

Minutes from GEA (Graduate English Association) Meeting 14 Apr. 2018, 9 am
Rm 2325

Members of the Board in Attendance:

Josh Privett (Treasurer), Jennifer Olive (Communications Officer), Josh Martin (Events Chair),
David St. John (Vice President), Christine Anlicker (President)

Total GEA Members Present: 6

Budget Concerns:

Christine adjourned the meeting by raising a concern about the GEA's current practice for reimbursing members for conference registration fees.

Based on recommendations from the Business Manager of the English Department, Christine proposes the GEA adopt a policy for handling registration reimbursement requests. She expressed the following concerns: Currently, the GEA has no plan for ensuring an equitable disbursement of funds to its members. This situation places an unreasonable financial burden on members who attend conferences that occur later in the fiscal year as their requests often cannot be accommodated. Moreover, the situation is unsustainable because the GEA risks becoming increasingly "behind" as, over time, it disburses an increasingly large portion of the present fiscal year's budget for expenses encumbered in the previous fiscal year. In order to maintain good standing with the university by responsibly spending the funds awarded to the GEA while also better serving the interests of its members, Christine has suggested the necessity of creating a clear procedure for handling requests in FY 2018.

The members of the board agreed that there should be a period of public comment. Next week, Christine will send an email to the GEA listserv proposing a \$100 dollar cap on reimbursements per conference. We will continue to honor requests that we were unable to pay FY 2017 in the next fiscal year; however, going forward, we will not continue to reimburse for conferences attended in the previous fiscal year. Members will have the opportunity to respond via email or verbally at Ex Post Facto. May 4th will be the final date for public comment.

Josh will also send an email to the listserv announcing that we have depleted the available funds in our budget and cannot reimburse additional requests. Individuals will be instructed to hold on to their receipts.

Upcoming Programming:

Josh Martin has spoken with the owner of The Imperial and has confirmed the GEA will hold the 2017 Ex Post Facto May 3rd: 5-7. Josh will circulate the menu so that the board can select appetizers. Christine will create the flyer for the event, which will be available next week.

Professionalization Series: "The Academic Job Market and Your Dissertation or Book Project" with Ashley Holmes, Gina Caison, Eddie Christie, and Josh Russell – April 26, 2017 at 11 a.m.

The next GEA meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 9 am

Items to be discussed:

The “Kudos Report” going forward, mentoring sessions, and responses to proposal of changing procedures for conference reimbursement and adoption of a policy, Meetings of Writers Group in June/July