

Louisiana Conference AAUP
Newsletter May 2, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The Conference met Saturday, April 27, at LSU-Alexandria. Present from the Executive Committee were Leslie Bary, President; Hugh Wilson, Vice-President, Kevin Cope, Treasurer (per Constitution, appointed to replace Michael Homan, who has resigned, for the 2018-2020 term), and Ravi Rau, Past President; and conference members/representatives from SELU, LSU-Baton Rouge, LSU-Alexandria, Grambling, LSU-Shreveport. Linda Carroll (Tulane) participated by e-mail.

Business was as follows:

1. Report from Leslie Bary on ASC meeting in March, and from Leslie Bary and Brooks Ellwood (LSU) on National Council meeting, also in March. The proposed changes to the governance structure of AAUP at the national level will be voted upon at the June meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. Louisiana leadership and ASC leadership urge everyone to come to the meeting and vote, and to credential as many people as possible to do so.
2. Leslie Bary (National Council Representative for District V) and Linda Carroll (National Council At-Large) were credentialed as Conference delegates to vote at the national meeting. *Individual chapters can also credential delegates.* I can be credentialed for my chapter, or someone else can; Linda's chapter, having over 25 members, can credential Linda and someone else, or two people who are not Linda. **Chapter Presidents, please consider credentialing someone, and consider working with the state conference to cover as many of their costs as we can. (I think Doodle or Survey Monkey would work, and yes we can do an electronic election.) Tulane is nominating Linda and I am self-nominating for UL Lafayette, but hoping there is another nominee.**
3. The conference will provide partial funding (registration and hotel to a total of \$900) for a limited number of members wishing to attend the national meeting (three is the number we had thought of, but we might consider a fourth), if they are credentialed to vote at the AAUP annual meeting by their chapter or at the Assembly of State Conferences business meeting by the conference.
4. We did not choose delegates to represent us and vote at the ASC business meeting, and we should do so. We can choose four and as noted above, we have partial funding to help defray costs. The delegate form is [here](#) and as you will see, delegates must be elected by secret ballot. Linda and I can be credentialed but it would be ideal to fill all four positions. **I am asking Vice-President and Secretary of the Executive Committee, along with the chairs of Organizing and Outreach and Chapter Services, to run this election for the Conference. I am nominating myself and Linda, and asking for other nominations and self-nominations.**
5. We are able to nominate two people for scholarships to attend the Summer Institute in Chicago. This year's nominees are Hugh Wilson (Grambling) and a representative from the new chapter at LSU-Alexandria, most likely Christof Stumpf (he will confirm after checking his teaching schedule). Scholarships cover registration, including lodging and some food. The state conference will provide transportation for those who receive scholarships, and work with chapters on registration in the event a scholarship nominee is not funded.

6. Kevin Cope presented a draft of our resolution on state funding of higher education, which we voted to accept with minor changes; when these are made the text will be distributed. A more detailed discussion of the resolution, its purpose and envisioned use will be provided then. It is conceived of as an organizing tool and Monica Owens, political organizer for AAUP, will help with strategies for its promotion.

7. Our next meeting is at LSU-Alexandria on Saturday, September 28. There will be reports on the national meeting and restructuring of AAUP at the national level, and on the Summer Institute; planning of activism in relation to our resolution and of a membership drive; and reports from our Committees A as well as work toward designating liaisons to the state Committee A at individual campuses, especially those with smaller chapters or without chapters. Another goal for AY 2019-2020 is registration with the Secretary of State and reconfirmation of 501(c)(3) status for the Conference and also individual chapters. There are a number of difficulties due to changes in Federal law this century, that make banking noticeably more difficult than it has been, and we should be aware.

In solidarity,
Leslie Bary
2018-2020 President
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