

WRHC Conference
10 April 2022
Business Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. Syrnyk: “Thank yous”—2022 WRHC Conference
2. Discussion, Potential Revision, and Approval of October 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved—motion: Tim Nichols (U of Montana)/seconded: Jason Ludden (U of Nevada)
3. WRHC Budget and Membership (Ketcham)
 - a. \$49,390 revenue from conference registrations; final budget report forthcoming
 - i. Total paid registrations: 281
 - ii. Students: 203 + 7 regular
 - iii. Faculty/Staff: 71 (65 early +5 regular +1 day-of)
 - iv. *Scribendi* reception only (student: 29/non-student: 3)
 - b. Breakdown
 - i. 50 institutions
 - ii. 57 presentations/workshops (130 students/19 faculty)
 - iii. 59 poster presentations (58 students/1 faculty)
4. Regional Conference Announcements and Updates
 - a. 2023 WRHC: University of Montana Missoula
 - i. POC: Tim Nichols
 - ii. Dates: 31 March-1April 2023
 - iii. Keynote: Hank Green
 - b. 2024 WRHC: CSU Long Beach
 - i. POC: Sandra Perez
 - ii. Approved—motion: Bill Doyle (U Nevada Las Vegas)/seconded: Daniel Villanueva (U Nevada Reno)
 - c. 2025 WRHC Proposed: Metro State University Denver (POC: Megan Hughes) and 2026 WRHC Proposed: U Nevada Las Vegas (POC: Maria Jerenic)
 - i. Approved—motion Myrriah Gómez (U New Mexico)/ seconded: Leslie Donovan (U New Mexico)
5. Action Items: WRHC board succession
 - i. Current: President Syrnyk (Oregon Tech) and Vice President Amaris Ketcham (U New Mexico)
 - ii. Succession after WRCH 2022 business meeting: President Amaris Ketcham (U New Mexico) and Vice President Tim Nichols (U Montana), Past President Christopher Syrnyk
 - iii. Secretary
 1. Nominated: Diana Polley (United States AF Academy)
 2. Polley currently Member-at-Large; would remain Member-at-Large (in addition to Secretary) until 2023 and then Christopher Syrnyk (Oregon Tech) would take over as Member-at-Large
 3. Approved: motion Tim Nichols (U Montana)/seconded: Christopher Syrnyk (Oregon Tech)
 - iv. Treasurer
 1. Nominated: Ryan Swanson (U New Mexico)
 2. Approved: motion Christopher Syrnyk (Oregon Tech)/ seconded Tim Nichols (U Montana)
 - v. Question of term limits for positions: TBD
6. Discussion Items

- a. Managing WRHC funds
 - i. We have an online system for dues and fee collection
 - ii. Leslie Donovan (U New Mexico) discussed the possibility of also using an online rather than in-person bank for transactions. Decided that for now we will continue to need in-person banking
 - iii. We will be removing the names of the current three controllers, as they are no longer on the board: Daniel Villanueva, Ken Mulliken, and Carmichael Peters
 - iv. Proposal to add the following three members as the new three controllers: Ryan Swanson (Treasurer/U New Mexico); Amaris Ketcham (President/U New Mexico); Christopher Syrynk (Past President/Oregon Tech)
 - 1. Motion: Maria Jerenic (U Nevada); Seconded Leslie Donovan (U New Mexico)
 - b. Student Representation on WRHC: proposal=1 member from 2-year institution and 1 member from 4-year institution
 - i. Student terms: 1-year and 2-year, but will run on academic rather than calendar year
 - ii. Representatives will need to have a financial commitment from home institution to send student reps to conference(s)
 - iii. Christopher Syrynk (Oregon Tech) offered to write out ideas re: student representation and will send it out to members for perusal
 - iv. Diana Polley (US Air Force Academy) asked question regarding number of 2-year vs. 4-year institutions in WRHC (regarding we would be able to get regular reps from 2-year institutions)
 - 1. It was recommended that the new Secretary (i.e. Polley)—locate that information... (community colleges make up around 15-20% of membership.
7. News and Announcements
- a. 2022 *Scribendi*: Sierra Martinez (U New Mexico, Managing Student Editor):
 - i. 392 submissions/53 institutions
 - ii. 175 poems were submitted
 - iii. 53 “pieces” from 22 institutions were accepted
 - 1. 18 poetry; 10 visual arts; 2 foreign language; 10 photographs; 5 short fiction; 5 creative nonfiction; 3 open media
 - b. 2023 Editors from U New Mexico:
 - i. Ethan Ward: Managing Editor
 - ii. Anna Abeyta: Communication Editor
 - iii. John Scott: Digital Editor
 - c. Partners in the Park
 - i. POCs: Christopher Syrynk (Oregon Tech) and Rebekah Maxwell (Lamar University)
 - d. Place as Text
 - i. POC: Amaris Ketcham (U of New Mexico)
 - ii. Virtual Institute Summer 2022
 - iii. Santa Fe and Pittsburg Institutes Summer 2023
 - iv. Masterclass in Dallas 2022
 - e. Basic Characteristics of Honors Program/NCHC
 - i. Leslie Donovan (U of New Mexico) reviewed her work with the NCHC committee to review and revise the “shared principles and practices of honors programs” (formerly “basic characteristics”)
 - ii. Now on NCHC website
 - iii. Requests feedback (input via website), will update annually
 - f. Christopher Syrynk (Oregon Tech) is running for NCHC Board: vote
8. Adjournment and Official Succession of Amaris Ketcham (U of New Mexico) as President
- a. Thanks to Amaris and Congrats to Christopher!