

**Minutes – RTS Business Meeting, AAG Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida
April 10, 2014, 7:30 pm**

Chair: Alison Gill, Acting Chair, RTS

Attendees: Alison Gill (Simon Fraser University); Sanjay Nepal (University of Waterloo); Rudi Hartmann (University of Colorado - Denver); Tometi Gbedema (University of California – Davis); Jarkko Saarinen (University of Oulu) Patrick Brouder (University of Johannesburg); Alan Lew (Northern Arizona University); Mary Mostafanezhad (University of Hawaii); Regina Scheyvens (Massey University); Guo Sheng Han (Northern Arizona University); Noel Healy (Salem State University); Jillian Rickly-Boyd (Indiana University); Daniel Knudsen (Indiana University); Szilvia Gyimothy (Aalborg University); Jasper Meeke (University of Groningen); Dominique Vanneste (KU Leuven); Dallen Timothy (Arizona State University); Ted Goudge (Northwest Missouri State University); Jim Davis (Eastern Illinois University); Klaus Meyer-Arendt (University of West Florida); Stella Nepal (Canada); Tom Karrow (University of Waterloo).

Approval of Agenda

Financial Report

See attached report from Treasurer Adam Keul (not present).

Chair's Report

- The RTS group sponsored or co-sponsored 15 sessions at this year's Annual Meeting – the number of organized sessions was less than the 23 organized last year. However many sessions were well attended. Efforts will be made to get people to organize RTS sessions for next year's Chicago meeting.
- Heidi Karst has begun work on a new RTS website. A number of people offered enthusiastic support and suggestions for the website and other forms of social media. Efforts will be made in the coming year to heighten the visibility of the RTS Group and improve communication with interested participants worldwide.
- The higher number of attendees at the Business meeting was noted and introductions and a warm welcome was especially extended to international attendees.

Awards

- The Roy Wolfe and John Rooney Awards for outstanding contributions to the discipline are not necessarily given every year – and this year no awards were given. Hopefully next year we can identify worthy recipients.
- There were no submissions for the student paper awards despite that fact that last year we increased the awards to \$500 for a PhD candidate and \$200 for a Masters' student. There was discussion on how to do a better job of marketing these awards and getting the call for submissions out earlier.

Election of Officers

- Last year, shortly after the LA meeting, it was necessary for Li Yang to step down from her position as newly elected Chair. Subsequently the past – Chair, Alison Gill, agreed to continue as Acting Chair for one more year.
- A call for nominations from the floor resulted in the appointment by acclamation of Patrick Brouder as the new Chair for 2014-16.
- Elections for other Board members will take place next year at the Chicago meeting

Adjournment

- Following adjournment of the meeting at around 8:30 pm , 22 people participated in an RTS social event at a local Tampa restaurant.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

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AAG RTS Treasurers Report: April 8, 2014

Account balance as of September 1 2013: **\$2627.82**
Account balance as of April 1 2014: **\$2819.89**
This represents an addition of: **\$192.07**

This **\$192.07** came from adding the year's dues and subtracting the holdover check for award plaques from a previous year.

Dues collected:
2011-12 **\$ 497**
2012-13 **\$ 488**
2013-14 **\$ 380** so far

Awards were increased at the 2013 AAG to **\$500 for PhD** and **\$200 for Masters**.

After awards are paid out our balance will be: **\$2119.89** (*Note: No awards made in 2014*)

This does not include event costs, plaque costs which come out after AAG.

Summary:

- Income from dues has remained about the same
- Total balance over the year is somewhat decreased
- Yearly balance has decreased primarily due to increasing the paper awards
- ...but that is what we wanted to do with our money! (per 2013 voting)

Your ever-devoted Secretary/Treasurer,



Adam Keul
University of Connecticut