

AAR/WR Business Meeting
23 March 2009
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Present (partial list due to latecomers): Norrie Palmer, Susan Maloney, Hester Oberman, Franz Metcalf, Doe Daughtrey, Jason Smick, Toby Johnson, Emily Bennett, Arisika Razak, Dirk von der Horst, Rebecca Moore, Paula McGee, Daniel Ramirez, Tim Helton, Ann Wertman, Philip Boo Riley, Emily Silverman, Kundan Singh.

- I Introductions were made. Philip Boo Riley was thanked for the help that Santa Clara University provided the annual meeting of AAR/WR.
- II Susan Maloney gave the RED (Regionally-Elected Director) Report. She noted changes occurring at the national AAR level, listing 1) the profession; 2) technology; and 3) the economy as national concerns. She encouraged people to propose wildcard sessions at the national meeting. She said that Cheryl Kirk Duggan is the new Chair of the AAR's Publications Standing Committee. She also encouraged people to apply for the \$5000 grants available for regional projects from the national AAR.
- III Two board positions were filled. These included: election of Susan Maloney to a second term as RED; election of Rebecca Moore as VP and Program Chair. Vacancies remaining include: Minority Advocate; Northern California Representative (although Emily Silverman said she would consider it); and San Diego Representative (to fulfill vacancy left by Moore). It was agreed that the Regional Representatives need to reach out to institutions in their region to recruit participants and papers for the meetings.
- IV A discussion of policies and procedures for Section Chairs occurred. It was agreed that the Board of Directors will post policies and procedures on the AAR/WR website, and will also work to clarify residency requirements for Section Chairs.
- V It was reported that the Constitution and Bylaws of the AAR/WR are undergoing revision. Revised documents will be posted to the AAR/WR website.
- VI AAR/WR's relationship with WECSOR was discussed. Jason Smick was thanked for his hard work in pulling together the conference in Santa Clara. Susan Maloney reported on developments regarding legal status of the regional AARs. It was agreed that AAR/WR is committed to meeting at the same time as the regional SBL and ASOR organizations, but that we want to do that in the best way possible.
- VII AAR/WR will meet at Arizona State University March 13-15, 2010. UC Riverside is a possible venue for 2011, although it was noted that it is difficult to meet at state institutions in California because they tend to charge for everything. The

possibility of rotating AAR/WR meetings between three fixed venues was discussed, and considered a good idea. Attendees had favorable feelings about meeting at ASU and SCU (Santa Clara University). Arisika Razak noted AAR/WR's commitment to not meeting at locations that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Notes compiled by Rebecca Moore, 9 April 2009.