**HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 12:00 pm UK**

**Present:** Caroline Hart, Ravi Kanbur, Barbara Ky, Sophie Mitra, Zina Nimeh, Henry Richardson, Sridhar Venkatapuram, Melanie Walker

**Chair:** Ravi Kanbur

1. **Open Treasurer position**
   1. There is a vacancy in the position of Treasurer on the HDCA Executive Council. Two options: the EC can appoint someone to complete the current term or a special election can be held.
   2. Decision to ask Randy Spence, member of the HDCA Finance Committee, to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term. If he is unable, a special election will be held.
2. **Policy Proposals**
   1. Ravi proposes to put together a proposal regarding policy on whose conference expenses should be covered. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
   2. Ravi proposes to put together a proposal regarding policy on recusal from decision making. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
3. **2017 elections**
   1. The following positions are open for election in 2017: President- elect, Vice President, Journal Editor, Conference Officer, Officer-at-Large. The call for nominations will go out in mid-January. Self-nominations are allowed.
4. **2017 Conference call for papers**
   1. It was recommended that it be specified whether the same paper can be submitted to multiple categories.
   2. Individual roundtables were introduced in response to some of the younger scholars who felt they got too few comments. There will be a limited number.
5. **2018/2019 Conference host applications**
   1. Applications received from Dubai and Argentina to host in 2018.
   2. Argentina was unanimously selected.
6. **Application for environmental Thematic Group**
   1. Received application for new TG on environmental issues, which would include considering issues related to non-human beings. Substantial overlap with sustainable, ethics, and foundational thematic groups.
   2. Decision not to create a new TG, but encourage applicants to be in contact with the other groups. Sophie will speak with other coordinators to see where the non-human topic could be included.
7. **AOB**
   1. None
8. **Next meeting**
   1. January – Kathy will send Doodle poll

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum, HDCA Administrator