained how AAR national wants to manage AAR/WR's election process, allowing any AAR member to vote/run in elections regardless of affiliation. She opposes the measure
 - b. Jake Nagasawa also opposed the idea, but stated that it might be a good idea for smaller regions with not enough officers
 - c. Marie Cartier mentioned the problem that could arise from non affiliated members dominating the election
 - d. Anna Hennessey mentioned that any change to our election would have to correspond to our policy file.
6. Bullying and Harassment
- a. Anna Hennessey mentioned that individual complaints have not been addressed by national, Argued that a formal process should be created. Stated that the issue needs formal inclusion in the AAR/WR policy file
 - b. Anna Hennessey suggested that incoming board members need to read the policy upon their induction.
 - c. Emily Silverman, Jacob Perez, and Jake Nagasawa agreed
 - d. Jake Nagasawa suggested that we need to explicitly state what a rogue executive is and a process for their removal
 - e. Marie Cartier argued that AAR national could learn things from AAR/WR especially in regards to LGBTQ+ peoples' safety and inclusion
 - f. Emily Silverman proposed sending a letter to national detailing needed reforms and maintaining our independence.
7. Update on conference numbers
- a. Jacob Perez stated that we currently have 94 registrants and is optimistic that we will reach 100
 - b. Jacob Perez stated that he has volunteer hosts to open the meetings
 - c. Jacob Perez stressed the need to explore the possibility of a hybrid conference
8. New Business
- a. Emily Silverman brought up the issue of recording

- i. Anna Hennessey stated that the issue is less fraught now because of consent buttons and the recording are controlled by the region's zoom account
 - b. Emily Silverman asked if there was clarity on the zoom process this year
 - i. General agreement
 - c. Emily Silverman asked Anna Hennessey about who is running for officers
 - d. Anna Hennessey stated:
 - i. **Vice President Elect (presidential line):**
Rev. Dr. Sakena Young-Scaggs
Senior Associate Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life and Pastor of Memorial Church, Stanford University
 - ii. **Regional Representative - Arizona:**
Dr. Souad Ali, Associate Professor, Arizona State University
 - iii. **Regional Representative - Northern California**
Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble
Professor of Ministerial Leadership and Practical Theology Chair
Berkeley School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union
 - iv. **Diversity and Inclusion Advocate**
Dr. Purushottama Bilimoria
Senior Research Fellow, University of Melbourne
 - v. **Regional Representative - Southern California**
Vacant
 - vi. **Student Director**
James Berry, Ph.D. Candidate
Claremont Graduate University
 - vii. **Webmaster**
Joey Alan Le
9. \$30 restaurant stipend for 2022 board meeting virtual dinner
 - a. Emily Silverman proposed
 - b. Jake Nagasawa seconded
 - c. Approved by unanimous decision
10. Anna Hennessey mentioned the issue of elections at the 2022 regional conference
 - a. Jake Nagasawa will need to run them via zoom polls

Action items

- Jacob Perez, John Erickson, and Jake Nagasawa should discuss the status of UC Davis as a potential host for 2023 or 2024
- Jacob Perez will need to send a separate link to the regional board meeting as a reminder
- Drafting the following for the AARWR policy file:
 - Statement on harassment and bullying with procedures to deal with either/both
 - Explicitly state what a rogue executive is and create a process for their removal
- Drafting a letter to the national AAR detailing needed reforms and maintaining our independence.

