

Minutes AGM EPTC June 2, 2011 (UNB, Fredericton)

Present: Chloë Taylor, Matthew King, Elodie Boubliil, Tracey Nicholls, Bryan Smyth, David Koukal, Christophe Perrin, Christy Landry

Regrets: John Duncan, Ami Harbin, Martine Beland

1. Call to order

Meeting opened by Chloe Taylor, President and chair of the meeting.

2.1 President's report

Chloe Taylor publicly thanked all of those who contributed to this year's conference.

Special thanks to Tracey Nichols for her work as program committee chair; Thanks to the other members of the program committee (Christy Landry; Elodie Boubliil; Christophe Perrin). Matthew King was thanked for helping and sharing his experience with organization matters. Dan Ahern was thanked for being our local arrangement coordinator.

2.2 Treasurer's report

Martine Béland sends her regrets and announces she steps down as Treasurer.

EPTC finances are in good order but due to the low attendance of this year's meeting the situation may be slightly difficult next year.

Considering our budget policy, the following proposals are made:

- Raising registration fees slightly for non-student members and according to the following categories: Tenure Professors (\$60) / post-docs and underemployed (\$40)/ students (\$30)
- Reframing the official membership list and distinguish it again from the distribution list since Congress charges us according to the number of members we announce each Fall.
- As of June 2012, to qualify as "member", one would have to pay conference fees.
- Financing special events to be determined (keynote, reception etc.)

2.3 Secretary report

Elodie Boubliil noticed that our new website makes the society more visible. About ten people contacted her to receive news and updates about EPTC. She proposes to update our membership list before the Fall by contacting people and make them confirm their interest in the society.

2.4 Communication officer's and Webmaster's report

Frederic Bruneault is stepping down as communication officer.

Matthew King's report:

It has been decided last year to cancel the newsletter and to replace it by messages sent around the mailing list periodically. It has not been successful and efficient.

Proposal:

- Reviving the newsletter in an Html rather than Pdf Form.
- Matthew King offers to take care of the newsletter. Fred Bruneault will be in charge of the French version.

2.5 PhaenEx

Tracey Nichols takes over the editor's position.

Announcements:

PhaenEx launches its 2011 Spring issue directed by Chloë Taylor and Tracey Nichols. 2011 Fall/Winter issue on "solitude", edited by Martine Béland and Christophe Perrin (5 articles and 2 translations); John Duncan and Astrida Neimanis will be in charge of the next open issue (Spring 2012). Deadline is September 1st 2011 and presenters are strongly encouraged to submit papers. Bronwyn Singleton will be English book encounters Editor.

2.6 Program committee chair's report

Tracey Nichols relates issues concerning coordination this year and recommends a more task-based organization: one person dealing with congress (Tracey volunteers); one person dealing with sending papers for review / one or two persons dealing with commentators and planning / one person dealing with panels (Chloë volunteers).

It has also been suggested to have and use only one e-mail account for submissions to ensure a better coordination. David Koukal suggests creating eventually a Google group to manage submissions and organization.

2.7 Congress 2012 (Waterloo)

Next year's EPTC meeting will be held in Waterloo at Wilfried Laurier and Guelph University during Congress May 26 – June 2. Christy Landry offers to be local coordinator.

Bryan Smyth along with Ami Harbin and David Koukal offer to be coordinators for English papers and program arrangements. Christophe Perrin will be in charge of the review process for papers submitted in French.

Matthew King recalls Christine Daigle's suggestion to have a joint panel with CPA in order to raise the profile of EPTC and attract new members. Another suggestion is made for instance to do a joint panel with history and philosophy of science society or to send our planning to CPA for distribution before Congress. A workshop on continental/analytic divide is also proposed by Mielle Chandler.

Concerns have been expressed about the decreasing participation of Francophones, who often submit papers in English. Strategies like sending around e-mails to Francophone departments will be implemented next year in order to encourage submissions in French and ensure the bilingual nature of EPTC's program.

2.8 Keynote and Reception

It is the first time that EPTC had a Keynote speaker. Concerns have been expressed before the conference about the cost and spirit of such an event.

Keynote this year received a \$500 honorarium. Feedback on this first experience is positive. Proposal:

-Having an event every year (that could be but need not be a keynote) but whose main goal would be to get together. What this event (or possibly two smaller events) will be is to be decided by the conference organizing committee on a year by year basis.

-Options proposed included having a best student or best paper prize; organizing a round table

Tracey Nichols reminds us not to forget about the catering budget involved when we have such event.

3. Other business

Sartre Studies International is accepting submissions for its 2012 issue. More information can be found online.

Tracey Nichols suggests that next year's meeting is held from Wednesday June 30 to Saturday June 2 in order to facilitate attendance for those who split their time between the CPA and EPTC.

David Koukal explains that BTTTT workshop has been cancelled this year due to low attendance but will be active next year and encourage submissions.

Matthew King will be receiving announcements to be sent around the newsletter

4. Elections of new officers

4.1 Executive committee

Elodie Boubilil nominates TRACEY NICHOLS as Treasurer. Tracey Nichols accepts nomination. Matthew King seconds the nomination. Tracey Nichols elected unanimously as treasurer for a two-year Term.

David Koukal nominates AMI HARBIN as Member at large. Ami Harbin accepts nomination. Matthew King seconds the nomination. Ami Harbin is elected unanimously as Member at Large.

The current 2011-2012 Executive Committee now appears:

President: Chloe Taylor (1 year left in current term)

Vice-President: Matthew King (1 year left in current term)

Secretary: Elodie Boubilil (1 year left in current term)

Treasurer: Tracey Nichols (2 years left in current term)

Member-at-Large: David Koukal (1 year left in current term)

Member-at-Large: Bryan Smyth (1 year left in current term)

Member-at-Large: Ami Harbin (2 years left in current term)

Past President: John Duncan

4.2 Program committee

See 2.7.

Meeting adjourned by Chloë Taylor.