EDC Executive Meeting Minutes Nov 28, 2007

Online: Teresa Dawson, Alice Cassidy, Jeanette McDonald, Janice MacMillan, Ruth Rodgers

- 1. Meeting agenda adopted
- 2. Minutes from Nov 6, 07 adopted
- 3. Conference update (Alice C.)
 - a. Opening plenary will be Pathways Group, who will also do a lunchtime dialogue session
 - b. Closing plenary will be Gary Poole of TAG at UBC
 - c. Preconference sessions
 - i. One by Alice Cassidy and Ruth Rodgers focused on resource building for new EDC's
 - ii. Other at conference organizers' discretion and we do not have details at this point
 - d. Conference website is still in development but appears to be nearing completion; Teresa will call to encourage prompt publication, and to suggest that Jeanette be alerted to send out an email to members when the site is live
 - e. Alice will work with current and past conference organizers to develop a timeline template for mandatory use by future conference organizers
 - f. Registration fees approved; Teresa will ask conference organizers to include info re student bursary availability in conference fee announcement
 - g. Teresa will confirm that plenary \$2,000 is for this use ONLY and that any excess be returned to executive; this fund is not to be used for reimbursing travel for presenters
 - h. Role of Chair/Vice-Chair in conference has been clarified
 - i. Connections to UCIPD meeting have been confirmed
 - j. Alice expressed thanks to the 21 reviewers of session proposals; she will express this at the GM as well
- 4. Communications (Jeanette M.)
 - a. Website still being updated, will soon be linked to conference website
- 5. Permachart issue (Teresa D.)
 - a. Teresa updated the executive on the lengthy discussions with Suzanne Tyson of Permachart and with Joy Mighty of STLHE
 - i. STLHE is fine with EDC pursuing fund raising with Permacharts
 - ii. STLHE discount (50%) from Permacharts applies to EDC members as well

- iii. Agreement to host a pro-d session at conference to generate topics for possible future Permachart series for use with new faculty (teaching topics); Suzanne will use a consultation process to determine appropriate authors for such topics in future
- iv. Note that 3,000 copies is the break even point for Permachart sales; Ruth will consult with Alan Wright re comparable sales figures for Green Guides, which may be a similar audience
- v. Alice suggested that ISW facilitator listserv could be another good source for authors; these would be encouraged to join EDC as a prerequisite for authoring
- vi. Teresa will connect Alice and Suzanne for planning of pro-d session
- 6. Budget (Janice M.)
 - a. Janice has received 9 responses to initial budget documents; these were discussed and minor changes made to the budget as a result
 - 1. Janice will add a note explaining the \$14,000 grant fund representing two years of grants
 - grad student representation on the EDC executive' response is that official representation happens on STLHE Board, and that **all** EDC members are encouraged to stand for election to the executive positions as they become available
 - b. \$2,000 shortfall in current budget may well be covered by conference income; if not, it is approved to reduce operating fund surplus to a minimum of \$5,000; should this shortfall continue over the next year, the members will be consulted regarding raising membership fees at the June AGM
 - i. Revised budget will now be sent out by Sylvia R. for member vote; Janice will send results to Joy Mighty on Teresa's behalf once they are available
- 7. Secretary (Ruth R.)
 - a. Archived minutes are on their way from Trevor Holmes within the next few weeks; will be forwarded to Jeanette for posting
 - b. Ruth will email Joy Mighty to inquire as to whether EDC can access the STLHE budget for translation to French; may approach translation as a special project and use those funds to work backwards translating GM and AGM minutes
- 8. Other business
 - a. Grant funding transfer date set for end of June each year (after STLHE conference)
 - b. Trevor H. will send call for conference host doc to Teresa
 - c. David Gosling request; exec decided to decline to enter into a paid consultancy relationship but will look forward to seeing the results of his research; Teresa will inform Joy M. of this decision

d. Proxy voting issue; exec decided to adopt STLHE procedure as per Margaret Wilson's email in time for February GM; Jeanette will inform membership of availability of this option via an email

Next meeting dates altered to Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2 Alice will telephone Teresa in January to ascertain her availability to chair; if Teresa is unavailable, Alice will chair the meeting

Ruth will email Carolyn to advise of date changes and her email while in New Zealand in January and February.