

13 April 2020 Minutes

Present Cassander Smith, President

Kerry Sinanan, Vice President

Jason Payton, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Taxes: Jason: all taxes have been filed for 2021. Quarterly report will be updated. To prevent the \$5 charge on the current bank account, Jason enquired about making account a small business but this is not possible.

ACTION: Jason will find out what is required to prevent this ongoing charge.

2. MLA affiliated status: ACTION: KS will check criteria, check on what the two-year rule for special sessions is. If we can proceed, documentation must be submitted to MLA by 15 May

<https://www.mla.org/Convention/Planning-a-Convention-Session/Policies-for-Forums-and-Allied-Organizations>

3. Teach-in ready to go and action will be to populate the ECS website with Pedagogy materials. All agree to follow up on working with the K-SAA. ACTION: KS will liaise with K-SAA re. pedagogy materials.
4. Membership: longer term plan is to encourage people to renew and follow up one we have more events and presence going on.
5. Social media: ACTION CS will follow up on with Mary-Cate Lingold in the Fall.
6. Non-profit status: much work involved. Cassie is doing the paperwork and working through it. Need to keep on top of the tax filings to protect the non-profit status.
7. Journal: Liz Bohls has volunteered to work on journal. Nick is very busy transitioning to new job and will have resources for the journal. ACTION: CS will write to Liz to update her on Nick's plans once he is settled in new job.
8. Affiliations: ASECS, ECS has a long history with ASECS and is affiliated as it was imagined as a small group that would sponsor panels at other conferences. Might be best to build up our ECS content and profile and to return to them in a year or might be best to keep a presence and be part of positive conversations. Agree to sit it out for 2022. Decide in the New Year to push more for inclusivity and diversity and anti-racism. By then we would hope to have more to bring to the table.
9. Pacific Coast Conference: Possible Collaborative conference that reaches out to the Pacific Coast to open up conversations about transoceanic and cross: We have a strong relationship with SEA but are we in a position to plan a conference in 2023 which involves long-term planning. Agree to liaise with The Huntingdon. ACTION: CS to plan out some ideas.

10. Digital Symposium: Idea for smaller digital event with symposium in May 2022 with UWI. Make the transoceanic part of the conversation to preface 2023 conference.
ACTION: CS and KS will look into platforms and collaborators.