**AAR/WR Board Meeting (Updated) – San Antonio, Texas 2016**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Approved March 15, 2017 at UWest.**

November 19, 2016 at Zinc Bristo and Wine Bar 207 N Presa St, San Antonio, TX 78205

Notetaker: Jonathan Lee

Meeting start time: 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Grag Yanke; Hester Oberman; Kimebrly Carfore; Charles Townsend; Souad Ali; Kahena Viale; Chase Way; Sarah Robinson-Bertoni; Leigh Ann Hildebrand; Jonathan Lee; Zayin Cabot; Susan Mahoney; Marie Cartier; Joseph Paxton (arrived late at 8 pm)

Excused: Shanshan Yang; Regina Pfeiffer

1. Call to Order at 6:18 p.m.
2. Welcome from Kahena
3. Self-introduction by board members
4. Agenda Items
5. The Use of Robert’s Rules of Order  
   Chase Way: People are only allowed to argue on the topic/specific point. We are already following some of the procedure. Recommend more discipline to Robert’s Rules of Order.  
   Kahena Viale: Do not have side conversations while others are speaking.  
   Leigh Ann Hildebrand: There’s a medium….  
   Motion: We will always try our best to follow Robert’s Rules of Order; only discuss the topic up for discussion; off topic discussion will be called “out of order”; properly call for votes; record; and President will moderate the meeting.

Motion passed: 10 Yes; 0 No; 2 abstain.

1. Make clear that the timeline is a recommendation. Put this language into existing Policy File.  
   Sarah Robinson-Bertoni motions that the word “recommendation” is added to the Policy File starting on page 15 regarding the Timeline for Conference Planning.   
   Chase Way: Seconded the motion.  
   Vote: 8 Yes; No: 1; Abstain: 1; motion passed.  
   Discussed tabled until spring 2017 board meeting to clarify language.
2. Make clear the language about joint sessions. Right now, it is all together with regular sections, and I recommend giving it its own bold label and clearer language.   
   Chase Way: Joint Session issue, table it until the 2017 Board Meeting and/or Business Meeting.   
   Kahena Viale seconded the motion.  
   Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; 3 Abstain.
3. Update on WR 2017 Conference – Jonathan Lee & Joseph Paxton  
   Jonathan Lee provided the update. Preliminary program is completed; discuss raising registration fees.  
   Joseph Paxton: Outlining travel routes; planning carpool; on campus student housing at UWest for $15-$30 for students with private bathrooms.   
   Jonathan Lee: Motion to raise fees re: discussion at UWest 2017.   
   Kahena Viale seconded.   
   Vote: Unanimous
4. Update on WR 2018 Conference – Jonathan Lee:  
   March 23-25, 2018. At Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley.  
   Jonathan Lee updated.
5. Financial report = Charles Townsend  
   Balance: $14,071.14; 91 total participants who registered.  
   Recommendation that out going Regional Coordinator needs to submit a complete financial report for the new incoming Regional Coordinator. Also discussed topics re: low fees of Western Region; Regional Development Grant  
     
   Motion: Invite Eddie Glaude, Princeton University as second Keynote Speaker at AARWR 2017.   
   Sarah-Robinson-Bertoni seconded the motion.  
   Vote: Unanimous
6. Report on 2016 Conference  
   Sarah-Robinson-Bertoni will send 2016 conference report to the Board.
7. Reports from caucus liaisons  
   Chase Way: Updates on Graduate Student and Professional Development   
   Kahena Viale: Motion to extend the Graduate Student and Professional Development Representative to National for 1 year.  
   Southern California Student Representative will be up for election.   
   Souad Ali seconded the motion.  
   Vote: Unanimous  
     
   Leigh Ann Hildebrand: Updates from Queer Caucus Liaison.   
     
   Sarah Robinson-Bertoni: Women’s Caucus Liaison  
   2016 collaboration great turnout.   
   Friday timing: Board Meeting will be at 10 am to 3 pm.  
   Women’s Caucus 4 pm to 6 pm.  
   Queer Caucus 7 pm to 10 pm.
8. A discussion about how the board as leaders of the WR AAR want to respond to the rise of DT (I cannot even write his name) and his proposed policies based on racism, bigotry and misogyny (Susan Maloney).   
     
   Around the table discussion of how we see ourselves as “leaders” in response to DT.   
     
   Marie Cartier proposed “How To Be A Sanctuary” at 2017 AARWR conference at UWest.   
     
   March 15, 2017 motion to change to language: Charles T.   
   “…want to respond to the newly elected Presidential administration’s proposed policies that are related to racism, bigotry and misogyny.” Around the table discussion of how we see ourselves as “leaders” in response to this.  
   Second motion: Kimberly.

Yes: 4  
No: 2  
Abstain: 2

1. We already committed (during the spring conference) to discussing Sis' concern that we weren't doing enough to encourage international participation at this board meeting. Let's set aside some time to think about that.  
     
   We already have a policy at the regional level:

**Visas for International Participants**  
From time to time international participants contact the AARWR and request a personal invitation to attend the conference, which they present as a necessary step in order to obtain a visa. In March 2015 the Board decided that we do not have the resources to support requests that involve visas, and so we adopted a formal policy that we do not get involved in visa issues.  
Note, our policy at the regional level differs from the national policy and so such inquirers are encouraged to investigate possibilities for attending the national conference and are referred to the AAR national website [http://www.aarweb.org/.](http://www.aarweb.org/)

1. Sarah Robinson-Bertoni makes motion that funding for Queer Caucus, Women’s Caucus, and Graduate Student and Professional Development. $100 each. If not used, will be equally divided by other groups.  
   Marie Cartier seconded the motion.

Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No;   
Board members who left before this vote: Chase Way; Leigh Ann Hildebrand; Zayin Cabot.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Thank you!