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Membership Committee Meeting
November 6, 2014

Present: Stacey Parker Aronson, Ken Emo, Nancy Carpenter, Jeff Lamberty, Roger Rose,
Lori Kurpiers, Jodi Sperr

Guest: Matt Zaske

Minutes from September 23, 2014 approved as presented.

Online voting update

Nancy thanked those who participated in the test ballot. The ballot is easy to set up and easy to use; however, online voting doesn't match with our constitution. STV (single transferable vote) is the option that most closely matches for us. Testing on a much broader scale will need to be done before elections in the spring. Nancy will send a draft of Matt Zaske's proposed By-Law text changes to this committee and she thanked Matt for getting this off the ground. Nancy will work on a proposal that will be sent to the Steering Committee for amending the constitution so the instant runoff voting can be carried out electronically. The proposal will include some important points including: how long voting will take place; who can vote; can people abstain, etc. If the Steering Committee approves, a test ballot should be done once or twice before the actual election in the spring.

Representation on the Faculty & PA Affairs committee

The issue is that the Division of Education does not have enough tenure track faculty to serve as representatives on constitutional committees as required by the constitution. Nancy will present the issue to the Education division for their contemplation and may invite them to one of the Membership Committee meetings.

Non-assembly committees

There is an ongoing issue of non-assembly committees (Queer Issues Committee and Commission on Women) and where/how they fit into the committee structure.

Other

Bart Finzel is asking for recommendations for the Humanities Division Chair review. The committee agreed to defer to Stacey's judgment and support for her to respond to him.