

Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
Hybrid Meeting: John Morgan Room and Zoom
Monday, April 3, 2023 12-30-1:30

Present: Judith Aronchick (P), Fran Barg (P), Arberretta Bowles (V, OAA), Melpo Christofidou-Solomidou (V), Priscilla Duncan (P,OAA), Joel Greenberg (V), John Hansen-Flaschen (V), Susan Heyner (P), Vicki Mulhern (V), Yvonne Paterson (P), Marshall Meyer, (V PASEF) Erin Rosello (V, OAA), Steven Sondheimer (V), Joan von Feldt (V), Peter Wilding (V)

John Hansen-Flaschen called the meeting to order at 1:10. He led a discussion on how to engage more retirees in conjunction with Penn Med Development and Alumni Relations. He discussed the possibility of more staff participation, but Arberretta said at this time it is not feasible. John would like to see more alumni participating in the activities of PASEF and was open to suggestions for enabling this. Peter told the group that he'd been sending out monthly bulletins; the difficulty was not the writing but the problem of finding a good topic each month. Joan commented that the more communications with retirees, the more likely they are to become involved.

Committee updates: Website: Joel reported on updates to the website and asked if Priscilla could produce a printed version.

Membership Committee is still working on the Hitchhiker's Guide to Retirement. There continues to be discussion around faculty status and categories and their benefits. Priscilla was asked to circulate a draft version for comments.

Yvonne commented that when she looked at the current membership of ASEF as delineated in today's handout, she didn't see the names of Council who are eligible for membership, especially Past Presidents who automatically qualify. She pointed out that we don't want to miss their participation. She contacted past Presidents and got responses from six.

ASEF Box Files for Council Documents: these will comprise a repository for all ASEF documents. Discussion centered around access; there is a different mode for University versus Hospital, but Fran commented that access is available with Pennkey,

Cultural Events and Seminars: Judi reported that there have been difficulties scheduling Professor Dombrowski's talk "Measuring the Moment: Monet, Instants and Biological Clocks" due to traffic congestion around Penn Relays. *Note added subsequently*, the talk will be on April 26 at 12 noon in Smilow 10-146AB. She needs more names for next years speakers. She mentioned some names from previous submissions, but will circulate those and descriptions as well as some other names. She also solicited new ideas. So send them in!

End of year gathering for Council: possible venues, were discussed, one was BRB, and John suggested outdoors at the Penn Museum, if it is affordable. Arberretta asked if it will be restricted to Council, or will it be open to all ASEF members?

Photograph for the website: will be taken on May 1 at the Jordan building./

PASEF update/retirement: Marshall told the group that the *Planning for Retirement: Nuts and Bolts session* will be held on April 12th, and an *Estate Planning* talk will be on May 10th. There should be considerable interest in the latter, as several laws have changed.

The **Spring Lecture** will feature Professor Claire Finkelstein from the Law School, the title: *The Legal Underpinnings of Holding US Presidents Accountable: Prosecution, Impeachment and the Stakes for Democracy*. Tuesday April 18, Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall at 3:00 p.m.

The retiree reception will be on May 18th.

Marshall commented that all their talks have been virtual since the Faculty Club, where they used to hold them, has been closed. Judi asked why the Department or School that a speaker belonged to couldn't find a space? to which Marshall replied that noontime talks are at the peak hour for space demands.

Nominating Committee: Yvonne pointed out that ASEF needs a President elect, and since Susan Heyner is stepping down after ten years as Secretary, this position also needs filling.

Other Business: Peter has drafted a letter to sister institutions to obtain information regarding the Emeriti organizations; he's particularly interested in those with Medical Schools, and seeing how Penn matches up.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Heyner, Ph.D.
Secretary