

CSGS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023 at 12pm CST / 1pm EST

Officers Present: Mary Farmer-Kaiser (President, University of Louisiana at Lafayette), Andrea Golato (Past-Secretary), Jon Hakkila (President-elect, University of Alabama Huntsville), Peter Harries (Treasurer, NC State), Julie Goodliffe (Secretary, University of North Carolina Charlotte)

Executive Committee Members Present: Irene Pittman Aiken (University of North Carolina Pembroke), Andre Denham (University of Alabama), Brian Dominy (Clemson University), Clay Gloster (North Carolina A&T University, Morris Grubbs (University of Kentucky), David Shafer (North Carolina State University), Aimee Surprenant (Virginia Tech University), Troy Terry (University of North Georgia), Robert Wojtowicz (Old Dominion University) John Lopes (Clemson)

1:01 pm EST: Mary Farmer-Kaiser started the meeting.

Minutes

Approved for October 18th meeting as written.

Greenville Conference Items

Faculty Awards

A meeting of the committee is scheduled for January, and they have nominations for the Mentoring award that the committee is evaluating. The Outstanding Contributions Award has zero nominations, so the committee will reimagine that award so that it is easier to apply to, clearer and more open to more people.

Thesis Awards

The Chair of the committee has sent a spreadsheet with a rubric to rank the thesis submissions. The committee will be considering the submissions, and groups within the committee have been formed to consider the three award categories.

Registration

~175 people have registered so far, with 40 or more 3MT participants. Peter suggested that we book a hotel room now, since hotel uptake is good.

Schedule

The committee commented that CSGS has a good schedule and theme for 2024, hitting on the right topics at the right time.

Plenary speakers: Peter is finalizing the speaker for the AI plenary. The SCOTUS decision and politics of affirmative action and DEI in the South is another plenary (confirmed panelists: Ainsley Abraham, Lorelle Espinosa, Lawrence Morehouse / confirmed facilitator: Desi Hacker). Mackenzie Wilfong is set up for the annual legal issues plenary. The committee is very pleased with this slate of plenaries, and so that we have all the information for the conference, Mary and Brian can register for the conference on behalf of the speakers.

Breakout sessions: one question was asked – what do speakers to expect to have in the rooms? There will be no pads of paper to write on, but people can use electronic white boards. The committee commented that we have good geographical locations represented in the speakers.

Graduate student programming: the titles and descriptions were sent to Jon 2 weeks ago and posted on the website. A new person at Clemson will help coordinate those events; John Lopes will share their name once they hire them. Clemson will potentially partner with USC on these sessions.

CGS: It was agreed that we would ask Suzanne Ortega to focus her presentation on the Master's at Work project, giving her a 30 minute block with opportunity for Q&A. Jon and Mary will confer about scheduling. CGS board meeting: Mary reported that it was focused on the operations of their annual meeting. The committee had a conversation about the cost of membership to CGS.

3MT: everything looks good so far.

Sponsorships

Six sponsors are committed thus far.

Local arrangements

John Lopes has gathered some volunteers to help and will share the names with Peter. Non-academic 3MT judges are also being lined up. Several SC campuses are willing to sponsor one of the events.

Communication

A few emails need to go out after the new year: a call for nominations, a call for coffee sponsorships, and a reminder to book hotel rooms. They need to go out in January. Mary will check target dates for all the emails that we'll send out, and Julie will help Mary stay on schedule.

CHBGS

The executive committee is re-vamping the constitution, while also working on the meeting and sponsorships for the meeting.

Dallas meeting

Updates: hotel contracts are with Peter and should be signed before the end of the year. The hotels are The Highlands Dallas by Hilton, and The Lumen (to become The Graduate). The meeting will be different compared to recent meetings, since the conference will take place on the campus of SMU, not in the hotels. The SMU space is impressive, and the officers believe that the format will be very good, although walking and/or shuttles will be necessary.

1:49 pm EST adjourn. Happy Holidays!