

Minutes, WRHC Business Meeting, Metro State, Denver, April 13, 2014

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30am (Scott)
2. Approval of minutes (Scott)
3. Financial report (Scott); organization is healthy, just as long as we continue to bring in dues from all our members; we have approx. 105-110 members; expenses continue to be Scribendi support, Scribendi winner awards, and some support for NCHC-sponsored semesters.
4. Discussion of current conference (Eckert); approx. 270 attendees this time. Things mostly going smoothly, despite minor glitches. Hope to communicate with upcoming conference coordinators about strengths and weaknesses of this year's conference.
5. Discussion of 2015 conference, UN Reno. April 10-12, 2015. "Prospecting for Knowledge" as theme.
6. Discussion of 2016 conference (Perring).
7. Discussion of 2017 conference, Southern Oregon Univ (Mulliken).
8. Discussion of the possibility of having "umbrella" dues payments so that smaller, less financially viable institutions can join under a single dues payment. (McKusick, Lorentzen, Jacobsen, and others.) Decided that it would be too challenging to determine which schools would qualify for such a financial break. Decided that it's not the 75 dollar dues payment that is a burden to such schools, but rather the conference registration fees and travel that can be prohibitive.
9. Discussion about changing the current Constitution language to make it clear that WRHC members need to be members of institutions of higher education (Scott and others). Scott will propose language changes for the Constitution and consult with President's Council about such a thing prior to the next business meeting, so that the language can go to a vote.
10. *Scribendi* discussed its current publication, awardees, and the number of submissions that it received this past year (497). Plan to increase number of editors, and plan to open submission process earlier, in May, and to close submission process in October. Also discussed the student exchange program, so as to bring interested students to UNM to learn about the journal. (Ketcham and others.)
11. Perring from UC Riverside discussed their honors student publication and hoped to be able to partner with *Scribendi* and/or the UC-Boulder journal to share ideas, publication plans, and the like.
12. Gumerman discussed the Grand Canyon Semester, planned for NAU this coming fall.
13. Meeting adjourned 9:30am.