

## **Kentucky Philosophical Association: Annual Meeting: 11 April 2015**

### **Present:**

Caroline Buchanan  
Eva Cadavid  
Rory Goggins  
David Hall  
Court Lewis  
Matthew Pianalto

### **Minutes:**

(Recorded by Court Lewis)

With a quorum of members, the KPA called to order the spring 2015 meeting at 12:53 PM CST

1. Minutes from the spring 2014 meeting were approved
2. Treasurer's Report was delivered electronically. The current Budget, prior to receiving 2015 Conference Registration fees: \$586.60.

2015 Conference Registration fees were split evenly between the IPA and KPA. Final sum wasn't available at the time of the meeting.

Based on previous trends, the KPA's budget is unsustainable. The Treasurer suggested several options (see Treasurer's Report).

It was suggested that we start a funding campaign to raise funds and to help philosophy departments reconnect with the KPA. Some suggestions were: 1) contact every philosophy department in KY to ask for support; 2) Email "support your local KPA" letter to every department and philosopher (like a NPR fundraising drive); and/or 3) Send postcards to every department.

It was determined that we need to figure out the legal status of the KPA, in regards to collecting money. Do we exist as a 501c and can we accept such donations?

To increase interest and participation, it was suggested that we create a KPA Newsletter. In conjunction with the Newsletter, it was suggested that we create a Membership Due, which would be in addition to the conference fee. The Newsletter would be part of and paid for by Membership Dues.

Present members **voted** unanimously to raise full-time faculty registration fee to \$30.00, while keeping the graduate student fee the same.

### 3. 2016 Conference

It was determined that the division of labor for conference organizing needs to be more clearly defined. It was decided to create a Conference Planning Committee, which will be headed by the President, and supported by the Vice President, the Host Representative, and an “At Large” member. The Vice President remains in charge of the student essay prize, the Host Representative coordinates with the President and At Large member, and the At Large member helps organize and coordinate the conference. For roles not already specified in the by-laws, specified roles would need to be added. Kate Johnson was suggested as the 2016 Conference At Large member.

Two institutions were suggested for the 2016 meeting: Bellarmine University and the University of Kentucky.

Murray State was suggested as a host site for the 2016 Summer Workshop.

In addition to the 2016 Conference, Caroline Buchanan suggested having a workshop/conference on Diversity and Inclusiveness.

4. It was suggested that a “manual” for incoming new officers be created, based on the information in the by-laws.

5. Matthew Pianalto, Eastern Kentucky University, was inducted at 2015-2016 President

### 6. Elections

a. Vice President: Nominations were taken from the floor. Court Lewis was elected Vice President for 2015-2016.

### 7. Other Business

- a. We need to make sure by-laws are available on the website
- b. We need to promote and find help for the Summer Workshop