Society for Disability Studies

December Board Meeting

December 15, 2015

**In Attendance:** Funmi Akinpelu, Juliann Anesi, Brenda Brueggemann, Mel Chen, Ibby Grace, Helen Meekosha, Mallory Kay Nelson, Sami Schalk, Phil Smith, Joanne Woiak, Frank Wyman, Michael Rembis (executive officer),

Regrets:

Missing:

Meeting begun at 5:05PM EST.

Notes: Brenda notes that last meeting was mostly budget discussion and executive session to it doesn’t make sense to make public minutes from that.

Budget: Mike Rembis, Executive Officer, explains that there is a budget workbook with different rates of increase for membership and conference rates to create different budget scenarios. The major differences between them are: with a pre-conference; with no pre-conference; with aggressive fundraising; and with no fundraising. Mike recommends that to be realistic we move to pass the second scenario with no pre-conference and no fundraising. Mike shares information about fundraising meetings he has had recently and upcoming. Mike discusses his current efforts for obtaining CART and interpreting for the 2016 conference. Brenda adds that the new budget includes a fee for DSQ in membership which OSU libraries supports.

The board discusses the need for additional fundraising and asks additional questions of Mike about finances for the 2016 conference. Brenda and Phil inform the board about their work with an auditor to review our finances.

Brenda opens a discussion about taking down the statement about the Stubblefield case from our website, which Ibby supports.

Phil returns to the budget conversation asking about changes in the executive office budget and Mike explains the changes.

Brenda notes the Executive Committee would like to delay voting on new board members until January.

Executive Session: The board moves to Executive session. Notes are available to board members upon request.

Regular Session: The board returns to regular session. Phil moves to accept the budget for Scenario 2 with two amendments. Helen seconds. Motion approved with nine approvals and one opposition.

Helen offers to work on obtaining more lifetime members over the holidays.

Phil motions to adjourn. Funmi seconds. Motions approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

Next board meeting: January 13 4-8PM Eastern Standard Time