



**Association for Borderlands Studies  
ABS BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

Denver, CO, April 10-13, 2013  
Hyatt – Mt. Elbert from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(Please note: ABS Board members are welcome to attend the meeting of the JBS board in the same room – 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. see below schedule)

**1- Approval of the Agenda**

**2- 2012 AG minutes approval (unanimity)**

**3- Annual Report 2012-13 -- Executive Secretary and Treasury**

a. Report (10 minutes)

- i. ABS 2012 accounts
- ii. JBS 2012 accounts (closure/transfer to ABS)  
Approved martin victor yes unanimous
- iii. Web Site (In progress)
- iv. Dues to CPSS – additional costs: Authorization to pay the \$1,464 outstanding between the authorized amount and required amount to be paid to CPSS at U Vic for secretariat staff support. Approved unanimity

***Board recommendation: 'Move to accept payment to CPSS UVic \$1464 for additional staff support in 2012.'***

***Board recommendation: 'Move to accept annual report 2012'***

b. Policy proposals

- i. Routledge – proposal to cancel automatic JBS paper subscription
- ii. Routledge – proposal paper subscription \$45/year in addition to membership.

***Board recommendation: 'Move to authorize cancellation of automatic printing and mailing of print copy of JBS to members'. (Electronic version only for all members). (Board recommendation: 'Move to authorize charge of \$45 per year for printing and mailing of JBS to members whom wish to receive a print copy'***

Four numbers scale in \$15, \$30 and \$45. Cost of shipping and printing go up.

Motion 'do a scale'



Regular membership

Print \$25 and and \$35 and third year \$45.

On web site.

Journal TOC in La Frontera, and note in la frontera

Do a dues review next year.

Dues at \$65 in 2014 fee pay

c. Recommendation for “Motions for 2012”:

- i. 30% of ABS revenues to go to ABS ANNUAL RECEPTION and BOOK AWARD capped at \$2500 + \$2000 (ibid 2012/renewal)
- ii. 40% of ABS revenues to go to ABS Executive
- iii. \$3000 to JBS editors

***Board recommendation: ‘Move to authorize annual expenditures of \$2500 and \$2000 respectively toward the annual ABS Reception and Book Award’ yes unanimous***

***Board recommendation: ‘Move to authorize transfer of up to 40% of ABS revenues to Executive Secretariat and for secretarial and miscellaneous expenditures’ - yes unanimous***

***Board recommendation: ‘Move to authorize transfer of \$3000 to Editors of JBS for miscellaneous expenses related to editorial duties – editors produce an annual report’ – yes - unanimous***

#### **4- Sponsoring**

- a. Approval of protocol for funding requests – see appendix #1
- b. Funding request -- for 2014 Wall Conference – U of Montreal - \$1000 – Heather Nicol
- c. ACCES conference – \$1000 for plenary session at – Canadian Studies groups in Americas in November 2013. Yes unanimous.

***Board Recommendation - Motion ‘Move to adopt protocol for funding requests.’***

***Board Recommendation - Motion ‘Authorize funding of Montreal Wall conference against copy of email list of all participants and ABS logo on all documents.’***

7 point is that list of participants be added to protocol.

#### **5- Journal of Borderlands Studies**

- a. Routledge/ABS business and update on current state of affairs of JBS. Executive Secretary

***Board Recommendation - Motion ‘Move to authorize JBS Editors to give away up to 20 one year long web based free membership to outstanding serving members in review process and promotion of journal – key guest editors, outstanding review contributions, book reviews and other activities helping JBS, and Editors ... (free for lotteries for each sponsored events)’***

Loss of revenue to be clear next year – report of usage of free membership in 2014.



Approved unanimous.

**6- Vision Committee Report –**

- a. Report on 2012-13 Work - proposition - Heather Nicol- presentation of vision statement.  
Vision committee – follow up on last year session and this year’s session. Aki’s idea and grown well. Vision to be built.

**7- Presentation by WSSA Executive Secretary and Executive Member**

- a. WSSA / ABS relations in the past and future: how to improve information and processes  
Information – 2018 San Antonio, \$175 room rate, San Diego 2018 possibility.
- b. Hotel rate issues – catering is going up. \$35,000 plus sale taxes plus service. Open bar at President’s and welcoming receptions. Total conference cost – casino sites much less expensive Reno \$50,000, Salt lake \$61,000, last year \$91,000 all cost. What we want to do – moral responsibility. Receipts by email not in bag. 600-900 envelopes a year – this is stopped. Name tags. Mobile app next year. Stage two is ask people in 2015 when they register print, key or prints \$20 more.  
Internet free – eat Pub 17 wear nametags == 30% cheaper.  
LCD bring our own. Problem is key/thump drive.  
How can we help grow younger members?  
San Francisco – relieved from room booking. But conference needs to be. 21-25 break out rooms.

**8- Nominating committees**

- a. Nominating committee for three new BOARD members 2013-16 (Chair and Member?) Jose or Evan to be chair for board members –
- b. Nominating committee for election of second vice president 2013 (Chair and Members?) Aki chair – anyone co-chair -
- c. Nominating Committee for Awards 2013: Best Student Paper, Best conference paper/RISC Paper (Chair?)
- d. Nominating committee for Book Award 2014 (Chair and Members?)  
New board members would – new chair would be - Christine new president -

**9- ABS Lifetime Achievement Award**

- a. Nomination of chair 2014 (Heather – chair)
- b. Award would come with life time membership (value \$900) and plaque and paper diploma (cost \$50)



***Board Recommendation: Motion 'Move that lifetime membership, plaque and diploma be given to yearly ABS lifetime achievement recipient' unanimous !!!***

**10- 2013 ABS Conference Program Report** – program chair Dr. V. Konrad  
**Report Over 100 participants** – 6 dropped out – mix of plenary and movies etc. a bit arbitrary and so I pushed a public policy session on that border. Congratulations on a great program!

**11- Proposal to create new ABS Executive Position** - propose that the ABS creates, like most other academic organizations, the position of Secretary/Treasurer to the Board of Directors as a full voting member of the Executive and of the Board of Directors, and that this position should not necessarily be affiliated with the secretariat of the ABS.

The ABS requires an independent Secretary/Treasurer who may receive financials from the secretariat quarterly and carry out reviews and audits on behalf of the Executive and the Board as necessary. This change will enhance accountability and efficacy as the ABS grows and diversifies.

Formal proposition to be submitted to the board next year – to act on then – to create the position – strike a committee Victor....

**12- Executive Secretariat/Treasurer** - report and recommendation from the new executive secretariat committee

## **Appendices:**

### Appendix #1

### PROTOCOL FOR FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONFERENCES

Thanks to Evan Ward, we have some suggestions for a protocol for funding requests to the ABS for conferences and symposia on border studies. The following recommendations for a strategic approach are designed to guide the ABS Executive Committee and the ABS Board in allocating such funds.

### ***The Issue***



During the past few years, the ABS has been approached for funding in support of regional and specialty conferences related to the study of borders and borderlands. The requests have come to the ABS as unsolicited requests to support the conference or symposium in question. The ABS has dealt with the requests annually at the ABS conference. The ABS Executive and the ABS Board have discussed the request, made a decision, and recommended the decision to the membership at the annual meeting. The Executive Secretary Treasurer has been authorized to make the grants on behalf of the ABS.

At the 2012 ABS Board meeting in Houston, Victor Konrad suggested that the ABS required a protocol for such requests rather than dealing with the requests in an ad hoc manner. Evan Ward was asked to develop suggestions. These are outlined below with some additional thoughts added by Victor Konrad.

***The Protocol for Funding Requests for Conferences to be supported by the ABS***

1. The ABS welcomes requests for conference and symposium funding for border studies. The request must be received in writing, define the nature of the conference, indicate how the funds would be used, and specify an amount requested not to exceed \$1000.
2. All requests must be received by the ABS Secretary Treasurer prior to the Board of Directors annual meeting, and must be allocated and spent for conference support in the year following the ABS Board meeting.
3. Beginning in 2014, requests for ABS funding for the year April, 2014-March 2015, must be received by the ABS Secretary Treasurer by March 1, 2014.
4. All requests will be considered at the annual ABS Board of Directors meeting with recommendations for funding made to the ABS membership at the annual meeting. The ABS will recommend funding proposals that align with the strategic interests of the ABS to grow and develop border studies both regionally and worldwide.
5. This protocol will take effect for the 2014 year after approval by the ABS Board and ABS membership.
6. The protocol for requests received for 2013 will conform to the previous policy of evaluating all proposals received by the ABS Secretary Treasurer before the 2013 Board meeting.

Submitted for discussion at the ABS Board of Directors meeting, April 10, 2013, in Denver.

Evan Ward (Brigham Young University)

Victor Konrad (Carleton University)



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- 1- Approval of the agenda
- 2- Presentation by Editors: State of JBS / Routledge
- 3- Presentation by Editors: State of flow of papers/special issues
  - a. Europe - Papers in review,
    - i. Papers under review –
    - ii. 2011 submission 16 submissions 7 accepted 5 still under review 4 rejected
    - iii. 2012 submissions 15 – 8 under review 7 rejected
    - iv. 2013 submissions 1 so far – under review
  - b. Papers in review in North America
    - i. 2011 submission -
    - ii. 2012 submission – under review
    - iii. 2013 submission - under review
  - c. Special issues – Under review:
    - i. Published: Walls, Japan, Gender & Border in India,
    - ii. Under review: Borders and Cities (accepted),
    - iii. In preparation: Hong Kong, The Multiple US Mexico Borders, Malaysia, Informality in Cross-border Regions, Britt Geneva
- 4- Issues:
  - a. 28.1 in press on time
  - b. 28.2 and 28.3 and 29.1 ready.
  - c. ScholarOne – in process
  - d. Link JBS online to Routledge JBS - online to collect more citation/impact factor.
- 5- Committee questions/ recommendations



6- Other items

Impact factor – ask Routledge about it

Editorship – 2014-15 – drop JBS in April 2014 – would need a call for a new editor

**Association of Borderland Studies  
ABS RECEPTION,  
Houston, Texas, April 13, 2012  
Hilton –**

**Hilton, ????? - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

- 1- Presentation of WSSA Awards - 7:10 p.m.
- 2- Presentation of ABS Paper Awards - 7:20 p.m.
- 3- Presentation of ABS book awards 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
- 4- Reception & Dinner - 7:30 p.m.
- 5- Key note address: Professor Nick Vaughan-Williams, University of Warwick, UK. ABS Past Presidents' BOOK AWARDS winner 2011 GOLD AWARD for "Border Politics – The limits of Sovereign Power" – 8:00 p.m.
- 6- End - 9:00 p.m.