



34th Annual Teaching Public Administration Conference

May 17-19, 2011
Williamsburg, VA

Annual Business Meeting

The Teaching Public Administration business meeting was convened on May 19, 2011 at 10:45 a.m. by Margaret Stout, Chair of SPAE (Section on Public Administration Education) and TPAC Conference Chair for 2008. In addition to several conference attendees, the Conference Chairs for 2011 (Pam Dunning), 2010 (Diane Kimoto), and 2009 (Robert Roquemore) were also present.

The following items were approved:

1. The Teaching Public Administration Conference will be formally associated with the ASPA Section on Public Administration Education (SPAE). The conference will be known as the Annual SPAE Teaching Public Administration Conference.
 - Rationale: For the Teaching Conference this provides a membership base, an ASPA hosted web site, formal continuity in conference leadership and planning, and the opportunity for a broader baseline for attendance. For SPAE this provides the members with an annual conference, the opportunity for a meeting other than at the National ASPA Conference, and a baseline for expanding section member benefits. (This action was discussed and favorably considered at the March SPAE business meeting.)
2. The conference web site (<http://www.teachingpa.org>) and archives will be hosted by the SPAE website (<http://www.aspaonline.org/spae/>). A transition plan will be worked out by John Dunning (Web Administrator) and Margaret Stout.
 - Rationale: The current conference web domain and site have been privately maintained and funded. The transition will allow ASPA and SPAE to share this responsibility.
3. The 2012 conference will be hosted by the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. Leland Coxe will be the Conference Chair. The conference will be held in May in conjunction with the Public Administration Theory Conference (PATNet). The specific dates and format will be determined by the conference chair.
 - Support: The 2011 Conference Committee will furnish the necessary logistical information to aid in planning the 2012 conference and insure a web portal is available from either the current domain or the SPAE domain.
4. In 2013 the conference date will be moved to February. A host school for the conference has not been identified.
 - Rationale: The current May time frame limits attendance due to end of semester grading, graduations, and the availability of funding for travel. Prior to 2007 the annual conferences were scheduled in February.
5. The 2011 Conference was designated as peer-reviewed abstracts with published Conference Proceedings. Abstracts received a double-blind peer-review. All other proposals (panels, workshops, round tables, etc.) were accepted based on the decision of

the conference committee and were not subject to a peer-review. The decision to keep a limited peer review or expand it to all submissions will be made by the 2012 Conference Committee in conjunction with the SPAE Board.

6. A decision of the 2010 Conference was to develop a mission statement consistent with the overall purpose of the conference. The consensus of the 2011 meeting was that the conference mission statement should be compatible with the SPAE statement. If necessary, changes would be made. As a review:
 - o The purpose of the conference is to promote excellence in teaching through shared experience and research. The conference serves as a source of expertise for professors, administrators, students and practitioners concerned with (1) the preparation of the next generation of professionals in public service and (2) developing professional competency and leadership in individuals currently associated with administration of public and non-profit organizations.
 - o The purpose of SPAE is to promote awareness of public affairs and administration educational issues, to provide a forum for exchanging information about innovative educational techniques across a wide range of topics, and to improve the effectiveness of public affairs and public administration education.

The following announcements were made as reminders:

- The symposia submission date to the Journal of Public Affairs Education is July 1st. To be considered for symposium publication, all articles must incorporate the conference theme of “Our Historical Challenge: Administering a Government For the People, By the People.”
- The conference proceedings will be published electronically and be available through the conference Web site (www.teachingpa.org).

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

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Minutes of meeting recorded by John Dunning, 2011 Teaching Public Administration Conference Committee, jdunning@trov.edu