

SEMSEC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - 3/1/08

Special thanks was given to 2008 Program Chair Michael Bakan and Local Arrangements Chair Frank Gunderson for their work on this year's conference by 2007-2008 President Gavin Douglas.

Joanne Richards – sends apologies for not being able to attend

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Advisory Board Discussion: Discussion about officially adding past Chapter Presidents to Advisory Board for five-years beginning the year after their term ends; [minimum of 5 members \(allows us to keep active older members if they desire to be kept on\)](#). Voted on and approved by those present.

The 2008-2009 Advisory Board will consist of:

- Dale Olsen – permanent member of Advisory Board
- Michael Bakan – fifth year
- Les Gay – fourth year
- Alison Arnold – third year
- Laurie Semmes – second year
- Gavin Douglas – first year

Elections for 2008-2009 Officers:

- President: Frank Gunderson (Florida State University) ascends from Vice-President to President per bi-laws.
- Vice-President/Program Chair: James E. Cunningham (Florida Atlantic University)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Rebecca Sager (Independent Scholar – Tallahassee)
- Website Manager/List-Serve Administrator – Trevor Harvey (Florida State University) - He will continue in this capacity for one more year's and look for student at FSU for next year's replacement.
- Student Board Member: ???

Bi-laws to be amended by 2008-2009 Secretary/Treasurer to reflect:

- Creation of Advisory Board
- Addition of Website Manager/List-Serve Administrator position

Financial Report: Presented by James E. Cunningham (see attached)

Discussion of next year's meeting (Gavin will coordinate location of 2009 conference).

Potential Venues:

- North Carolina Greensboro – Gavin Douglas
- Tennessee – Les Gay
- Middle-Tennessee St. – David and Laura Pruitt
- Duke -Louise Meintjes, Paul Berliner
- Vanderbilt - Greg Barz
- North Carolina Chapel Hill – Mark Katz

Florida Atlantic University was offered as the location of the 2009-2010 conference by James E. Cunningham.

Discussion of increasing Caribbean involvement in SEMSEC.

Report by Caribbean liaison, Rebecca Sager, with pursuant discussion:

- SEMSEC member Joanne Richards, resettled back in Jamaica
- She has connections to Univ. of W. Indies
- Rebecca will stay in touch with her and follow up
- Rebecca reaffirmed our previous commitment to take Caribbean aspect of SEMSEC more seriously

Suggestions for increased Caribbean involvement:

- Call for papers on Caribbean in future conferences in future meetings
- Funding for Caribbean scholar and key note addressee
- Caribbean conference theme
- Caribbean site for future conference (explore Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Is. as possible future sites)
- Look for local theme and attraction to coincide with conference

Gavin to write letters of appreciation to:

- Don Gibson - FSU Dean for hosting conference
- Michael Bakan – program chair
- Frank Gunderson – local arrangements

As incoming President Frank writes letter of appreciation to out-going President Gavin

Special thanks to Gavin for his work during the previous year

Welcome to Frank as new President

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Cunningham, Secretary/treasurer