

MWS Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
April 1, 2016
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Beverly/Tower

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Attendance: Dr. Kimberly Dodson, Dr. Helen Taylor Greene, Dr. Schannae Lucas, Dr. Frances Bernat, Sean Wilson, LeAnn Cabage

Showcase of awards and plaques.

General Meeting details:

Dr. Lorenzo Boyd discussed carryover, budget and membership fees. He recommended that we spend as much carryover money as possible. In addition, we discussed some of the highlights of this section. Dr. Greene recommended that we have a social in a suite and pay for it, Dr Boyd should be invited to this social. Dr. Dodson agreed with the suite idea.

Dr. Bernat discussed coordinating with Taylor and Francis so that we can have two journals for the section. We also discussed the change of constitution and bylaws. The MWS webpage is up and running with a search function to look for scholarship. Costs associated with the journal and rejection rates were discussed. We also discussed budget and the understanding of carryover. We need more officers at the MWS table for the next conference we need more officers at the MWS table.

Coverage of the recruiting table, committee sheets, ad hoc committees, and awards were discussed. We also discussed student mentorship initiatives. Mentorship should be embraced by the section. Recommendations were made for describing guidelines for the student paper award in greater detail. A reminder must be sent to students in September notifying them of the December 1st student paper contest deadline. Recommendations were made to promote the section at the graduate student summit and the awards banquet. Dr. Greene recommended placing an ad for the section in regional conference programs.

Tips on interviewing and proper CV format should be made available on the MWS website. For future conferences, the section should have specific panels, theme focused roundtables, author meets critics, and collaborations on panels that discuss race, ethnicity, and intersectionality. Themes should be kept to a manageable level. We discussed possibly having a membership drive to increase membership in the section. Section members should be proactive about increasing membership.

Priority of tasks and goals

1. Social event for the section, suite party with finger foods and light drinks. Sponsorship efforts and increases. Midwest Section Sponsorship. Submit proposal to ACJS for sponsorships. Sponsorships can pay for social. (\$5,000) for dessert, wine and cheese etc.
2. Collaborate on a featured panel that discusses scholarship, service, and teaching. Proposed a mentorship round table for future conferences. Accomplished scholars can discuss their research and give career tips at mentorship roundtables.
3. Membership fees. Members who have paid their dues should receive a free t shirt.
4. Once a month guest blog