

ASEF-PSOM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Virtual and in person June 5,2023

12:00-1:30 pm

JMEC 5th floor Fishbowl Conference Room and Zoom

Present: Judith Aronchick, Fran Barg, Arberretta Bowles (OAA), Melpo Christoforo-Solomidov, Priscilla Duncan (OAA) Joan van Feldt (v), Jeff Field (v) Joel Greenberg,(v) John Hansen-Flaschen, Susan Heyner, Paul Lanke, Anna Meadows(v), Marshall Meyer(v,PASEF) Ana Lia Obaid, Erin Rossello (v, OAA).

The meeting was called to order by John at 12:10 p.m. and the minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Penn Med Development and Alumni Relations: John initiated discussion concerning the proposed newsletter; it will encompass announcements of events of interest to retired faculty, information regarding grants, and other topics of interest to Medical School personnel. John envisages a small committee to draw upon resources of the Penn Medical School Development group and also Alumni Relations. In this way, ASEF would have access to their information and their staff. Both groups already have newsletters. This relationship would also provide them with the ability to connect with Senior and Emeritus faculty and provide an opportunity for discussion of topics such as Legacy donations. The ASEF Committee would have control to avoid undue financial pressure. Arberretta said that she has a new part time person who could be involved with this project. She commented that Administration knows that the office is understaffed with respect to Emeriti; only 10-15% effort is put to ASEF. Joan commented that the newsletter would be great as a means of keeping in touch with retired faculty. Marshall told the group that PASEF sends out a newsletter once a month, from September to June. Because of the varied Schools under PASEF, it is essentially a series of billboards to inform about upcoming events. About 2,000 newsletters are sent out, and approximately 43% are opened and presumably read.

ASEF Executive Council Nominations and Voting: Ballots have been distributed to the membership and results will be due within two weeks, in time for announcements at the end of year party.

Communications and Website Committee: Priscilla reported that the website is up and running, considerable progress has been made this year and it is fully accessible. Arberetta commented that membership should look at the article concerning Emeritus status. This is a University Administration decision, furthermore, Jeff commented that some faculty do not want the Emeritus designation. On the topic of the retirement presentations, there needs to be a talk concerning specific medical school aspects. Jeff said that while retirement presentations are run by staff, they can include faculty to describe their experiences.

ASEF Box Files for Council Documents. All documents relating to ASEF are accessible through the Box; relevant documents should be sent to Priscilla as an attachment.

Cultural events and Seminars: the proposed trolley tour of mural art has been postponed from Spring as it is unduly complicated to arrange.

Judi reported that she is working on the list of proposed luncheon seminar speakers and will circulate a list and solicit votes. Meanwhile, she welcomes any suggestions. There was discussion regarding our Special Speaker series; it was suggested to move the lecture from Spring to Fall. Judi also spoke about hybrid versus in person events; it is difficult when hybrid to bring in enough people vs zoom. Arberetta told the group that she has just bought an 'owl', a device that focuses on the speaker, while including the room. This should improve zoom presentations.

PASEF: Marshal reported that he is coming to the end of his tenure but will continue to work with John and Janice; they propose having a lunch together before the end of June. Ana Lia Obaid told the group that PASEF has been working with entities in West Philadelphia. They have established good relations with the 40th Street library They have also contacted Middle and High Schools, and connected with the respective administrations. They have had two talks for students, one on self-driving cars and one by Mitch Marcus on AI. They hope to have talks next year on Health. Jeff said that this is a great way for ASEF to integrate with PASEF and he hopes Ana will remain as a liason person.

End of year party: will be on June 21, from 3-5 p.m. in Jordan. Pricilla has booked the space and we'll have the patio. John discussed who should be invited beyond ASEF members and it was agreed to limit the number. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Heyner, Ph.D.

Secretary