

SSML Membership Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 11, 2013

Roger Bresnahan opened the meeting, offering Dave Anderson's silhouettes to all interested people.

President Sara Kosiba officially called the meeting to order. She reported to the members that the Executive and Advisory Committee had proposed a slate of candidates for the position of Vice President/President Elect and for the two elected members of the advisory committee with terms running from 2014 through 2017. The nominated people are:

1. Scott Emmert, University of Wisconsin, Fox Valley, for Vice President/President Elect and
2. Jeffrey Hotz, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, and Jennifer Holly Wells, Drew University

Sara asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were none, and the slate was accepted by acclamation.

Sara recounted the reports received and discussed at the Executive and Advisory Committee meeting. All present felt the conference had gone very well and expressed thanks to program chair Peggy Rozga. Peggy reported a conversation with Grace Campbell, who will recruit and mentor graduate students. Larry Moe reported that this year's mentoring café hosted eight graduate students and three to four faculty member. All felt it went well and should be continued.

Sara reported that submissions to *MidAmerica* are now undergoing peer review and that an effort will be made to have *MidAmerica*, beginning in 2014, come out in the year on the spine of the journal.

Marcia Noe reported that, pending discussion with SSML's printer, the new deadline for submission of articles for publication consideration in *MidAmerica* will be July 1 of each year.

Sara indicated that Marilyn Atlas had reported that SSML's allied organization efforts with MLA and M/MLA are going well.

Roger reported positively on the business status of SSML. He also reported that some SSML materials are being redesigned in a branding effort. Copies of the group reservation information for the 2014 SSML conference at the Kellogg Center were passed out. He reported that SSML is committed to the Kellogg Center for the 2014 conference, but asked for opinions on the Kellogg Center for the conference venue and on the timing of the conference. Everyone in attendance was positive on both.

Sara reported that SSML will name student scholarships for Joseph Wydeven.

Nominations and supporting statements for the Mark Twain and MidAmerica Awards are due to Roger Bresnahan by July 1. No form for that purpose exists yet but one will be created.

Sara Kosiba adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by
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Recording Secretary

