

Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
Theories, Issues, and Boundaries Section
ARNOVA
November 16, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Felice Perlmutter, TIBs' chairperson, at 4:45 PM.

Chair's Report

Felice reported that there are now 99 dues-paying members of TIBs. She thanked the committee for developing the program for today.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report had not been prepared because of the recent turnover in that position. However the minutes of last year's meeting have been posted on the ARNOVA website since last December.

Treasurer's Report

Brenda Bushouse, TIBs' treasurer, reported that there is an, as yet, unreconciled discrepancy of \$387 in our account between her numbers and ARNOVA's, with the treasurer's being higher. She is working to identify where the difference occurs and which numbers are correct. She provided her accounting. She asked the members to consider how they would like to use the money.

Margaret Harris suggested that perhaps unspent monies revert to ARNOVA at the end of the fiscal year, thus potentially explaining the discrepancy in the account. Brenda will follow up on that possibility.

Felice mentioned that the Teaching Section charges an additional fee for their Section Meeting and asked if we would like to do that so we could have a reception or meal. The members were not in favor of the additional fee.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Peg Hall, seconded by John Whitman. The motion was approved.

Bylaws Discussion

Potential changes to the bylaws were distributed to members electronically several weeks before the meeting. Felice read these recommended changes to the group.

A motion that all recommended changes to the bylaws be accepted was made by David Garvey and seconded by Kathryn Cheever.

During discussion, Susan Ostrander suggested that the officers be elected by electronic ballot of all TIBs members, instead of by vote of the members at the meeting, as proposed in the changes. John Whitman said that he too favored assuring that all members be given a way to vote even if they could not attend the meeting.

Considerable discussion followed about how to accomplish an electronic ballot.

One other point in the bylaws changes was also raised, by Chris Cornforth, suggesting that we should add the specification that those voting on amendments to the constitution should be “dues paying members.”

The motion to approve ALL changes as proposed was defeated.

A motion to approve the proposed changes, EXCEPT the one to the election process was made by Mike Moody and seconded by Ben Cairnes. It was approved by voice vote.

A motion that the Executive Committee be elected in the fall of each year by the dues paying members following a period of nominations, including self-nominations was made by Felice and seconded by Peg. In discussion, the consensus of the meeting was that the election process be conducted by an electronic ballot if that can be achieved conveniently and reliably. The motion passed by voice vote.

Program for Next Year’s Meeting

Felice requested that members volunteer to run for office and to help with committees.

Suggestions for next year’s program included:

1. Discussion of “Theory, for what purpose?”
2. Discussion of setting a research agenda
3. Discussion of transparency issues in the nonprofit sector

Those present expressed interest in keeping the TIBS meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Dave Garvey suggested that we learn how many TIBS members attended the conference but not our meeting, to determine if holding it on Wednesday makes TIBS attendance too hard for members.

Rob Shoaf, Chris Cornforth, and Dave Garvey volunteered to help with the program committee.

A motion that TIBS officers explore the possibility of using any excess TIBS dues to offer an “emerging scholars” scholarship to a graduate student was made by Mike Moody and seconded by Chris Cornforth. The motion passed by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Peg Hall