

UPAA Annual Business Meeting
Friday June 21, 2019
Grand Valley State University
Allendale, MI

Meeting called to order at 1:35pm

Bill Bitzinger, Ferris State makes a motion to accept the minutes from the 2018 Wake Forest business meeting. Robert Jordan, University of Mississippi (retired) seconds the motion. Membership votes in favor of accepting the minutes.

Susan McSpadden, Johnstown Community College, reminds everyone to vote electronically for the board of directors.

Membership Report – Jeff Gage, University of Florida, reports that we have 353 members. 90 new members this year. 10 members lost their jobs this year. We also have 63 associate members. Jason Haley, California State Chico, offered to help with membership contacts.

Corporate Relations – Amanda Pitts, Grand Valley State reports that a lot of new sponsors were added this year. 3 new sponsors provided speakers as well. This has never happened before.

Treasury Report – Nick Romanenko, Rutgers University, Reports that we are in great financial standing. He thanked sponsors for speakers that we did not have to pay for. Nick added that we are in the red for web development. Nick suggests that we raise dues to help pay for web development. Ken Bennett, Wake Forrest University, adds that many of our cost come from web development.

Web Report – Ken Bennett states that we will be forced to move to Drupal 9 in the near future. This move will cost tens of thousands of dollars. August Jenewine, University of Missouri–St. Louis suggests that we double dues for current members and keep it at \$75 for new members. Brett Szczepanski, University of Georgia, suggests that we have tiered membership options for schools with lower budgets. Jason Haley suggests the tier system work in such a way that it would cost new members less and then would increase as time went on. Ken states that these kinds of changes would cost a lot of money to implement. Jay Drowns, Utah Valley University, suggests that we double our membership dues as well. Mike Mirello, James Madison University states that we should do institutional memberships. Glenn states that he would support that, Glenn also stated that we raise dues to either \$99 or \$150. Brittany Gryder, Texas A&M University-Commerce suggests that we give discounts for recruitment. Jay Drowns also suggested that we make part-time students' full members.

Member Concerns - Jason Haley also suggest that we add links to the membership directory to share social media accounts. Clay Stalter, University of Illinois, Springfield says our surveys should be broken down more. Jay Drowns suggests that we add portfolio submissions for each

print category. Brett Groehler, University of Minnesota Duluth, says the cost of making prints is a major concern.

Board Elections – Nick Romanenko and Trevor Jones, Ohio Northern University were elected as board members.

Symposium 2020 will be hosted by Utah Valley University and Brigham Young University, June 15-19 2020. The symposium will also include a sunset/sunrise shoot at the Bonneville Slat Flats.

Jay Drowns makes a motion to adjourn, Donnie Crowe, Louisiana Tech University seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 2:56.