

**AAR/WR Board of Directors Meeting  
7 November 2009  
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel • Montreal, Quebec**

Present: Susan Maloney, Rebecca Moore, Arisika Razak, Emily Silverman, Kahena Viale, Dirk von der Horst. Jon R. Stone attended as a guest.

- I Those present described various accomplishments and provided updates.
- II Maloney gave the RED (Regionally-Elected Director) Report. She said she had given the financial report to AAR National, and said we have about \$4,000. She discussed the proposed changes to the AAR National Board of Directors and the national task force to conduct a survey of the regions, e.g., should regions attempt to offer conferences as the national does? Maloney said the national office is trying to re-define itself. It currently does just three things: employment services, conference programs, course syllabi. The “public understanding of religion” could be an important service AAR provides, given the waves of cuts across public universities. Maloney advised re-focusing regional goals and mandates, and said she would support separate incorporation as a body.

Razak asked about getting a timeline for the survey of membership, and also about getting information about incorporation. She requested a conference call in December. Viale asked for clarity on the roles of regional representatives. Maloney expressed thanks to Tim Helton for his great job working on the AAR/WR website.

- III Moore gave an update on Regional Conference plans. The Board reiterated its policy of one paper/one person, which Maloney said is WECSOR policy. This gives more slots to more people. Razak reported that Inés Talamontez from UCSB will give the presidential address in Tempe. Silverman noted the joint session with Western Jewish Studies Association.
- IV SBL/AAR WECSOR affiliation was discussed. Razak noted several problems that occurred last year. Maloney said they now have a bank account, and that Jason and Mignon are working together. The scheduled for Whittier College is being investigated: it appears its Spring Break falls April 4-8, which means we would probably meet April 2, 3, 4 in 2011.

MSP (unanimously) that The AAR/WR Board recommend to WECSOR the following three-year cycle of meeting venues:

2009 - Santa Clara University	2010 - Arizona State University
2011 - Whittier College	2012 - Santa Clara University
2013 - ASU	2014 - Southern California (somewhere in)

A Conference Call among board members is recommended to determine that the AAR/WR will stay in affiliation with WECSOR as long as rooms and sessions are allocated proportionately according to membership.

- V Board positions to be filled were discussed. First, the presidential line-up was discussed. Moore will ask several individuals if they are interested in becoming Vice President and Program Chair. The following Board line up exists:

Student Representative - Kahena Viale  
Queer Advocate - Dirk von der Horst  
Women's Caucus - Doe Daughtrey  
Hawaii - Regina Pfeiffer  
Northern California - Emily Silverman

Vacancies that exist:

Southern California Santa Barbara and Los Angeles - Juan Campo resigned  
Southern California San Diego and Imperial Country - Rebecca Moore is VP and Program Chair  
Minority Advocate - an individual has applied for this position and needs confirmation by the Board

Dirk will recruit a replacement for himself as Queer Advocate, since he will be graduating.

- VI MSP to create a permanent Section on Goddess Studies, since the section had satisfactorily completed two years provisional status. Concerns were raised about the inclusiveness of the section, but these were allayed by Razak and Viale.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Notes compiled by Rebecca Moore, 23 November 2009.