

Minutes, NAFA Board Meeting
Thursday August 13, 11:00-12:00 CST
Via Phone

Board Members Present: John Bader-Johns Hopkins University, Jane Curlin-Udall Foundation, Doug Cutchins-Grinnell College (VP), Amy Eckhardt-Western Kentucky University, Julia Goldberg-Lafayette College, Luke Green-Seattle University, Alicia Hayes-U California Berkeley, Scott Henderson-Furman University, Jane Morris-Villanova University (President), John Richardson-University of Louisville (Treasurer), David Schug-University of Illinois, Susan Whitbourne-University of Massachusetts, Tara Yglesias-Harry S. Truman Foundation, Liz Veatch
Board Members not Present: Joanne Brzinski-Emory University, Paula Goldsmid-Pomona College, Maggie Tongue-Union College
Materials Distributed: Meeting agenda, Board Member Roster, Draft Board Minutes from Seattle

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:00 pm CST.

The Secretary's Report was discussed, and additions suggested, though formal approval will be at the December Board meeting. It was also suggested that the board election results and terms be written into the minutes.

New Business:

I. Board Member Roster

Members updated the Board Member Roster and agreed to have it posted on the NAFA website and sent to everyone on the NAFA listserv

II. Facebook page

Doug Cutchins has started a NAFA Facebook page, and Board members agreed to advertise the existence of the Facebook page to NAFAns.

III. Committees

A. Members agreed that each NAFA committee should have a Chair and recording secretary and were reminded that subcommittees must submit minutes to the membership. While Board members will chair the various committees, recording secretaries can come from the general membership, as this is a great way to get others involved.

B. Members volunteered to serve on the following committees:

1. Conference Planning: Beth Powers (Chair), Doug Cutchins, David Schug, John Richardson and Jane Morris. Beth has already begun putting together a larger committee as well.
2. Finance: John Richardson (Chair) and Maggie Tongue
3. Nominations and Elections: Jane Morris (Chair). Scott Henderson suggested beginning outreach for new slates of officers earlier, and in conjunction with the Membership Committee. Joanne Brzinski will also be asked to help with the Nominations and Elections committee.
4. Publications and Technology: Tara Yglesias (Chair), working in conjunction with the Communications Director, Liz Veatch. Includes Doug Cutchins and Susan Whitbourne.
 - a. NAFA Journal: Jane Morris will contact Lisa DeFrank-Cole and Nicole Gelfert to assist in this effort. Includes Julia Goldberg and Amy Eckhardt in an advisory capacity.
 - b. Facebook and Twitter: Doug Cutchins will send out Facebook and Twitter links to membership as well as the Board Member Roster.
 - c. Wiki: Tara Yglesias will have the NAFA Wiki ready shortly, and is only awaiting scanned copies of news articles related to NAFA to include on the site so that it does

more than link back to the NAFA homepage. This should keep the page from being taken down from Wiki.

5. Membership: Alicia Hayes (Chair), John Bader, Jane Curlin, Liz Veatch
6. Professional Development: Susan Whitbourne (Chair), Julia Goldberg, David Schug.
7. Study Abroad: Luke Green (Chair), Julia Goldberg, Susan Whitbourne, Amy Eckhardt, John Richardson.
8. Summer Workshops: Joanne Brzinski (Chair) Jane Curlin, Alicia Hayes

C. Next Steps: Jane Morris will send out an election report, the strategic plan, and a call for committee volunteers (along with listing Board members who will be working on each area) through the listserv. Committee Chairs are then encouraged to set up phone meetings with their members. Each Committee Chair will report back on progress at our December Board Meeting.

IV. Summer 2010

Amy Eckhardt reported that Lisa and Laura are sending surveys to participants of the summer 2008 NAFA overseas trip in order to assess measurable outcomes of that experience. The results will also be used by DAAD to see if funding a portion of the NAFA trip is a good investment from their perspective. The Study Abroad committee will also be provided the results this fall, and are asked to discuss them and report back to the board at our December meeting.

V. Building Alliances- Groups with Similar Goals

A. The Board agreed to fund two board members to attend the National Scholarship Providers Association (NSPA) <http://www.scholarshipproviders.org/> 2009 conference (October 27-30) in New Orleans to explore opportunities for collaboration this organization. Early Registration ends August 31. Doug Cutchins will be determining whether or not he can attend, and Joanne Brzinski will also be asked if she is available to go. David Schug, Julia Goldberg, Jane Morris, or Liz Veatch offered that they could attend if Doug or Joanne were unable to.

B. The Board agreed to fund two board members to attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) <http://www.ncore.ou.edu/> 2010 conference (June 1-5) in Washington DC to explore opportunities for collaboration this organization. Jane Morris and Alicia Hayes agreed to attend. Others Board Members in the D.C. area may also attend parts of the conference, as convenient.

VI. Gates Alumni Membership Request

The Gates Scholar alumni group is holding regional information sessions about the gates Cambridge Scholarship, and has requested the NAFA membership list for assistance in advertising these workshops. The Board authorized the release of our membership list to them for this purpose (as we also provide the list to other foundations). Tara Yglesias offered to assist them through the Truman Faculty Representative list and Liz Veatch recommended that they can use the Boren Faculty Representative list published on the Boren Website.

VII. Upcoming Board Meetings

Doug Cutchins will send out a Doodle request for times for our next phone board meeting. We are currently aiming for a two-hour time slot during the work week of November 30-December 4. The agenda will include committee reports. Doug will also send out a Doodle request for the Board's March or April in-person meeting, probably in Wayne, PA. We are looking at Thursday-Saturday times.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,
David Schug, Board Member