Pre-meeting Minutes, Chelona RSA Chapter

Pre-Meeting Minutes Edition II

Wow there is no one here: These pre-meeting minutes are brought to you by: Spring Break, since there’s only #Becca and I here.

* We were thinking this could be a dialogue, just Becca and I but with three people is it a tri-alogue?. Seriously though, would it be a “Kylelogue” (credit to Becca there).
* Welcome to new member Nathan from English who studies Western Missionaries: Invite your friends!
* Also, these pre-meeting minutes were brought to you by: Snow-persons. I’m thinking whether or not it should be alright to keep calling things Snowmen. Please advise.

\*\*\*General Call to order by Becca Alt, Chair, at 5:01\*\*\*\*

* Chair Report (Becca Alt)
  + About the Archival Conference: Co-Sponsored with GSG (GSgizzle)
    - GSG is providing funds for transportation and food
    - Grant from RSA national to help fund the event, among other sources, which make it a well-funded, flush event

Further Chair Report Notes

G.I.F.T.S. Workshop with Thomas McCloskey

* + Great Ideas for Teaching Students: Shared workshop presentation around during Thomas’ meeting
    - Will complete more workshops in the future and shared the printed G.I.F.T. activities (more gifts for me)
    - We can circulate these activities to the Chapter (carrier pigeon is an option)

Shared the Chelona RSA website

* Becca shared the website, as well as conferences and deadlines page, teaching guides, member spotlights on the blog as well
  + - Others, even across country in California have seen our website/blog----(Is it time for my close up?)

Undergraduate Rhetoric Scholar Award update: Two nominations currently

* + - Will re-circulate the Award for the Spring, and remember: re-circulate more nominations to those deserving undergraduates
    - Annie Laurie wants to establish mentoring program next year

\*\*Keep in Mind: Leadership and Officer Nominations for the Next year 2017-2018

Officer Report, Vice President Annie Laurie

* Everything is going well
* We do technically have more committees

Kim: straw poll on Twitter and social media

* Should we use Social media for people to learn more about Chelona RSA
* ~~Discussion was had and bandied about~~
* The consensus was, we should mainly use social media for information sharing, #awesometweets

Report: Scholarly Development Meeting Upcoming

* Scholars: Robin Jensen and Robert Terrill upcoming April 3 and 4 to complete reading groups at Kristy Maddux’s House: They will be near UMD to workshop book manuscripts with Kristy and be in town anyway
* Kristy Maddux will host reading groups at her house
* See Kristy’s email on April 21 (with attached readings), they also need rides from the airport: great for awkward conversation!

Review of Old Business

* Got a pepsi grant, with Terps Talk Politics: was widely successful
* Three Reading Groups by Chelona RSA were accomplished/attempted (in which I kinda just stared blankly during one group, sorry Annie Laurie)
* Chelona acquired a RSA Grant for the Archival Conference
* Camp Rhetoric with Dr. Pfister: a van rented and fun was had!

Jaclyn’s Report: Archival Conference

* The Conference is well-funded and we will extend the deadline for applications
* Will personally reach out to participants
* The Plan is to cap at 30 participants: Right now there are currently 9 participants

Schedule for the Archival Conference:

* Thursday: large group at UMD archive, and talk with Shawn and Michelle
* Friday: attend archive you’re interested in, Facilitated by grad students dependent on interest area and experience
* Saturday breakfast with bagel (baguette? Potato, tomato, tom-ato?) and working groups
  + Maryland Folders: They’ll get red, yellow and black and white folders
  + Working groups can leave with things you’ve found and idea share after the working group on Saturday
* Three separate funding sources
  + Also can mindfully use things even across year
  + Things that can be used from the funds this year, but if need be, can be used next year
  + Transportation covered, food covered
  + It’s Open season for Maryland students and the Communication Department as well
* Archival Conference T Shirts paid for by the grant as well

\*\*\*\*Will notify the Archive participants next week

When will all this get completed?

* Jaclyn has completed many tasks, and notes there are not many moving parts throughout the Archive Weekend
* Will this be replicable? The chapter has come to the understanding that this is a pilot test of the Archival Conference, and there may be some re-evaluation afterwards
* The ideas was suggested to mirror after Camp Rhetoric in the future, if applicable

Further Notes

Odds and ends

* There is a discrepancy with Nora’s ARHU grad board list-serv, and Alene Moyer emails, Nora will figure this out at the next ARHU rep meeting and report back
* RSA Summer Institute: Coming up in Indianapolis
* Remember: Also planting the seed about new leadership roles and elections

T Shirts: RSA Archival Conference

* Jaclyn showed us Chelona RSA Archival Symposium T Shirts, paid for by grant monies (white T shirts), these have already been purchased
* If we leave this with years not included, we could maybe use the t shirts again

RSA General Chapter T Shirts (Separate T Shirts for purchase)

* These T Shirts would be in a lighter grey or a darker grey
* “Read, research, teach. Change the world, repeat.” Chelona RSA logo.
* $10-15 a piece
* The general consensus were the T shirts are “cute”

Combined T Shirt talk

* Both T Shirts available through are on Customlink
* If you order T shirts and water bottles for the general Chelona Chapter (NOT the Archival Conference): the price is $25
* #chapterpride and a survey will help determine which T shirts to buy
* #chapterpride bundle, kind of like flo from progressive
* any mention of progressive insurance is not an endorsement of any kind. But we still like flo

--Nora wanted to know the difference between long and short sleeve shirts, although kim really likes the grey t shirt which looked like a Maryland shirt. I think I’m overdoing the note taking at this point.

\*\*\*\*\*Jaclyn will get a survey sent out this week to figure out Chapter T shirts soon

New Member Spotlight:

* Nathan! He walks in and he’s the center of attention
* Welcome to our club! Join us! Hehe

\*\*\*Meeting Adjourned 5:48

Post-Meeting Minutes

* Just a baby organization, but growing. Like a blossoming flower. Like a burgeoning organization. Like a pre-100 day presidency (ew). Like a soft wind picking up into a gentle breeze and then a ferocious storm (no?). Like a press secretary who starts off with his pin upside down and then turns it right-side up. Like a BBC dad who starts an interview with potentially no pants and two children in the room, and he and his wife’s life become a meme. Like a dissertation once in its nascent stage and soon blossomed into its potential (I like this one).