

Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM (virtual) Executive Council Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2022

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid meeting/ John Morgan Wood Room

Present: Fran Barg, Arberetta Bowles (OAA), Melpo Christofidou- Solomidou, Priscilla Duncan (OAA), Jon Von Feldt, Mary Ann Forciea, Joel Greenberg, John Hansen-Flaschen, Fred Henretig, Paul Lanken, Ana Lia Obaid, Marshall Meyer (PASEF), Yvonne Paterson, Erin Rosello (OAA), Steve Sondheimer, Peter Wilding, Judy Aronchick, Anna Meadows

Call to order by John Hansen-Flaschen at 12:06pm-

Fond memories of Wood Room / welcome all. We will continue to hold meetings in person but they will be hybrid for those that need.

Will defer approving minutes until the next meeting.

AROHE summary by Peter and Yvonne – this meeting happens every 2yrs – the last meeting was held in 2018- Peter and Joel attended.

Over 50 faculty from all over the country participated in the meeting. It started with a welcome session presented by president William Verdini- followed by a “fireside chat: with Paul Irving, a gerontologist and the author on “The Upside of Aging”, on the importance of a structured retirement. The talk was moderated by Helen Dennis. There as a discussion of “Ageism”, which Paul defined as “A loathing of our future selves”. He suggested that, as with other “isms” universities should include anti-ageism training.

After this, AROHE broke into virtual groups to discuss obstacles and opportunities that we face as higher education retirement organizations. This is complicated by the large variety of higher education entities involved, ranging from small colleges to state and private universities, all of which provide very different retirement packages. State schools, for example, do not have FIAP funding that encourages faculty to retire. In addition, some organizations only have standing faculty as members, while other include staff as well as faculty.

All of the beak-out groups stressed the need for communication for a thriving organization, and the importance of increasing visibility of retirement organizations to the university at large. and communication.

Communication to the university administration is crucial- USC, for example, has provided retired staff with tremendous support

Peter and Yvonne urge the ASEF president and president-elect to attend AROHE as well as PASEF

Fall Lunchtime Lectures summary

Dr. Wherry luncheon lecture update - 38 have registered of these only 4 stated they would attend in person; most did not mention if they were attending virtually or in-person. Priscilla will send a follow up email.

First Annual Victoria Mulhern Distinguished Fall Lecture with Dr. Richard Baron, President and CEO of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the ABIM Foundation, who will speak on Medical Freedom vs. Scientific Practice: An Emerging Conflict. ASEF will need to nail down a date and location. Ideal location is the Rubenstein Auditorium. Due to conflicting events and lack of availability in the Rubenstein, Mondays may be the best option during November and the first week of December.

Noted: Try to identify a start time - starting time between 4 and 5, also check into catering cost change.

Judy Aronchik: Need date for fall lecture by Claire Finkelstein

Passing of RobRoy McGregor (*Obituary Attached to agenda*)

Yvonne attended the memorial service for RobRoy McGregor, the founder of ASEF along with Howard Goldfine. On behalf of ASEF she dedicated a few words in the remembrance book.

John Hansen-Flaschen and Peter Wilding discussed fond memories of RobRoy and described his work and accomplishments:

- He (*RobRoy*) conducted very important research regarding HIV testing and advancements
- His (*RobRoy*) perseverance and ingenuity was a key component for the work as it was not financially supported
- His (*RobRoy*) HIV testing was done in his lab- he had contact with him working as a tech said Rob always smiled

ASEF Annual Budget

The conversation opens with John's interest in last year's budget and the remaining balance. In response Arberetta explains each year's budget is a "use or lose budget". Joel informs the group Penn Medicine provides the budget. *Key points:*

- John would like to meet with Paul/Lisa/ Arberetta to discuss the budget 2 times per year
- In a future meeting Arberetta- will share previous budgets and expenditures.
- Priscilla will estimate known expenses for the year needed to make the best use of the funds.
- Extra mural activities will need to have a separate meeting to discuss \$15,000 budget
- OAA contributed \$500 for promotion celebration previously and will not this year.

As the conversation progresses the *Development Office* is mentioned by John.

The Development office should be interested in this group (ASEF) in pursuit of donations however, they do not provide financial support. They may provide staffing or organization support for an event. It may be ideal to invite someone from the Development office to an ASEF Executive Council meeting. PASEF is currently not active with the Development Office.

Healthy Ageing Seminars

Mary Anne Forcica is organizing the healthy aging lecture by Dr. Pignolo, who will speak via Zoom.

Outings

Judi Aronchick discusses November 10th outing at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This is not a standard tour it is focused on the medical aspects of 4 medical paintings, announcement will go out ASAP. Due to the nature of the outing this tour will only support 40 registrants. Currently for ASEF member only.

PASEF outings represented by Marshall Meyers, Chair of FASEB.

Shakespeare and Opera will be held on campus (Irvine Auditorium) on the following dates October 27th, November 3rd and 17th. Events information can be found in PASEF's newsletter.

Additional outing suggestions include:

- The Lantern, trolley tours in the city with a lunch or dinner afterwards, tour of the Mutter Museum-should include the library, behind the scenes tour at the Brandywine Museum

Website:

A link to view the current website was provided in the agenda

John's goal is to update and expand website with the Communications Committee.

Other business

WageWorks system is in transition

Hybrid meetings are not ideal due to AV: Every other word comes through and virtual attendees are not able to see who is speaking though the room view overall is good.

Meeting concluded 1:34pm