

Business Meeting Minutes
Society for the Teaching of Psychology
October 21, 2016
10:00 am
Decatur, GA – Annual Conference on Teaching

Approved December 8, 2016

I. Welcome and call to order

President Wilson called the STP Business Meeting to order at 10:02am.

II. Reports

All reports are available in the Members Only area of the STP website.

a. Executive Director (Ted Bosack)

Executive Director Bosack reported that membership has grown 40% since 2009, but over the last year, membership has begun to decline. The Executive Committee is working on a branding and marketing campaign. The listservs that STP currently maintains on Kennesaw State University's server will be moving to APA's server.

b. Secretary (Tom Pusateri)

Secretary Pusateri announced that ToPNEWS-Online is now the official newsletter of STP and is published monthly. The STP Leadership page on the website has been redesigned and updated.

c. Treasurer (David Kreiner)

Treasurer Kreiner reported that STP's annual budget for 2015 was approximately \$327,000. STP ended the year with a surplus of about \$19,000. STP has total assets of about \$1.2 million, approximately \$350,000 are in the Fund for Excellence, which supports STP's Teaching Awards. The Executive Committee adopted an Investment Policy Statement, which gives us targets for amounts in our checking, short-term, and long-term accounts. STP's long-term assets are now managed by TIAA.

d. Vice President for Diversity and International Relations (Susan Nolan)

Vice President Nolan indicated that Diversity Committee presented at the APA Convention, the International Relations Committee received preliminary approval for a codivisional grant for to develop international resources on Project Syllabus,

that STP will be sponsoring an International Twitter Poster Conference in November, and that STP has appointed Dana Dunn as its first Director for International Programming.

e. Vice President for Membership (Meera Komarraju)

Vice President Komarraju reported on STP's recruitment, outreach, and networking initiatives, which include USB drives distributed by the Early Career Psychologists Council at conferences; a conference hosted by the Graduate Student Teacher Association; development of ECP/GSTA collaborations and mentoring; and the establishment of a Membership Communication Committee to maintain STP's Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter accounts.

f. Vice President for Programming (Aaron Richmond)

Vice President Richmond thanked those who coordinate STP's programs at ACT, APA, APS, SPSP, regional conferences, and international conferences. STP continues to increase its programming nationally and internationally.

g. Vice President for Recognition and Awards (Amy Fineburg)

Vice President Fineburg encouraged members to apply for wide variety of grants and awards, all of which are announced on the STP website. She specifically encouraged applications from teachers in secondary schools and adjunct faculty for next year's Excellence in Teaching Awards.

h. Vice President for Resources (Sue Frantz)

Vice President Frantz announced that OTRP Director Ruth Ault is ending her term and Danae Hudson will serve in the position starting January 1, 2017. Members who are interested in serving as reviewers of OTRP materials should contact Hudson or Frantz. STP's Internet Editor, Jon Westfall, recently added a Twitter feed on the STP home page.

III. Reading of Bylaws (changes only)

President Wilson read changes to the bylaws that pertain to terms of service on the Elections and Appointments Committee, voting on replacement of officers by the Executive Committee, review and reappointment of the Executive Director, and the composition and terms of service of the Board for the Fund for Excellence.

IV. Acknowledgment of Service

President Wilson acknowledged Sue Frantz's service as Vice President for Resources and congratulated her on her election as President-Elect beginning January 1, 2017.

V. Presidential Citation

President Wilson awarded Tom Pusateri, Kennesaw State University with a Presidential Citation for his significant career contributions to STP and to the teaching of psychology.

VI. Passing of the gavel

President Wilson passed the gavel to President-Elect Keith, whose term of service will begin on January 1, 2017.

VII. Announcement of 2017 Executive Committee and Business Meeting sites

President-elect Keith thanked Janie for her service as President. He announced that the Executive Committee will hold teleconferences each month, will meet face-to-face in Omaha, NE in April 2017 and in San Antonio, TX in October 2017. The next STP Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference On Teaching in San Antonio, TX in October 2017.

VIII. President-Elect Ken Keith's plans for 2017

President-Elect Keith announced the following initiatives for his presidential term: supporting evidence-based teaching in our classrooms, the role of psychology in the liberal arts, and fostering a psychology of all people.

Keith encouraged current ECP and GSTA members to get involved in STP committees and task forces.

IX. Adjourn

President Keith adjourned the meeting at 10:36am.