

FROM THE SFRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Post-SFRA Executive Committee Meeting Notes



06 July 2021

Attendees: Gerry Canavan (president), Sonja Fritzsche (vice president), Sean Guynes (secretary), Hugh O'Connell (treasurer), Keren Omry (immediate past president)

1. New Exec Composition: Development, DEI Officer, "At-Large" Membership
 - a. We will need to rewrite bylaws and poll membership
 - b. DEI Officer
 - i. Someone in charge of making sure EC has a "diverse" perspective and who is in charge of a DEI committee that makes decisions and suggestions
 - ii. Verdict: a good idea to add to EC, will explore specifics in a follow-up meeting
 - c. Development Officer
 - i. Someone in charge of bringing in money for SFRA
 - ii. Keren suggests it's difficult to see how "feasible" it is, esp. given how difficult it is to find people to take on positions like the Treasurer
 - iii. Hugh suggests making this a "board-appointed" position, rather than an EC position, someone who could work on this for more than just a short term
 - iv. Verdict: not to be added to EC but will begin looking for someone to appoint
 - d. At-Large Members
 - i. Voting members who represent some portion of the SFRA community, but don't serve a more specific role, e.g. Treasurer
 - ii. Keren suggests that our organization is quite small and there might be enough voices already on EC; we have business meetings to get people involved; and we are generally transparent as an organization
 - iii. Verdict: Will discuss more with a stakeholder group
2. Conference Standing Committee
 - a. This is a great idea as one of several committees that work in tandem with the EC

3. Next Steps
 - a. For a soon-to-happen discussion with a stakeholder group:
 - i. DEI officer
 - ii. At-Large Members of EC
 - iii. What committees would be worthwhile to get membership involved and feeling like they have a stake in SFRA?
4. Polling the Membership?
 - a. A Google form or Google doc (or both) that allows people to comment on our plan, and then propose a final decision and put forward a vote on any by-law changes.
5. Shorter stuff:
 - a. Elections
 - i. Keren is having difficulty finding volunteers to be voted on for the treasurer position; she has reached out to several candidates
 - ii. For VP, one candidate has come forward, and Keren has considered others
 - iii. Several names were discussed and suggested by the EC
 - b. Award Committees
 - i. An email will go out soliciting volunteers for award committees
 - c. *SFRA Review*
 - i. Ian is gathering materials to present to us on peer review and a journals platform hosting solution
 - ii. It was suggested that a stronger embrace of *SFRA Review's* role in the organization would lead to greater feeling of participation from the membership, since the Review works with dozens of scholars each year
 - d. Website Migration
 - i. This will be happening at the end of 2021, as we transition away from Wild Apricot and to a new TBD web hosting platform