

WIED Teleconference Call
Minutes
March 18, 2009

Attending

Pat Backer
Susan Burkett
Mara Knott
Adrienne Minerick
Donna Reese
Bev Watford

Not Attending

Jennifer van Antwerp
Elaine Cooney
Maria Petrie
Paige Smith
Mara Wasburn

1. Treasurer's Report: No report.
2. Website Update: Adrienne sent web usage report. Usage is somewhat down from last year due mainly to reduced job postings in the spring compared to fall. **Action Item**: Adrienne to update site with any new conference information and the February Business Meeting minutes.
3. WIED/WEPAN Joint Conference Update: Mara W. sent an email showing meal choices for both Hilton and the Convention Center. There was discussion about a possible buffet lunch to avoid running out of food (\$5 more than box lunch). There was concern that a buffet lunch might be distracting to discussion so it was decided to go with box lunches and charge members \$15. We can order 10% extra to avoid running out. The two panels coordinated by Donna and Bev are set. There was discussion about giving the panel members a gift as well as one for Jill Tietjen. **Action Item**: Mara to find a small gift for the panelists and plenary speaker. Jill has waived her speaker fee and WIED agrees to have flyers for her book available; she is getting extra visibility by WEPAN as well.
4. Elections Update: We are late on the process for putting out the call and slate. There was discussion about contacting the people that were nominated last year to see if they wanted to run this year. Bev has that information from last year. Then we can send out a call to members. Donna has created a ballot on the Mississippi State web site. The site will ask for identification numbers. All we need is the name of candidates. The terms that are expiring: Jennifer – Treasurer; Maria, Paige, and Elaine - Directors at Large; Pat – Director of Awards. **Action Item**: Bev will contact people from last year and tell them the current positions that are available. Bev will get out a call for nominations this weekend giving people until April 6. By April 10, we can put out a call for voting. There is nothing in the by-laws to keep us from re-electing people that are interested in staying in their positions with the exception of Bev's position.
5. Other Business: Bev mentioned that the June Business Meeting is typically rushed and she would like to be able to send out an agenda previous to the meeting so the discussion can be more focused. We need to think about what items we want on the agenda so members have time to think about them. Hopefully this will facilitate discussions. We could present to the members some of the ideas discussed over the past few years regarding spending funds. Pat suggested this list should be cut down to just a few options for more focus. For example, funding a graduate student or an Assistant Professor to come to the meeting has been discussed. Adrienne mentioned the ERM division asks for nominations for a faculty apprenticeship. She sent this out to the Executive Committee as an example. Bev will be asking someone to prepare this document. We also discussed

following up with the on-line community. **Action Item:** Maria to prepare a report on this activity involving social networking. Maria's activity to date is on the web site under "Other" but needs updating. Bev mentioned that WEPAN now has their "Knowledge Center" live, a project that was professionally developed to provide on-line communities. WEPAN will maintain this web site so it might be possible to use this resource for the community we have been discussing. Can we use a social networking tool as a WIE directory – the original project that motivated these discussions? **Action Item:** Bev will have Maria and Dianne from WEPAN talk about this activity. Everyone is reminded that the Business Meeting is 12:30-2:00 pm on Monday and the MIND-WIED reception is from 6:30-9:00 on Monday.