

Chelona RSA
General Organization Meeting
November 11, 2015
Chaired by Becca Alt
Minutes by Annie Laurie Nichols

Attendance: Rebecca Alt, Annie Laurie Nichols, Megan Fitzmaurice, Kim Hannah,
Melissa Lucas, Meridith Styer, Thomas McCloskey, Jaclyn Bruner, Nora Murphy

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Report from the Chair (Becca Alt)
 - A. Logistics
 1. Constitution and bylaws are written and have passed
 2. Our chapter is on file with national RSA
 3. OrgSync account with UMD is set up
 4. Becca is sending lots of emails to keep everything running smoothly
- III. Report from officers
 - A. Treasurer (Meridith Styer)
 1. Checking account at SECU is set up
 2. Have debit card
 3. Currently have \$160 (from dues)
 4. Have a budget, but don't need to use it yet because we're not spending anything
 - B. Webmaster (Jaclyn Bruner)
 1. Website is up and running
 2. Making guide for content creation
 3. If you want anything posted/written up, **email it to Jaclyn**
 4. Will be starting to feature 500 word research spotlights of projects we are working on, texts we have found, questions we are asking, etc. - **email Jaclyn to be featured!**
 5. Want to start highlighting what other chapters are doing also
 - C. Publicity chair (Kim Hannah)
 1. Have been tweeting
 2. Putting newsletter together in Jan
 - D. English representative (Ruth Osorio)
 1. English department had 4 colloquia
 2. Rhetoric classes being offered in the spring:
 - a) ENG611 approaches to college composition, writing theory
 - b) ENG708 women's rhetorical theory
 - c) ENG379Z women and memory in digital & material world, taught by Enoch
 3. Grad conference Mar 11, theme is Perversions, proposals due Dec 8, there will be free food

- E. Communication representative (Megan Fitzmaurice)
 - 1. About to have NCA
- IV. Old business
 - A. Dues
 - 1. Pay them! Give cash to Meridith or Paypal to our account
 - B. Join committees!
 - 1. A fun way to get involved
 - C. RSA Conference
 - 1. Send your conference presentations to Jaclyn
- V. New business from committees
 - A. Conferences (Jaclyn Bruner)
 - 1. Working on getting grants and UMD \$
 - 2. Host archives miniconference
 - a) Friday and Saturday, first day an orientation to archival research, second day go downtown to an archive
 - b) Invite people from neighboring universities the first time
 - c) As low key as possible
 - d) Late March
 - 3. Conferences list on website (soon!)
 - 4. Thomas is joining the committee
 - B. Professional Development (Amanda Irions, Annie Laurie Nichols proxy)
 - 1. Starting reading group in the spring
 - 2. Chose 4 articles from 4 major journals
 - a) Quarterly Journal of Speech: Jenkins (2014): Models of visual rhetoric.
 - b) Rhetoric Society Quarterly: Gunn & McPhall (2015): Coming home to roost: Jeremiah Wright, Barack Obama, and the (re)signing of (post) racial rhetoric.
 - c) Rhetoric & Public Affairs: Winslow (2015): The undeserving professor: Neoliberalism and the reinvention of higher education.
 - d) College English: Ceraso (2015): (Re)Educating the senses: Multimodal listening, bodily learning, and the composition of sonic experiences.
 - 3. Need discussion leaders for each article
 - a) Jaclyn & Megan will lead discussion on RSQ article
 - b) Ruth will lead discussion on College English article
 - C. Curriculum & Pedagogy (Yvonne Slosarski, Becca Alt as proxy)
 - 1. Making teaching guides re: proposing courses
 - D. Undergraduate Rhetoric (Annie Laurie Nichols & Jaclyn Bruner)
 - 1. Rhetoric & Cupcakes event went well
 - a) 6 people came and each chatted for at least half an hour
 - b) Some non-comm majors
 - 2. 5 undergrads who are writing papers for ECA (deadline Dec 19)

- a) Email Annie Laurie if you want to be a mentor
 - b) 2 historical papers, 2 contemporary papers, 1 performance rhetoric in 1970s
 - 3. Working on redoing the undergrad rhetoric minor website
 - 4. Approaching our mentorship as a gateway to grad school
 - E. Rhetorical Community Activism (Megan Fitzmorris)
 - 1. No update
 - F. Funding and grants (Lauren Hunter, Becca Alt proxy)
 - 1. Working on ideas for fundraisers
 - a) Pancake breakfast in Tawes
 - b) Holiday bake sale?
 - c) T-shirt sale?
 - 2. Applying for small grants
 - G. Workshops and Colloquia
 - 1. Thomas is interested in running a workshop on how to write GIFTS proposals
 - 2. ARHU looking for public speaking workshop mid Feb - co-sponsor with CommGrads?
- VI. For the Good of the Order
- A. Thomas: suggestion we co-sponsor (with CommGrads) welcome kit for new folks & resource guide for buddies, list of conferences, etc.
- VII. Happy Hour!