

Eugene O'Neill Society Business Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2022

Boston Conference-Suffolk University

Present: Katie Johnson, Sheila Hickey Garvey, Michael Morrison, Dan Venning, Katya Vrtis, Helen Xu, Ryder Thornton, David Palmer, Richard Selden, Alex Pettit, Dan Larner, Herman Farrell, Polly Heinkel, Rob Richter, Eric Fraisher Hayes, Susan Rand Brown, Andrew Lee, Dirk Killen, Thierry Dubost, Steven Bloom, Margie Mitlin, Carole Wynstra, Beth Wynstra

Welcome: Katie

-What a wonderful conference! And happy to see many of you here at the business meeting.

Conference Finances: Steve Bloom, Conference Co-Chair

-News about Conference expenses. We believe that we are \$4,000 over. We will get final figures next week and update the Society with a financial report.

DEI Work

-Katie reviewed the history of the DEI of the committee and their work. Reviewed O'Neill DEI statement and Action Plan.

-Sheila discussed how the DEI work came about. We need to mentor, we need to hold ourselves accountable. Please read it, put it in the by-laws!

Open comments:

-Herman: Points out that this whole thing was not just an exercise to get it done. We are committed. Please get to work. Do your part. We are committed. The writing and scholarship is there but we need to change the complexion of this organization.

-Katie: We need to put it on the website.

-Katya: there are glaring omissions in terms of disability, and issues of class. Precarious positions in the academy (non-tenured, adjunct, etc.). Perhaps add "among others."

-Dan Venning: Honoring indigeneity. Land acknowledgement. Brought up *Free Laughter* and issues of native born.

- Alex: I care about indigenous presence. Land acknowledgements are great. But we need something more.

-Dan V: Larissa Fasthose said the ringing hollow of indigenous land statements cause discomfort, which is good. We should do it even before we have earned it.

-Steven: Is there someone on the Board to be a DEI liaison?

Nomination of new Board Members

-Katie: Explanation of vacancy of Board positions and Covid lapse for nominations and elections. Electronic ballots will be sent out in a week.

-Beth: Is there a cutoff date for nominations?

-Katie: Let's do a week for nominations and then the ballots.

Appointment of Rob R for the Secretary/Treasurer position

-Katie: We are happy to report that the Board voted in Rob Richter to carry out Patrick's term.

Nominations For a New Conference Coordinator

-Katie: Thank you, David Palmer for your extraordinary work. Bess Rowen has been nominated. Any other nominations can be sent to Rob R. The vote will be an electronic one.

Eugene O'Neill Review/Newsletter Updates

-Alex P: PSUP has seen some turnover. Still a great place for our journal.

Personal subscriptions are pretty much maintaining, institutional subscriptions are down sharply. PLEASE go back to your home institutions and urge them to renew/pick up the subscription. Online only subscriptions is the recommendation.

-Scholarly Publishing Collective is the new platform for the *Review* (not JSTOR any longer)

-Dan Venning: Libraries have been desperate to cut subscriptions due to cost.

-Alex: Costs have gone up for journal costs. Should we raise membership dues to cover this?

Differences between JSTOR/Scholarly Publishing Collective. We need a Members Only section of our website so that members can get into the old issues via JSTOR. If we do not, and members don't have institutional access, they will not be able to access articles earlier than 2007.

There have been terrific download and view rates for the journal. The United States and China have the most downloads. We had 7 views in Cypress!

Chris Westgate's article from 2008 is the most downloaded EOR article in this year.

We are tightening relationship with Glaspell Society

Submit your papers!

-Andrew Lee: gave a great update about the Newsletter/Facebook/Twitter/Instagram presence of the Society. Please send Andrew your news items so that he can post and use for the newsletter.

Let's get posting and Tweeting!

Next Business Meeting

-Katie: We have some options: Deathaversary ALA meeting in Boston? CDC meeting in Orlando? Online?

-Dan: online meeting is preferred

-Rob: Online gets more people included with no expense. No costs.

-Alex: Going to a conference is a big deal. You often cannot get funding unless you deliver a paper.

-Hand vote: Online Business meeting wins out. Rob will let everyone know when the meeting will be.

Collaborations with ISGS

-Katie: We are hoping to plan conferences, offer joint memberships, combine our resources. More on these collaborations soon.

Next International EONS conference

-Katie: Board voted to have the conference in 3 years.

-Herman: New York (O'Neill connection to New York...Mt. Saint Vincent, etc.) Greece (wonderful, fantastic place, but are we going to exclude any one?)

-Rob: Who can take leadership role?

-Katie: We have a contact named Konstantinos Blatanis in Greece, who has agreed to be our conference director.

-Thierry: Worried about finances with New York. Greece is good because we would be all together (not people wandering off to museums and theater)

-Sheila: Votes for Greece. We need the European scholars.

-Herman/Steve: We need to go online to solicit feedback for conference location. Board will vote.

Washington University Eugene O'Neill Symposium

-Dirk Killen: There will be an O'Neill Symposium at Wash University in St. Louis in Fall, 2023. The symposium will coincide with the formal announcement about the Hammerman Collection residing at Wash U.

Monte Cristo Cottage

-Rob R: Monte Cristo Cottage has fallen into disrepair. Rob is staying abreast of construction and financial updates from the O'Neill Theater Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:11 pm