Society for Disability Studies

Board Meeting

April 22, 2016

In Attendance: Funmi Akinpelu, Juliann Anesi, Brenda Brueggemann, Mel Chen, Ibby Grace, Mallory Kay Nelson, Sami Schalk, Phil Smith, Joanne Woiak, Frank Wyman

Absent:

Regrets: Helen Meekosha

Meeting opened at 3:08PM EST

Updates: Brenda opens the meeting with report that we have nothing new from the Hyatt, it’s in process and our lawyer contacts them weekly, but no new information. On April 8 & 9, Brenda attended a conference in Atlanta and lead a discussion on the state of disability studies with about 30-35 people. Brenda shares some of the ideas which came from this discussion.

Financials: Phil shares our current finances, including what bills have been paid and which still need to be paid. We have three outstanding invoices for our external website consulting, Maki’s salary (UB Foundation) and total Philadelphia insurance, totaling $3,836.04.

Phil moves that we pay the three outstanding invoices for our external website consulting, Maki’s salary (UB Foundation), and total Philadelphia insurance, totaling $3,836.04. Frank seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Oregon Non-Profit Association Membership: Brenda believes we should join this organization with dues totaling $125. Phil moves we join the organization. Frank seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

By-Law Changes: Brenda notes that Joanne had friendly amendments to the proposed changes to the by-laws. The proposed language is as follows now:

IX. DISSOLUTION
The Society for Disability Studies may be dissolved by (a) unanimous vote of the membership of the Board and; (b) a plurality vote of the members of the Society who vote. Upon dissolution or liquidation of the Society for Disability Studies, any funds or assets will be distributed (1) by the Board to another nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for promoting the development of social scientific knowledge concerning disabled persons in society and which has established its exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (2) by the trustees of Willamette University to a nonprofit agency meeting the criteria stated above and which has established its tax exempt status.

Frank moves to change the by-laws using Joanne’s language. Phil seconds. The vote will be held electronically because every board member must approve the change for it to occur.

Awards: Juliann has started the calls for Zola and Senior Scholar awards. We are changing the deadline to June 10 and there will be no monetary component of the awards this year, except for the Tyler Rigg which is independently funded and chosen through DSQ. We would announce the awardees August 1.

Ibby motions that we move forward with giving the Senior Scholar, Zola and Tyler Rigg awards this year, with only the Rigg retaining its monetary component. Phil seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Further Updates: Ibby updates us on DSQ. The next issue will be going to DSQ for publication. Ibby and Sami have no further caucus updates. The Board discussed not having a virtual conference at this time and why.

Executive Session: Executive Session Notes are available to board members by request.

Closing Remarks: We will plan for a townhall meeting to be held in May 2016 with a sub-committee of Brenda, Phil, Mallory, Ibby and Juliann.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35PM EST.