

AAR/WR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)
7 January 2022, 4:00-4:33 pm PST
Online Zoom Meeting

Present:

Jake Nagasawa (Regional Coordinator), James Berry (Southern California & Western Region Student Director), John Erickson (Vice President and Program Chair), Anna Hennessey (Past President), Emily Silverman (President), Marie Cartier (Vice President Elect)

Notes: Meeting began on time. Meeting called at 4:00 PM.
Minutes compiled by James Berry

- I. Opening
 - A. Emily Silverman welcomed the EC and opened discussion of the Omicron variant and its potential impact on the upcoming 2021 conference at UNLV. She expressed concerns that the rapid spread of Covid 19 might continue into March.
 - B. Anna Hennessey agreed with these concerns and laid out potential choices as either in-person, hybrid, or online. She raised concerns about the work required for a hybrid conference.
 - C. John Erickson expressed his desire for an in person conference.
- II. Possibility of Hybrid Conference
 - A. James Berry stated that he was in favor of an in person conference, but doubted that a hybrid conference would be well attended. He was also open to a totally online conference.
 - B. Jake Nagasawa concurred and stated that the only viable options are 100% in person or online.
 - C. Emily Silverman agreed with this assessment
 - D. Marie Cartier discussed previous negative experiences with a hybrid conference and mentioned technical difficulties.
 - E. John Erickson agreed with the binary choice of online vs. in person.
- III. EC opinion on in-person vs. online
 - A. Emily Silverman conducted a straw poll of EC opinion
 - B. Votes
 1. Emily Silverman: Online
 2. John Erickson: In person
 3. Anna Hennessey: Online
 4. James Berry: In person
 5. Jake Nagasawa: Either
 6. Marie Cartier: Online
- IV. Next steps
 - A. With the choice narrowed down to two options Emily Silverman proposed sending a letter to the board informing them of the need for a meeting to discuss the modality of the upcoming conference.

- B. Anna Hennessey asked whether a full meeting was needed or would a vote suffice.
- C. John Erickson and Emily Silverman agreed to jointly draft a letter to the board informing them of the EC's thoughts.
 - 1. This letter would then be sent to the EC for approval.
- D. Emily Silverman mentioned the necessity for a quick decision due to a January 17th deadline for Roberta Sabbath to recoup the money she raised for the conference.
- E. Marie Cartier proposed maybe moving UNLV to next year and UC Davis to 2024
- F. Emily Silverman agreed that it was a possibility but was unsure if the UC Davis date was firm.
- G. John Erickson stressed the need to include Roberta Sabbath in discussions before a general board meeting.
- H. It was confirmed that this would be discussed at an upcoming meeting between Jake Nagasawa, Roberta Sabbath, and Jacob Perez on Tuesday 1/11/21.
- I. Everyone expressed their uncertainty about the upcoming conference, but wished for the best.

Notes: Meeting ended at 4:33

Action Items:

1. Emily Silverman and John Erickson will draft a letter to the board informing them of the debate between online and in person. This draft will be sent to EC for approval.
2. Schedule a board meeting as soon as possible to avoid the January 17th deadline for UNLV funding.
3. Jake Nagasawa, Jacob Perez, and Roberta Sabbath will discuss the conference on 1/11/21/