

ARNOVA TIBS
Executive Committee Meeting
March 19, 2008
Conference Call 10:00 to 11:30

In Attendance: Felice Perlmutter, Laurie Mook, Jim Mandiberg, John Whitman, Peg Hall, Susan Ostrander

1. Overall TIBS Plans---Felice

- a. At the 2008 ARNOVA conference, we plan to have a Plenary TIBS Session, a joint TIBS-CGAP Session, potentially a second TIBS Session, and two TIBS tables at the Roundtable Luncheon, an informal dinner for TIBS members, and a Members/Business Meeting
- b. It is good to note that TIBS leadership in raising the question of additional attention to Sections by the Executive Committee of ARNOVA has resulted in changes in the allocation of conference sessions and other increases in the visibility of the Sections and recognition of their role in ARNOVA's overall activities.

2. TIBS-CGAP Session plans---Jim

- a. Jim and Joyce Rothschild of CGAP, with Felice's involvement, propose that the joint session focus on theory and social movements. We would invite a high-visibility researcher in this field as a speaker. There was discussion of whether to offer a stipend if the speaker is not an ARNOVA member who would be attending the conference.
- b. Speakers are being considered who have the desired prominence and expertise, and who would not require expensive travel arrangements.
- c. Consensus: The committee agreed to try to avoid setting the precedent of offering a stipend, but is willing to offer the courtesy of covering some expenses, up to \$500 without any further discussion.

3. Roundtable Luncheon plans---Laurie

- a. TIBS will have two tables at the Roundtable Luncheon. Laurie's preliminary plan is to have a discussion leader and recorder assigned to each table
- b. We discussed the problem of noise last year, making table-wide discussion impossible
- c. Several proposed topics were discussed.
- d. Consensus: Topics may be coordinated with the TIBS Sessions in order to allow members to follow up on the Session discussions.

4. Plenary Session plans---Susan

- a. Kelly LeRoux, and Brenda Bushouse have been an active partners in planning with Susan
- b. The proposed topic is Theory and Foundations. The topic will be precisely defined when the speakers are identified so that their expertise can be appropriately brought to bear on the exact topic within this larger frame.

5. Membership Committee plans---John

- a. Committee members are Timothy Peterson, Kelly LeRoux, and Ron Fernandes
- b. Based on interviews with colleagues in associations with similar interests to ARNOVA, to the steady-state membership in ARNOVA compared to the growth of membership in other associations, and to responses to membership surveys and interviews, the committee proposes that ARNOVA members are more interested in a strong interaction with other members than in a wide association with colleagues. The committee's thinking is that ARNOVA, and TIBS, ought perhaps to focus its membership activities on depth of interaction rather than growth of the number of members.
- c. This analysis of the value of affinity, even over expansion, by ARNOVA members was discussed at length.
- d. We discussed the possibility of having a TIBS Session that focused around a panel discussion between Nonprofit executives and Academic researchers of theoretical and research approaches to addressing practical issues, using a community-based or community-collaboration frame.
- e. John will draft proposed Membership Committee actions based on this analysis and send them to the Executive Committee for further comment.

6. Other---Felice

- a. Peg commented that three positions on the Executive Committee will be up for vote this fall: Chair, Secretary, and the At-Large position now held by John. According to the bylaws, no one may serve more than 3 consecutive 2-year terms on the Executive Committee without being off the Committee for at least one year. The incumbents...Felice, Peg, and John...will not yet have served three consecutive 2-year terms and thus will be eligible for re-election.

7. Summary---Felice

Actions agreed to:

- a. **Jim** will work with CGAP to confirm plans for the joint session
- b. **Laurie** will organize the TIBS tables for the Roundtable Luncheon

- c. **Felice** will be sure that the central ARNOVA planning committee is aware of the need to resolve the noise issue for the Roundtable Luncheon
- d. **Susan** will confirm the plans for the Plenary Session
- e. **John and Peg** will draft a proposal for the second TIBS Session involving the potential of a CEO/Researcher discussion in the community-based research model
- f. **John** will draft proposed TIBS Membership Committee activities
- g. **Peg** will contact Timothy Peterson and confirm his willingness organize the TIBS Dinner