

minutes

NCCLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 30, 2008

5:30pm

Fuzzy Pig, N 8660 Clover Valley Road, Whitewater (262) 473-4574

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Present: Elia Armacanqui-Tipacti, Dan Breining, Mark Evenson (past president), Julie Kline, Eduardo Magalhães, Seth Meisel, Pilar Melero

Guest: Roberto de la Torre

I. Minutes of previous EC meeting, October 11, 2007

The minutes were circulated by email on 10-29-08. No changes were suggested.

II. Treasury & Membership Report

Attached.

III. Announcements

None.

IV. Chair Reports

a. 2008-09 election report

President: Eduardo Magalhães (Political Science, Simpson College)

VP/President Elect : Daniel Breining (Foreign Languages, UW-Stevens Point)

Program Chair: Pilar Melero (Spanish, UW-Whitewater)

Nominations: Don Kuderer (Modern Languages, UW-La Crosse)

Communications/Membership: Elia J. Armacanqui-Tipacti (UW-Stevens Point)

Secretary/Treasurer: Molly Todd (Augustana College)

Although nominations via the online form continue to be few, twenty-nine election ballots were received at the Secretariat.

b. Communications and Membership Report

Nothing to report.

c. Award of Merit.

There were no submissions for the 2009 Award of Merit. Eduardo suggested that in addition to soliciting nominations from the membership, it would be helpful in the future if the host campus for the annual conference could determine a potential local recipient to highlight.

V. Current business

a. 2008 conference, UW-Whitewater

About 70 plus registrants for the conference.

i. research/teaching award recipients

Dan Breining shared the following:

Raquel Kersten Professional Research Award: Chris Schulenburg (University of Wisconsin-Platteville), "Hijacking the Machine: Ricardo Piglia's Reconceptualization of the Intellectual in *La ciudad ausente*"

Student Research Award: Brendan Duke (Macalester College), "Unequal Votes and the Unequal Branch: Congressional Behavior and Neo-liberalism in Argentina"

ii. student travel grants

Eleven travel grants (either \$100 or \$150) committed, totaling \$1500. Checks will be sent to students after the conference.

b. 2009 conference at Simpson College

Eduardo will check on likely dates. He mentioned a possible keynote speaker: Congressman David Loebsack (Iowa, 2nd district), a political scientist and Latin Americanist by training, professor emeritus at Cornell College.

VI. Old business

a. The conference site for 2010 is not definite, although Augustana might be a possibility. Eduardo will check with Mariano Magalhães.

b. NCCLA has not applied for 501c(3) non-profit status, though it is registered as a corporation. Mark Evenson offered to check with a group he works with (Wisconsin Democracy Campaign), as it recently went through the process. [Note: Peter Hoff, current treasurer for the WI Association for Language Teachers-WAFLT-offered to connect Julie with individuals in that organization with relevant experience.]

VII. New business

a. Revitalization efforts and membership building

The committee discussed ways to increase membership. Seth, Elia, and Julie were all involved in a September one-day workshop at UWM on Latin American Studies program collaboration, with a total of twelve participants from UW System and private colleges. That group plans to hold a spring program focused on the topic of revolutions, with time devoted to teaching ideas. Perhaps the spring event and the fall NCCLA conference can help to energize each other.

Julie commented that CLACS will do additional publicity about NCCLA to its 120 Regional Faculty Associates. (Only about 25 are currently NCCLA members.)