**Association for Humanist Sociology, Inc.**

**Closing Board Meeting**

**2016 Annual Conference - Denver \* November 6, 2016**

**Meeting Begins @ 9:00 AM MST**

**Board Members Present:** Dave Embrick, Dawn Tawwater, Rebecca Hensley, Daina Harvey, Woody Doane, Marc Settembrino, Chuck Koeber

**Other Members Present:** Greta Pennell, Jim Pennell, Bhoomi Thakore,

*(Minutes taken by Dawn Tawwater, AHS Secretary)*

**President’s Report (Rebecca Hensley):**

Thanks were expressed to all board members for serving, and special thanks to Woody Doane for agreeing to serve as Treasurer (see motion). The tone for next year was discussed by the president, with the reminder that board members are volunteers and should be recognized as such. She asks that speech between and with regard to one another remain respectful and be thoughtful of that position. She also noted that practice becomes policy when it goes unencumbered, and ritualized norms become reality – she suggests a review of constitution and the handbook for accuracies/redundancies/other issues that would benefit from clarification. She asks that these issues be directed to Chuck Koeber. It was also noted that some committees named in those documents do not exist and should be either utilized or removed. Davide Embrick noted that committee’s not in use in handbooks should be utilized if possible and that the new membership should be considered for roles in those committees. She also specified feedback from the nominations committee in 2013-2014 when Jeff Torlina and Dawn Tawwater as co-chairs suggested multiple changes/clarifications in the documents in order to clarify nominations committee members’ roles as they serve. Recently changes were made to the handbook, but without the consent or knowledge of the board. A suggestion was made that officers work to help transition new officers into their position as they are stepping down. There was a brief discussion about a mid-year call versus actually meeting in a central location. There is still a need for a newsletter editor. Michelle DeHaven’s name is discussed as a possible editor. The president suggests compensating registration or membership for the new person. Jim Pennell agrees to help transition a new editor. Dawn agrees to contact co-chairs of nominations committee and request names for newsletter editor.

**VP of Publications (Daina Harvey):**

No Report

**VP of Membership (Marc Settembrino):**

No Report

**Treasurer’s Report (Greta Pennell with Woody Doane):**

Greta notes that the treasurer’s report has changed since distributed. Greta will send new report. She notes that there is actually increases in the number of people who attended lunch programs, as well as registration on site at the conference. Book Sale’s at the conference total $177.00. There is one book from the auction that should be sent to Emma Bailey after payment is made – Dawn agrees to contact Emma and collect the $11 for the auction and send the book to Emma. Greta notes she will work with Woody during the transition.

**Secretary’s Report (Dawn Tawwater):**

No Report

**Motions:**

Motion to appoint Woody Doane as Treasurer effective Nov. 6, 2016, for a three year term (ending at the conclusion of the 2019 annual meeting).

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM MST.**