ISA South Business Meeting

3/27/2014, 7:00AM, Toronto, Canada

In attendance:

1. Adam van Liere
2. Alexa Royden
3. Harry Chernotsky
4. Laura Roselle
5. Vincent Wang
6. Mark Amen
7. Mary K. Meyers-McAleese
8. Heidi Hobbs
9. Andreea Mihalache-O'Keef

1. State of the region (Alexa)

- Info based on report from the Governing Council meeting
    i. 812 members currently, up 177 since the same time last year
    ii. South is the second largest region of ISA
    iii. Budget:
        1. Last year: approx. $17,000
        2. Now: approx. $20,000
            a. We should think about some uses for this money: maybe reception in New Orleans at ISA 2015; scholarships?

2. 2013 ISA-South conference recap (Alexa)

- 135 participants
- $1600 surplus
- Gave 18 travel grants to students
- Good professional development program

3. State of ISA (highlights from Governing Council)

- Alexa:
    i. ISA membership and budget are healthy
    ii. There is a new teaching center in the making, including a collection of syllabi and videos from pre-conference workshops
    iii. There was extensive discussion on access to ISA conference papers: open or closed?
        1. Some sections stopped submitting because of concerns with open access
        2. Concern that blind peer review is impossible if conference papers are fully accessible to the public
        3. Concern with plagiarism
        4. A tiered system is under consideration, allowing for the author to select different level of access; at the moment, technological barrier

        a. Mary: the suggested tiers at the moment are:
- i. Open to panel only
- ii. Open to all ISA members
- iii. Fully open

iv. (Alexa) The ISA conference is growing out of cities: there are only five where we can still go, because of size; there were over 5400 members who attended the Toronto (2014) meeting; ISA 2022 will be in Las Vegas
1. Mary: Alternative could be going to convention centers
2. Harry: what are the 5 cities where we can still go?
    a. Alexa: San Francisco, New Orleans, Las Vegas, Hawaii, DC, Chicago (not entirely sure)

v. (Alexa) Blogging issue and academic freedom were also mentioned; there was not much discussion; they were sent to committee (Professional rights and responsibilities)

vi. (Alexa) New section for allocating sections and conferences passed

vii. (Alexa) Also problem with women and representation in ISA governance
1. The new numbers showed that women had 12-14% leadership positions in the organization (this is a steep drop from equality)
2. This was fixed at the last moment, by increasing the number of seats on committees
    a. Mary: explained chain of events in detail
    b. Alexa: one other outcome was that consultation now becomes part of the process
    c. Vincent: was this an accident or are there institutional barriers to women's participation in ISA leadership
    d. Mary: recently, presidents have been careful about balance, since approximately 40% if ISA members are women; the 2014 slate of nominees was grossly unbalanced

viii. (Alexa) ISA is moving to CT in June 2015 (from Tucson, AZ); it remains clear whether all the staff will transition; a ½ time line was approved in CT to help with the transition

4. Plans for ISA-South meeting in Richmond (2014)

- Vincent
  - i. The dates for the 2014 ISA-South annual conference are tentatively set for October 25-26.
  - ii. Proximity to DC means that we have options for professional development speakers.
  - iii. The 2013 meeting in Charlotte was a great model, with holding most of the events on campus; will try the same in Richmond.
  - iv. Need to work on logistics (hotel shuttle).
  - v. Call for papers should be out in the next few weeks, almost six months prior to the conference; hoping that this will increase the pool of proposals.
  - vi. Welcomes suggestions/recommendations

- Mary: will there be a conference theme?
    i. Vincent: theme may help with coherence but may also limit array of proposals; would like to be inclusive; is it the norm to have a theme?
    ii. Alexa: yes, having a conference theme has been the norm; in 2013, we had 5 theme-related panels
    iii. Vincent: there are differences among regions in calls for papers
- Heidi: both undergraduate and graduate institutions in NC and VA were underrepresented
    i. Vincent: will reach out to UVA
    ii. Heidi: it may be a good idea to send the call for proposals to the director of graduate studies in each program
    iii. Alexa: for 2013, reached out to department chairs but saw little effect from that; it makes more sense to talk to DGS'
    iv. Harry: when recruiting for jobs, more grad student attendees
    v. Vincent: there is no history of job placement activities at ISA-South
    vi. Alexa: grad students enjoyed the 2013 meeting; beef up professionalization component of the conference to attract more grad students
- Alexa: difficulty with adding more travel grants for students
    i. last year we voted to supplement the number of grants, but there was no discussion or decision on which budget the additional grants would come from; as a result, they had to come out of the conference budget, but they should come from the section budget
    ii. travel grants were capped at 24 last year; ended up diving some of the grants, where it made sense
- Heidi: there is too much money in our account
    i. Mark: what is the ideal amount?
    ii. Mary: suggest to keep in reserve at least what we expect the conference to cost, plus a bit extra
    iii. Alexa: the 2013 conference cost $8100. Probably $10,000-12,000 would be good
- Vincent: mention travel grants in call for papers
    i. Mary: reminder that only members are eligible for grants
- Laura: many grad students are involved in "preparing future faculty (PFF)"
    i. Maybe contact PFF to encourage students to participate
    ii. It may also be a good idea to invite PFF to come to the ISA-South meeting for an event
    iii. PFF is active at Duke, NC State
- Heidi: move to increase grant budget; add five grants, $200 each, out of the ISA-South budget (Mary seconds; all in favor; passes)
- Mark: some disciplines to reach out to are: Political science, geography, public policy, sociology, anthropology, history; it may be a good idea to create a data base of

programs and embed in the region's records—this would be a one-time effort followed by regular maintenance, so there would be less work in the future

- Vincent: will contact new ISA President (at American University)
- Alexa: it's a good idea to get keynote speakers locked in as early as possible
- Mark: is there a protocol for giving the ISA President a role in the region meeting?
    i. Alexa: Harvey acted as chair for a panel
    ii. Heidi: it may also be a good idea to invite Mark Boyer (UConn)—he will need to know the region; talked about vision for ISA
- Harry: idea for professional development—can involve DGSs from schools in the region in a panel for becoming competitive for faculty positions; have DGSs as panelists
- Alexa: volunteer to manage the professional development panel
    i. Heidi:
        1. Did it last year; will share copy of what she submitted to get the grant for 2013
        2. A proposal for the professionalization component for ISA-South 2014 was drafted in October 2013, in Charlotte; Maggie took notes?
        3. Need to apply for grant, which pays for presenter travel and videotaping (up to $2000).
        4. Should work on developing more direct mentorship models
    ii. Vincent: easy to get the grant, but need to fill out the form
- Vincent: who was on the awards committee
    i. Mary: it was decided in October 2013 (Charlotte); pulled up minutes from the October 2013 meeting and found committee membership as follows:
        1. Laura (Chair)
        2. Aart
        3. Dorian
        4. Sandy
        5. Gynta
    ii. Mary: deadline is 1 month before the conference (usually the last week of September)
    iii. Laura: participants will send 5 copies of the paper to the chair, then chair will distribute to committee members
    iv. Adam: three awards are given

5. Other business

- Future region conferences:
    i. 2014: Richmond
    ii. 2015: Tampa
    iii. 2016: don't know!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:00AM