

Philosophy and Theory of Higher Education Society (PaTHES)

General Assembly Meeting, December 01, 2021

Members present: See appendix at the end of the document.

Minutes of the meeting recorded by Wesley Shumar, Secretary of the Society

Agenda for the meeting has been approved.

Minutes of last year approved.

Presidential Address

President Ronald Barnett gave an inspiring address. He talked about how we are doing as society, some of the activities of the society and encouraged others to get involved through website blog and other ways to participate. He further pointed out the field of the philosophy and theory of higher education has been established. We are a community developing a new field in higher education.

Chair's Report

Chair Søren Bengtsen discussed the history of the society's activities. He introduced the Board members to the membership. He talked about some other aspects of the society, the upcoming conference, the journal, the newsletter, the informal club meets, the reading group, the blog site, and social media. The chair talked about community building, collaboration around projects, and then the need for outreach to different societies, different researchers and other areas of the globe.

Treasurer's Report

Former Treasurer Sarah Robinson gave her last report. The bank account is very healthy, we pay for the domain and website, as well as the journal. The account has 10.080 Euros. There have not been conferences happening during the Covid-period, so we would welcome ideas from the members for using the funds. Total membership is 90 and membership fees are 75 Euros.

Secretary's Report

The next item was a presentation from the secretary of the society on the society's bylaws.

- In section 4 of the bylaws regarding the election of board members, there are a few wording issues that need to be sorted out.
 - Clarification on the number of at-large board members was the first issue.
 - The second issue is that the bylaws need to state that every third year there will not be an election.

The membership voted to accept the revisions to the bylaws.

Vote: 28 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstain.

New Board Members

The Chair asked the new members to introduce themselves: Society Treasurer Kasper Sørensen, and at-large Board members Nuraan Davids, Tessa DeLaquil, Barbara Grant.

Journal Report

John Petrovic reported on the journal. Currently the journal has a 62% rejection rate. The journal could use submissions for the open issues of the journal, so please do submit manuscripts. There are several good special issues coming up. There is a special issue on Study from the Leuven conference (PaTHES Conference 2019 at KU Leuven, Belgium). There is a special issue on academic activism in the summer. There will be two special issues on critical race theory coming up. There is a new reviews editor and a new responses editors. Currently the Peter Lang website is being redone. If you are having trouble getting to the website one should be able to get to it by going to: <https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/plg/ptihe>

Online copies of the journal are free, but PaTHES members can opt in to the hard copy of the journal too.

Questions?

There were two questions from the past minutes:

- What is the status the database on the membership?
Tessa pointed people to the database to show them the current state of the database.
- What is the status of the online encyclopedia entry on higher education?

Carola suggested that this was an open encyclopedia we could contribute to. As just mentioned, we have a Zotero Group Library (but haven't used it very much yet):

https://www.zotero.org/groups/2467571/pathes_society

Open Discussion

The Vice-Chair facilitated a discussion with the membership about what people might like to see from the society.

It was suggested there could be a participatory consultation event where people could share their work with others and get feedback.

There was also a discussion about how to foster more interaction and communication among society members and more diverse means of communication where members can work with each other and things do not need to go through the board. There was a discussion of using Teams or using Slack.

Conclusion

After the open discussion, the Chair then closed the meeting of the general assembly.

Appendix: *Members present (random order):*

Søren Bengtsen (Chair)
Ron Barnett (President)
Eva Bendix Petersen (Vice-Chair)
Carola Boehm (Ex-officio Board Member)
Rene Brauer
Que Anh Dang
Nuraan Davids (Board Member)
Tessa DeLaquil (Board Member)
Dagrun Engen (Board Member)
Jacob Feldt
Paul Geis
David Hornsby
John Scott Gray
Barbara Grant (Board Member)
Davydd Greenwood
Jane Jensen
Simon McLellan
Luca Morini
Rikke Toft Nørgård (Board Member)
John Petovic (Ex-officio Board Member, Executive Editor PTHE)
Sharon Rider (Board Member)
Sarah Robinson (Ex-officio Board Member)
Hans Schildermans
Wes Shumar (Board Member, Secretary)
Kasper Sørensen (Board Member, Treasurer)
Krystian Szadkowski
Giorgi Tavadze
Thushari Welikali
Carolyne White

NB: Please let us know if we missed someone on the list – and we'll correct immediately, thanks!