

2013 SARMAC Board Meeting

27 June 2013

Attendees: Bob Belli, Robyn Fivush, Maryanne Garry, Ira Hyman, Chris Meissner, Kaz Mori, Tim Perfect, Kathy Pezdek, Don Read, David Rubin, Deryn Strange, Maria Zaragoza.

Rotterdam Conference

Katinka Dijkstra joined the meeting to discuss the Rotterdam Conference. The Board thanked Dijkstra for taking the lead in organizing the conference. Dijkstra reported that there were approximately 370 registrants, which is a SARMAC record. The Board noted the diversity of presentations and thanked Dijkstra for accepting presentations on a variety of topics.

The Board discussed conference initiatives, including the encouragement of participation by both senior and junior researchers, speed data'ing sessions, and data blitz options. These initiatives are planned to continue at the 2015 SARMAC conference. Student travel awards, student poster and presentation awards, and keynote speaker reimbursements were also discussed in terms of ascertaining their costs and benefits.

Dijkstra was excused from the meeting, and Steve Lindsay joined the meeting.

Approval of the 2011 Board Meeting minutes

Meissner introduced a motion to approve the minutes of the 2011 Board Meeting. Fivush and Pezdek seconded. Unanimously passed. The Board discussed the timely production and release of minutes from Board meetings. Hyman introduced a motion to have minutes approved in a month or so and that they be released to SARMAC members. Perfect seconded, and the Board unanimously approved.

The 2015 Victoria conference

Lindsay and Read reviewed plans for the 2015 Victoria conference. The Board discussed the creation of a Program Committee for 2015 conference, and the geographical and topical areas to be covered by keynoters. The Board discussed the need of SARMAC conferences to support both traditional areas and to develop new areas of applied cognitive psychology to better represent the field and to grow SARMAC membership. Discussion also examined projected expenses and revenues for the 2015 conference.

Lindsay was excused from the meeting.

Replacement of Press Officer

Meissner reported that Linda Henkel is stepping down as Press Officer. Meissner recommended that a call for nominations be sent to the membership to fill this

position, and that the Board decide Henkel's replacement via the Board Discussion Website. Henkel's position ends July 1.

Meissner adjourned meeting until the next day.

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The Publications Committee report

Garry led with the Publications Committee report. JARMAC was discussed in terms of its structure and representativeness to the field. Mori will provide information on who serves on the Publication Committee and the status of their terms. The same will be done for Board Members and Society Officers.

Updating the Bylaws

Perfect suggested that there should be a cycle in place to review the Bylaws. Belli reminded the Board that SARMAC Members and Board Members may suggest changes to the Bylaws at any time.

Establishing a Student caucus

Strange introduced a motion to establish a student caucus to consist of a student board that reports to the Governing Board. Such a caucus may request that it becomes responsible for student awards, including a student grant competition (of around \$250-\$500). Hyman seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

An early career seat on the Board

Strange suggested that the Board should have a seat available for an early career individual. Garry introduced a motion that one existing seat on the Board will be reserved for an early career person (no more than 7 years post PhD at the time of election) to serve a 4 year term. Perfect seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A new Newsletter format

Meissner introduced a discussion of the newsletter. The aim will be to change the newsletter format to an email news and notes format. There was also discussion that a newsletter editor needs to be identified. Hyman introduced a motion that Chris Meissner and Kaz Mori negotiate with a new newsletter editor and press officer for any compensation. Fivush seconded. The Board provided unanimous approval.

Proposals for the location of 2017 conference site

Meissner introduced discussion of the location of 2017 conference sites. There are several proposals, currently, and the Board will be seeking more.

Ad hoc Awards Committee

Meissner introduced a motion to create an ad hoc committee to consider the issue on Society awards that will report back to the board. Pezdek seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

Board Meeting via the web

There was a discussion of meetings of the Governing Board and Business Meetings. Meissner proposed that there should be an annual board meeting, to be conducted via the web for non-conference years. Belli noted that at every SARMAC conference a Business Meeting needs to be scheduled at a time when it is not competing with any conference sessions.

Board Meetings on the day before the conference

Garry introduced motion that conference Board Meetings are to be scheduled the day before the conference begins, that all Board members are expected to attend, and that one night's accommodation will be paid by SARMAC. Fivush seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.

Meissner adjourned meeting.