

Minutes of the KPA Business Meeting
University of Pikeville
2 March 2019, 12-1 p.m.

Welcome and thanks – KPA Executive Director Rebecca Brackmann opened the meeting with a welcome and a round of thank yous to James Riley and Charity Deel of University of Pikeville for hosting the conference and also to the KPA Executive committee, Program Chair Cristy Hall, and the presenters and moderators.

Minutes of previous meeting – Phillip Krummrich moved to accept minutes of the previous meeting. Craig Steffen seconded. Passed by acclimation.

Treasurer's report – KPA Treasurer David Powell walked us through the report, which is available as a separate document. He noted that while that document does not yet account for this year's conference, he expects us to break even or even come out a little ahead thanks to adjustments in fees, changing our credit card provider, and publishing the *KPR* with CreateSpace.

Webmaster's report – Webmaster Craig Steffen noted that in a couple of instances, there were questions about what fees to charge adjunct faculty. For this year, executive committee decided via e-mail to charge contingent faculty the same fee as graduate students. Justy Engle moved and Fran Helphinstein seconded a motion to officially amend the fees to be identical for grad students and adjuncts. There was no further discussion or comments. Passed by acclimation.

– Craig Steffen also reported that he has spent the last year trouble-shooting and fixing various problems after last year's issues.

KPASubmissions@gmail.com belongs to us again, and he moved the website to InMotionHosting.com, where KPA has its own account. The site is written/edited via WordPress so webmaster doesn't have to code, which will make it easier to hand off when and if the time comes. Pleased with Square for payment processing, but this may be the last year for using EasyChair-with WordPress, especially WordPress.org, we might find it easier to design our own thing. All forms will be SSL in future, and copies of passwords to all sites have been given to Justy Engle, soon to be Past President and next year's host, Laura Dennis, KPA Secretary, and David Powell, KPA Treasurer. David Powell recommended giving credit to whomever suggested Square, as it has made things so much easier.

Elections –

President – David Powell

Vice President – Dominic Ashby* (pending his acceptance, which was obtained via e-mail on Friday, March 8)

Past President – Justy Engle

Secretary – Laura Dennis
Treasurer – David Powell
KPR Editor – Karen Taylor**
Pop Culture Representative – Christy Sulfridge*
Creative Writing Representative – Rhonda Pettit
Foreign Language Representative – Nancy Jensch

* nominations taken from the floor

James Riley moved to approve the slate as it stands. Phil Krummrich seconded the motion. Approved by acclimation.

**Some confusion / lack of clarity as to what is happening with *KPR* except that Jimmy Dean has stepped down and asked Rebecca to collect names so it can be mailed.

2020 conference – Justy Engle officially invited the KPA to University of Campellsville March 6-7, 2020 – Next year’s plenary: academic panels as plenary sessions just aren’t viable anymore as per discussions in the fall executive committee meeting. Rebecca Brackmann floated the idea of inviting a Kentucky scholar, but also questioned whether that was too narrow. Discussion ensued, ending in agreement that we would like to pursue an academic speaker for the plenary session and alternate each year between creative and academic speakers,

KPR proposal – Members were given copies of a proposal developed by Rhonda Pettit following discussion at the Fall Executive Committee meeting, to include a selection of creative works in the *KPR*. Scott Vander Ploeg gave some history as to why we had not done this before, namely a concern that it would look too much like *Journal of Kentucky Studies*. Those concerns no longer seem relevant. Discussion ensued that this would help the *KPR* better reflect both the organization and the conference, and that Rhonda has made a good proposal. It was noted that we will have to be much clearer about the submission process for creative works and overall. It was also noted that presenters will be able to submit one creative AND one scholarly project. Gary Walton wondered if we would have legitimacy issues concerning *KPR* as a scholarly publication if we included creative works. KPA Executive Director, Rebecca Brackmann, allayed those concerns. Scott Vander Ploeg called the question. Rebecca Brackmann moved to accept the proposal and Nancy Jensch seconded. It was approved by acclimation.

New business from the membership – Nancy Jensch pointed out that sessions 5.3 and 6.3 were consolidated with 5.3 at the 5.3 time and place. She also made a suggestion about the scheduling of Saturday afternoon concurrent sessions based on the fact that these last sessions are least attended; essentially if there is a time slot with fewer concurrent sessions, it should be this last one.

On that note, the meeting was adjourned.