

State of the Society Meeting

Charleston, South Carolina

Meeting commenced at 8 pm.

Levin greeted the audience and began his report by announcing that the Society's membership had grown during the past few years. He commended the board for its part in the Society's growth. He also reported that it was a good year for the Comparative Education Review.

The board had a long discussion about dues, fees, and individual memberships. This year UC Press is facilitating a transition to calendar-year based memberships, and more information will be available soon.

Levin reported that beginning in 2010, the Treasurer will prepare a conference budget separate from the general Society budget.

Landorf presented the Treasurer's report. A member asked the purpose of the \$2,000 allocated for taxes, and Landorf explained that those are expenses for preparation of mandated Federal tax returns.

Another member asked what the assets of the Society are. Landorf explained that the financial statements will be online at the end of the conference, on the CIES home page, and pointed out the amounts from the Kneller and North American Association of Summer Sessions grant. Levin explained that CIES is getting some subsidies for conferences, and that the past four conferences have generated sizable surpluses. Levin mentioned that we now have an endowment from the Open Society Institute for international student travel grants to the CIES annual conference. Members voted on the budget. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The budget was approved.

Elections

Noah Sobe, nominations committee chair, reported a productive year for nominations and elections and thanked all candidates and participants. He also thanked the Secretariat for their support. Ratna Gosh, from McGill University is the new CIES VP, and the new board members are Nancy Kendall, N'Dri Assie-Lumumba, and Sina Mossayeb (student board member).

Constitutional Amendment

Levin reported that there was a Constitutional Amendment passed last year concerning the institutional location of the Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer are no longer required to be at the same location.

Awards

Chris Bjork, Awards Committee chair, reported that the committee worked very well this year, and invited people to volunteer for the awards committee for next year. He acknowledged the support

received by the Secretariat. Awardees received their plaques and Martin Carnoy, the 2009 Honorary Fellow, received a framed certificate.

Committee Reports

- **“Advancement of the Field”**

This year there will be an Ad Hoc Committee to promote the organization and the field. CIES’ statement is available on the CIES website and members are encouraged to read it. Alex Wiseman mentioned that those who have ideas are welcome to join the Ad Hoc committee, “Advancement of the Field”.

- **Gender report**

Karen Monkman and Nancy Kendall reported that they had over 150 participants in this year’s Gender symposium. They had a session inspired by the late Jackie Kirk, and they also organized a memorial (with a book of comments and anecdotes) in her honor.

The post- conference workshop is focused on research methodologies, and 50 people signed up. In terms of their finances, they have approximately \$3,000 which they plan to use for future projects. The Gender and Education committee has elected Regina Cortina and Vilma Seeberg as co-chairs, and Angie Rincon as treasurer elect.

Conference Report

Levin acknowledged Gita Steiner-Khamsi as the new CIES President, and she presented a gift to Levin and thanked him for his leadership and service to CIES. Steiner-Khamsi reported that for the CIES 2009 conference there were 1,440 attendees. She said she was pleased with the feedback about the presentations and the setting.

WCCES

The WCCES Secretary made an announcement about the WCCES 2010. The Turkish Society of Comparative Education invites all CIES members to come to Istanbul in June (14-18) for the WCCES 2010 meeting. The theme of the congress is “Bordering, Rebordering and New Possibilities in Education and Society” and the call for abstracts begins in June and ends in January. There was a question about the difference between WCCES and CIES. The WCESS Secretary explained that WCCES is the association of societies of Comparative Education around the world. CIES is a paying member of the WCCES.

CIES 2010

Maria Teresa Tatto, president-elect, announced that the theme for the 2010 annual meeting will be “Re-imagining Education.” Solicitation starts in September, and the venue will be Chicago, IL.

Gita Steiner-Khamsi thanked the audience for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.