

**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

- a. 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.
- b. 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

- a. Ravi proposes to put together a proposal regarding policy on whose conference expenses should be covered. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- b. 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

- a. 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

- a. It was recommended that it be specified whether the same paper can be submitted to multiple categories.
- b. 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

- a. Applications received from Dubai and Argentina to host in 2018.
- b. Argentina was unanimously selected.

6. Application for environmental Thematic Group

- a. 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.

- b. 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

- a. None

8. Next meeting

- a. January – Kathy will send Doodle poll

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum, HDCA Administrator