

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2017, 12:00 pm UK

Present: Ravi, Sridhar, Andrew, Melanie, Henry, Sammia, Judy (left at 12:40 pm), Mario (joined 12:45 pm)

Chair: Ravi Kanbur

1. 2017 Conference Update

- a. Registrations are at 128. Early bird deadline is July 10. Will send reminders.
- b. Scholarship process is completed.
- c. Working on finalizing the sessions.

2. 2017 Conference budget

- a. Additional funding requests for summer school. Exact proposal needs to be clarified. Lacking a quorum, the proposal will first be clarified and then circulated via email for a vote.
- b. Should more eco-friendly pens with the HDCA logo be ordered, to be given out at this year's conference? The cost of 1000 pens is between \$500-\$700. EC members don't see enough value in pens – consensus to not approve the expense.

3. 2017 Summer School

- a. (Not discussed.)

4. 2018 Conference Update

- a. Will defer report to September meeting. Kathy will ask Zina to inquire whether the dates of conference have been finalized.
- b. Ann Mitchell, conference manager of 2018 conference, will take seat on the EC starting in September.

5. Diversity on the EC

- a. Democratic election process relies on people coming forward or being nominated, but what if there are people who are not aware of the process or not known by others? What are we doing to promote diversity?
- b. Need to clarify what we mean by diversity- geographical, other?
- c. A broader discussion about expanding our presence in different regions was recommended.
- d. What is the concrete problem that we're trying to address? Sammia says that in the current system, it is largely the people who are known and already involved in the association who get elected.
- e. The Nominating Committee (NC) thinks a lot about gender, disciplines, etc. but the committee is obligated by our regulations to put all candidates on the ballot who meet minimum qualifications. An

alternative would be to give the NC more discretion to put up a slate of candidates that it feels is representative of the association.

- f. Ravi would like to table the discussion and take it up again in September. It will also be an item on the agenda for the Fellows' meeting.

6. AOB

- a. Institutional members. We have a new one, Open University. Will take up a more general discussion of institutional member benefits and fees in September.
- b. Nussbaum fund. Will meet goal of \$60,000 in donations. Idea is to cover costs of annual speaker, or at least provide a substantial subsidy.
- c. Request for complimentary memberships for Bettina Schnotz and Jack Simpson, social media marketing volunteers. They are doing work that is an extension of the HDCA Secretariat and should receive all member notices for timely posting. Lacking a quorum, it will be voted on by email.

7. Next meeting

- a. September 5, Cape Town

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum, HDCA Administrator