

Annual Business Meeting
Northern Plains Conference on Early British Literature
South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
Saturday, April 16, 2016, 11:45-12:45
State Room, 260 University Student Union

MINUTES

Attending: Bruce Brandt, Nick Curry, Bob De Smith, Judith Dorn, Gayle Gaskill, Stephen Hamrick, John Kerr, Mick Nagy, Jodi Napiorkowski, Matt Pullen, Rachel Roberts, Sharon Smith, David Sprunger, Anna Wagemann

- I. Location of 2017 NPCEBL.
 - A. There was an indication at last year's meeting that it will be held at Minot State University in Minot, ND, but this has not been confirmed. Since there were no representatives from Minot present, this year's hosts from SDSU (Bruce Brandt, Mick Nagy, Sharon Smith) agreed to contact this year's Minot participants (Eric Furueth, Robert Kibler) regarding next year's conference.
 - B. The SDSU hosts agreed to provide next year's hosts with any information/materials that might be helpful (contact info for this year's participants, for example).
 - C. We discussed possible locations for additional future conferences. The following locations were suggested, but need confirmation:
 - i. 2018 – University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND). Contact: Michelle Sauer.
 - ii. 2019 – Minnesota State University, Moorhead, and Concordia College (Moorhead, MN). Contacts: Stephen Hamrick (MSU) and David Sprunger (Concordia)
 - iii. 2020 – St. Mary's University (Winona, MN). Contact: John Kerr
- II. Email list and Facebook page.
 - A. We discussed adding new participants who wish to be included.
 - B. Email list is currently maintained by Michelle Sauer.
- III. Online payments for conference registration.

- A. This is possible for some hosting institutions but problematic for others due to issues with accessing funds once they are routed (this is why SDSU did not use online registration this year).
 - B. There was some discussion of an online payment feature on the NPCEBL web site.

- IV. Call for submissions for 2016 proceedings.
 - A. SDSU hosts will send out a call once the June deadline nears.
 - B. Submissions can be sent to Mick Nagy. Email address is incorrect in call included in this year's conference program; will correct in call sent via email.

- V. Annual business meeting minutes.
 - A. We will start posting these on the NPCEBL web site in order to keep an easily accessible record of discussions.
 - B. Sharon Smith will send this year's minutes to Stephen Hamrick to add to web site.

- VI. Adjourned.