

EPTC Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday May 30, 2005 in Thames Hall # 3102, The University of Western Ontario, from 12:15-1:00pm.

Present : Braganza , Neil; Berman, Michael; Bird, Gregory; Daigle, Christine; Duncan, John; Eshleman, Matthew; Gray, Kevin; King, Matthew; Koukal, David; Neimanis, Astrida; Short, Jonathan; van den Hoven, Adrian.

The meeting was opened by John Duncan, the President, who thanked those who helped with setting up the conference program, especially Christine Daigle, the vice-president, who is also responsible for the website and the Newsletter, as well as Adrian van den Hoven who made useful suggestions. Astrida Neimanis was thanked for helping with the program booklet of which 100 copies were prepared; they have proved quite popular. The total cost was \$44.

Next John brought up the fact that we have made considerable progress since last year.

1) The University of Windsor library has agreed to host our new electronic journal PhaenEx free of charge. John Duncan and Adrian van den Hoven have already contacted certain notable scholars and three of them have agreed to contribute to the inaugural issue. In order for the journal to be a success, we are counting on the input and cooperation of the members of EPTC/TCEP. For example, Peter Heron has already indicated an interest in serving as a book reviewer.

2) John Duncan also indicated that two constitutions in draft form had been submitted to him and that later on in the meeting he would submit a basic constitution for a vote to those members present.

Stephen Boos, our treasurer, was unable to be present; John Duncan indicated that we had \$1495 in the bank before the start of the 2005 Congress. About \$1000 of that was inherited from the former Sartre Society of Canada. In 2005 the Congress is requesting \$100 of each (full-paying) participant in the conference, plus EPTC/TCEP's \$35 full fee. Only \$15 of this amount will be returned to TCEP/EPTC. He also pointed out that rental of AV equipment is expensive; the cost can run from \$50 to \$100 (or more) for each session requiring AV at the Congress.

John Duncan also thanked Ken McKellar, our Western Local Arrangements Coordinator, as well as the following panel organizers: Megan Penney; John Caruana; Brian Singer, Mat Trachman and Mark Blackell.

Finally John Duncan thanked EPTC/TCEP's anonymous referees (whose names can be found amongst those listed on the 2005 Conference Program). He also thanked everyone in attendance at EPTC/TCEP 2005.

Next John Duncan pointed out that if we had a constitution in effect for 3 years, and if we had 80 members, we would be eligible to apply for preferred status involving a fuller form of membership in the Congress. Preferred membership status would bring EPTC/TCEP voting rights and funding possibilities not currently available to the society.

Motions:

1) C. Daigle moved, seconded by J. Short, that we accept the Constitution proposed by John Duncan. Accepted unanimously.

The constitution reads as follows:

1. In English the name of the society shall be "Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture," and in French, "Théorie et culture existentialistes et phénoménologiques." The society shall hereinafter be referred to as EPTC/TCEP.
2. The aim of EPTC/TCEP is to stimulate awareness of, and interest in, existential and phenomenological theory and culture and to promote their study.
3. EPTC/TCEP shall be governed by an Executive consisting of one President, one Vice-President, one Treasurer, one Secretary, and up to three Members at Large.
4. Members of EPTC/TCEP are those individuals who have agreed to declare themselves to be members on the List of Members on the EPTC/TCEP website.
5. All Executive positions are held at the discretion of the members. The membership elects the Executive at the annual AGM.
6. The AGM is the highest decision making body of the society.

2) Moved by N. Braganza, seconded by A. Neimanis, that the executive be requested to expand and amend the EPTC/TCEP constitution in line with the goals and requirements of EPTC/TCEP, and resubmit the expanded and amended constitution to the membership for ratification by electronic vote on or before September 1, 2005. Accepted unanimously.

The election of the executive and of committees :

President : John Duncan. Moved by A. van den Hoven. Seconded by D. Koukal. Accepted unanimously.

Vice-President : Christine Daigle. Moved by K. Gray. Seconded by A. Neimanis.

Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer : Stephen Boos. Moved by D. Koukal. Seconded by C. Daigle. Accepted unanimously.

Secretary : Adrian van den Hoven. Moved by A. Neimanis. Seconded by D. Koukal.

Accepted unanimously.

Three members at large: 1) Astrida Neimanis . Moved by A. van den Hoven. Seconded by K. Gray. Accepted unanimously. 2) Dominic Desroches. Moved by C. Daigle. Seconded by K. Gray. (Since the candidate was not present for the nomination, he will be contacted in order to ascertain that he is willing to accept.) Accepted unanimously. 3) Paul Gyllenhammer. Moved by A. van den Hoven. Seconded by J. Duncan. (The candidate was not present for the nomination, but had been contacted previously and had agreed to serve in this capacity were he to be elected). Accepted unanimously.

Constitution committee: Composed of members of the Executive, with the additions of M. King and K. Gray, who volunteered from the general membership to serve on the committee. .

PhaenEx executive committee: A. van den Hoven, C. Daigle, J. Duncan will continue in this capacity.

Other business;

D. Koukal transmitted a request from the Society for Phenomenology and the Media. It would like to be able, if necessary, to “piggyback” in some fashion on EPTC/TCEP or the Congress in two years and hold a meeting in conjunction with ours. The Society for Phenomenology and the Media will inform the President of EPTC/TCEP of further developments regarding this matter.

C. Daigle reported on the development of the website. The costs of launching the website were minimal since we hired the Web Development Team of Brock University composed of computer science students who do this as a work/study program. We are pleased with the result. All is well with the website, and she will continue to serve as webmaster in the coming year.

A motion to set a membership fee at \$20, proposed by A. van den Hoven, was tabled for future discussion.

A. Neimanis commented on the fact that only 5 out of the 45 papers were presented by women. She would like the matter investigated if at all possible and the situation improved at future meetings. The members concurred.

Finally, Christine Daigle congratulated our President, John Duncan, on the excellence of the program, which he had organized. He was warmly applauded by all.

J. Duncan ended the meeting by thanking all those who participated in the conference.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Report prepared by: A. van den Hoven.