**HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 28, 2020**

**9 pm UK**

**Present:** Ingrid Robeyns, Oscar Garza, Elaine Unterhalter, Rosie Peppin-Vaughan, Krushil Watene, Lori Keleher, Stacy Kosko, Jay Drydyk, Jack Simpson, Sammia Poveda, Ann Mitchell, Andrew Crabtree, Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, Caroline Hart, Graciela Tonon, Serene Khader

**Chair:** Ingrid Robeyns

1. **2020 Conference Update**
   1. Around 300 people currently registered – about half non-presenters. Good coverage on social media. Whova platform is up and running, which participants can use to see everything in one place – shows all keynotes, pre-recorded video and audio recordings and serves as a virtual meeting place.
   2. Working on the program, taking into account people’s locations/time zones.
   3. HDRO plenary panel chaired by Sakiko will mark the start of HDRO 30th anniversary celebrations.
   4. Informal meet-ups can be organized through Whova; Graduate Student Network is setting up ‘capability cafes.’
2. **Scheduling Annual Meetings**
   1. Annual members meeting: HDCA bylaws require that the meeting take place in the U.S., although it can be linked electronically to another location.
   2. It was agreed to have a pre-recorded session with presentations of some of the Directors, and then hold two live sessions at times that could capture all time zones, with live Q&A during both sessions. The video of the pre-recorded session could be available a full 24 hours in advance of the live meetings..
   3. Fellows meeting. This will be handled similarly, with a pre-recorded video and then two live sessions.
3. **2020 EC Elections Results**
   1. The following were elected to the EC: Sophie Mitra - Vice President; Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti - Journal Editor; Elaine Unterhalter – Conference Officer; Rebecca Gutwald - Officer at Large for fundraising.
4. **HDCA EC Nominations/Elections Qualifications – committee report**
   1. Members were asked to send comments on the proposal to Serene and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.
5. **HDCA EC Nominations/Elections processes – Decisions on policy recommendations**
   1. Uncontested seats. It was agreed that if there are two or more uncontested seats, the nominations period will be automatically extended for two weeks and the chair of the Nominating Committee will email the Executive Council, Nominating Committee, Thematic Group Coordinators and Regional Network Coordinators to request additional nominations. If unsuccessful in recruiting additional nominees within the two week period, the election will proceed with seats that remain uncontested.
   2. Write-in candidates. It was agreed that write-in candidates will not be allowed, particularly in light of the decision to extend the nominations period in cases of uncontested seats.
   3. Approval of slate. It was agreed that the Vice President should be required to be in communication with the Nominating Committee throughout the nominations process and receive approval of all NC members before submitting the proposed slate to the Executive Council for its approval. It was agreed to remove language in the Book of Regulations that refers to the “Directors’ slate of candidates”
   4. Directors’ modification of slates of candidates. It was agreed that approval of 75% of EC members present and voting will be required to remove a candidate from the slate, and all directors should have an opportunity to vote. It was agreed that removal of candidates should occur only when the candidates are determined to have not met the established qualifications of the position.
   5. Vetting and narrowing the slate to no more than two candidates for President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It was agreed that more than 2 candidates can be allowed to compete for these positions, and decisions to reduce the number of candidates would need approval of 75% of all EC members present and voting.
   6. Recruiting & Nominating the President-elect. The following was agreed: 1. Candidates for President-elect will stand in a competitive election if more than one eminently qualified candidate is nominated; 2. When there is more than one eminently qualified candidate for President-elect, it will be confirmed (by the Vice President or other appointed person) that each candidate is willing to stand in a competitive election; 3. It will no longer be required that, “in the case of the President candidates, the nominating committee will make decisions on qualifications after consultation with past HDCA presidents.”
   7. Identifying and recruiting candidates. It was agreed that the Thematic Groups and Regional Networks will become active in this role, as discussed previously.
6. **Recruiting EC Candidates – committee report**
   1. A strategy report was circulated by Graciela, based on a meeting with Oscar. The recommendations include using the sessions at the annual conference to try to identify potential candidates and identifying candidates from within the Thematic Groups. Their discussion also emphasized the importance of engaging young people as well as the commitment of Thematic Group coordinators to engage in active leadership within their groups. Jay will join Graciela and Oscar at future meetings to take these efforts forward.
   2. Oscar is working on draft guidelines for regional networks and will start recruiting new coordinators after having checked with current coordinators to see if they want to continue.
7. **Fellows Election – approval of slate**
   1. The slate circulated by Elaine was approved unanimously.
8. **Webinar on Capabilities and Covid-19**
   1. Very successful, with very enthusiastic participants. The video recording is available on the HDCA website. The webinar can be used as a build up to the conference.
9. **AOB**
   1. Andrew reported that the Finance Committee met with a representative from First Republic Investment Services to discuss expectations for financial markets and strategies for HDCA investments. The decision was to carry on and not make any changes at this time.
   2. Ingrid announced a 3-day policy forum with UNDP and UNEP on conceptual issues for sustainable human development. All on the panel except Ingrid are economists. She would appreciate input, especially from those who work on environment or are philosophers. As there may be opportunities for additional people to participate, EC members should let her know if they’re interested.
10. **Next Meeting**
    1. The next meeting will be scheduled in June, about a week prior to the conference. Kathy will send a Doodle scheduling poll.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Rosenblum