

The logo for the Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA) is a light green silhouette of the state of Kentucky. Centered within this silhouette is the text "Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA)" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Spring 2011 Meeting" and "Minutes" are also centered in the same bold, black, sans-serif font, stacked on two separate lines.

Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA) Spring 2011 Meeting Minutes

Host: University of Kentucky

Minh Nguyen, the current President of the KPA, opened the meeting. Six members of the KPA were present for the meeting in addition to the President.

First Order of Business: Financial Health

Minh reported that according to the KPA Treasurer, Nancy Slonneger Hancock, who was absent from the meeting due to illness, that the KPA has \$629.00 in the bank. The spring meeting cost \$200.00; \$100.00 for the Keynote honorarium to Professor Gary Ebbs (Indiana University) and \$100.00 for the Undergraduate Student Essay Contest Prize awarded to Callie Phillips (University of Kentucky). \$65.00 was collected in registration fees from the meeting. Consequently, the KPA has a remaining total of \$429.00 in the bank.

The KPA President thanked Bob Sandmeyer and the University of Kentucky Department of Philosophy for hosting the meeting. Bob Sandmeyer acknowledged the chair of the UK Department of Philosophy, David Bradshaw, for his role in helping secure funding for the costs associated with hosting the meeting.

Second Order of Business: Motion Regarding Meeting Registration Fee

Yaw Frimpong-Mansoh put forward a motion on behalf of the KPA treasurer that a \$5.00 meeting registration fee be assessed every attendee at upcoming meetings of the KPA. The treasurer, through her proxy, expressed concern over the poor financial standing of the KPA and strongly recommended that this motion be passed. There was some discussion of the whether this would be tied to membership costs in the KPA. It was clarified that the meeting registration fee was entirely separate from any membership fees and concerned only the attendance of the meeting. The motion to impose a \$5.00 obligatory registration fee, applicable to all meeting attendees, passed unanimously.

Bob Sandmeyer made a proposal regarding departmental dues to the KPA. During the fall 2011 meeting, Minh Nguyen proposed that philosophy departments in the Commonwealth be assessed a (voluntary) charge of \$35.00 in support of the Kentucky Philosophical Association. At the time, no benefit was attached to this support. Sandmeyer proposed that if the department fee be paid, all members of that department should be excused from the obligatory meeting fee. Such a move would provide incentive for greater department participation and, if well thought out, offer a more secure and greater funding source than presently exists. There was some discussion of how to implement this. President Minh suggested that this decision should be considered more thoroughly and presented formally at the next meeting.

Third Order of Business: Motion to Form a Financial Subcommittee

Yaw Frimpong-Mansoh put forward a motion to form a financial subcommittee to study ways to improve the financial health of the organization. Two important considerations that the committee should take up immediately are (i) the cost of KPA membership to individuals and (ii) the department fee proposal by Minh Nguyen and Bob Sandmeyer. This motion was unanimously approved.

The members at the meeting then set about selecting members of this new Financial Subcommittee. It was decided that the following members would form the membership of this committee: Nancy Slonneger Hancock (University of Northern Kentucky), Clint Jones (University of Kentucky), Josh Horn (University of Kentucky), and Frank Williams (Eastern Kentucky University).

Fourth Order of Business: Selection of a New Webmaster

President Nguyen indicated that the present KPA webmaster, Dr. Jan Garrett (Western Kentucky University), has asked to step down from the post. President Nguyen motioned that Matthew Pianalto (Eastern Kentucky University) be chosen as his successor. The motioned was approved unanimously by the membership.

Fifth and Final Order of Business: Election of Vice President

President Nguyen nominated Bob Sandmeyer from the University of Kentucky as Vice President of the KPA. Other nominations were requested and none were proffered. The membership voted to elect Bob Sandmeyer. Except for Sandmeyer, who abstained, the vote was unanimous.

(Meeting minutes taken by Bob Sandmeyer)