



Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA) Spring 2012 Meeting Minutes

Host: Centre College

Minh Nguyen (EKU), President of the KPA, opened the meeting. Seven members of the KPA were present for the meeting in addition to the President.

- Audrey Anton, Western Kentucky University
- Eva Cadavid, Centre College
- Josh Horn, University of Kentucky
- Clint Jones, University of Kentucky
- Terry Pence, NKU
- Cate Sherron, Thomas Moore College
- Bob Sandmeyer, University of Kentucky

First Order of Business: Financial Health

Nancy Hancock (NKU), who is the KPA Treasurer, was not present. Consequently, no financial report was given. Minh Nguyen made the following comments regarding present finances.

- Harry Chalmers, the 2012 Student Essay Contest winner, received a \$100.00 check.
- Anita Superson (UKY), the spring 2012 Keynote Speaker, presented her talk "Moral Bindingness" without honorarium.
- Students were admitted free of charge to the meeting this year.

Second Order of Business: Financial Subcommittee: *Change of Meeting Registration/Membership Fee*

The members of the financial subcommittee are: Nancy Hancock (NKU), Clint Jones (UK), Josh Horn (UK), and Frank Williams (EKU). Of those, only Clint Jones and Josh Horn were present at the meeting. During the spring 2011 meeting, this committee was set up to determine the feasibility of charging a voluntary fee on departments of \$35 in order to help sustain the organization. The financial subcommittee ascertained that this proposal could not be effectively implemented, since no consensus could be reached on how to implement the fee. Clint Jones and Josh Horn proposed changing the current payment structure, which is currently set at \$5.00 for membership/meeting registration. They proposed a graded scale for meeting registration. Payment of meeting registration would include membership in the KPA:

- \$20.00 meeting fee for faculty and unaffiliated scholars
- \$10.00 meeting fee for graduate students
- No registration payment for undergraduate students.

After some discussion of this plan, a vote was taken and **the motion to adopt the above mentioned graduated payment scale passed unanimously.**

Third Order of Business: Number of Meetings Per Year

Bob Sandmeyer (UK) suggested that the number of official KPA meetings be held to one per year. There was much discussion regarding the historical reasons for having two meetings per year as well as the need to build relationships in and around Kentucky. Members discussed the financial costs and personal difficulties associated with having two meetings. The merits of adding an invitation to an evening mixer be added to the program, but there was dissent as to the practicality of such a plan. After this discussion, a vote was taken. **The membership unanimously approved the change to one meeting per year.**

Discussion then turned to what time of year would be best to hold the meeting: fall or spring. After some discussion, a motion was put forward to hold the meeting in the spring. This was put to a vote, and **the membership moved and agreed unanimously to hold the KPA meeting in the spring of each year.** There were a number of requests to hold the meeting earlier than the current meeting and be careful not to have the KPA meeting overlap with any APA meeting time.

A proposal was put forward that the KPA meet during the summer months in the form of a workshop. Membership could get together in order to discuss papers they were working on in preparation for upcoming deadlines. Everybody liked this idea, but it was agreed this would not be an official meeting of the KPA. Bob Sandmeyer agreed to make arrangements for this first workshop.

Fourth Order of Business: Election of KPA Officers

Minh Nguyen (EKU) officially stepped down as President of the KPA. Bob Sandmeyer (UK) moved to take over the Presidency of the KPA for the next year.

Nominations were requested for the seat of Vice President. Audrey Anton (WKU) was proposed. There were no other nominations. All voted, and there were no dissenting voices. **Audrey Anton agreed to accept the position of KPA Vice President.**

Fifth Order of Business: Selection of a Location for the spring 2013 Meeting

No offers for the spring 2013 meeting came forward. Cate Sherron (Thomas Moore) agreed to host the spring meeting, if no other location could be found.

*Since the time of this meeting, **Peter Fosl of Transylvania University has agreed to host the next meeting.** The date has yet to be determined.*

Sixth Order of Business: Publishing Minutes on the KPA Webpage

Bob Sandmeyer (UK) proposed that the meeting minutes be posted to the KPA webpage. **The membership voted unanimously to approve that the meeting minutes be published to the KPA webpage.**

At the close of the meeting, Bob Sandmeyer (UK) announced that he would bring two orders of business to the membership at the next meeting these are:

1. A proposed mission statement of the KPA
2. A proposed constitution for the KPA

(Meeting minutes taken by Bob Sandmeyer)