

ARNOVA Theories, Issues, and Boundaries Section
November 16, 2006
Annual Executive Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Felice Perlmutter, chair
Roseanne Mirabella, vice chair
Peg Hall, secretary
Michael Moody, At-large member
Susan Ostrander, At-large member
John Whitman, guest
David Garvey, guest

Felice called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Discussion of Annual Business Meeting and TIBS Program

- Committee members questioned how many people are in our Section and how we know, since we seem to have received contradictory information. Felice agreed to find out.
- Susan expressed her pleasure at the strong turnout for the Business Meeting and the Program, especially given the conflicts in the scheduling and the lack of detailed information in the Conference program. All agreed.
 - Peg mentioned that TIBS members received 6 emails about the program
 - Felice mentioned that the program was also posted on the list serv and the ARNOVA website
 - John posted an announcement of the room and schedule near the Conference Registration desk
 - John mentioned that despite the relatively good turnout, it was still disappointing, given how much work went in to the preparation of the program. All agreed.
 - A total of approximately 21 attended the concurrent sessions. There were 24 at the Plenary session.
- Everyone agreed that all sections of the program had been a success, with lively discussion, responding to strong presentations.

Discussion of the Role of the Sections and Interface Between Sections and the Whole Organization

- ARNOVA has established a Board-led task force to look at this issue. Felice discussed the issue with Alnoor Ebrahim who will chair the Conference in 2007.
 - ARNOVA needed more time for all their good papers
 - Felice suggested that ARNOVA re-schedule to Saturday through Tuesday
- Michael mentioned that APPAM meetings go through Saturday and have a final sessions lottery that gives free attendance for the next year's conference to one of the attendees at the Saturday sessions.
- Susan mentioned her sense that there has never been adequate discussion of the structure of the relationship between ARNOVA and the sections and we need to help make that discussion happen. Felice said the issue would be discussed at the ARNOVA Board meeting on Saturday.

- Felice said that at the behest of the Executive Committee, two years ago she had contacted all the Section heads about having a Section representative on the Board. She also discussed it with David Hammack, then president of ARNOVA. The Board considered the idea and rejected it because the Board restructured at that time to include 10 at-large members. The sense was that having so many at-large members would resolve the representation issues.
- Felice asked about the possibility of her proposing the addition to the Board of a non-voting member who would represent the Sections. The sense of the Executive Committee was that it would not be good to have an ex officio representative and that we should not propose a Board change at this time when the Board was already discussing the issue. John suggested it might be more important to have a representative of the Sections on the Conference Committee than on the Board.
- **Motion** by Susan, seconded by Felice:

That the TIBS Executive Committee recommend to the Board that it establish a “Task Force on Sections,” chaired by a Board member and including representatives from each Section, charged with making recommendations to the Board concerning the role of Sections.

The motion passed.

Discussion of the possibility of a special issue of NVSQ on TIBS-related topics

Felice asked for a received support for the establishment of a task force, which she is willing to chair, to explore the possibility of an NVSQ special issue. The Committee discussed the fact that Dwight Burlingame might welcome such a theory-focused issue, that it might help young scholars get published and recognized, that it could bring high visibility for scholars, and that the Section could use the issue to increase our visibility.

We also discussed that several issues would need to be anticipated, such as making clear what the role of the special editor is relative to the role of the regular editors, that we might want to set some specific principles for the call for papers such as collaborative efforts, that we might want to invite preliminary proposals, that a call for papers on theories, issues, and boundaries might be too broad, and that the TIBS members in the survey said they wanted a special focus on theories.

Discussion of Future Elections

We discussed whether we should work to continue having multiple candidates on the slate. The consensus was that we should, because it encourages increased participation.

Discussion of Outreach Efforts

John, as At-large member elect, offered to develop and chair a task force on outreach to try to increase diversity in TIBS membership. Diversity issue would include attention to racial and ethnic diversity, having international members, having members from various academic disciplines, and having both junior and senior scholars.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Peg Hall, TIBS secretary