**Association for Humanist Sociology, Inc.**

**Business Meeting, 2010 Annual Meeting**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico 11/5/2010**

Minutes taken by Stephen Adair

**Presentation of Reports**: President’s, Program Chair, President Elect’s, VP for Membership, VP for Publications, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Announcements:**

* Dennis Kalob, President Elect outlined the plans and budget for the 2011 in Chicago-Evanston. The conference title: *Daring to be Dangerous: A Sociology for Our Troubled Times*. Estimated revenue from the meeting is $18,000 with $17,500 in expenses.
* President Elect-Elect Deborah Burris-Kitchen presented on plans for meeting in Nashville.
* Kathleen Tiemann reported on the current publication plans for *Humanity and Society*. She is leaving her editorship with the publication up-to-date and clear plans for upcoming issues. The member expressed gratitude for the excellent work she had done as editor.
* Stephen McGuire discussed the Wikipedia entry on AHS.

**Motions:**

* “Adopt the AHS handbook as a working document that specifies procedures and can be modified by the board as needed and reviewed by the Past-president annually.” Moved by Jim Gallagher and seconded by Chris Dale. Passed unanimously.

Several issues were raised in the discussion of the Handbook.

* Concern was expressed about voting for something without prior review.
* Although the Board may not need the membership to vote on the handbook, the membership vote is an affirmation by the members of the handbook.
* Assigning the review of the Past-President to review the handbook, should itself go into the handbook.
* The operation of the book award committee should go into the handbook.
* The handbook should also help the nominating committee.
* The handbook should find it’s way on to the web.
* Members expressed thanks to Jim Pennell for putting the handbook together.
* “Approve the continuation of ‘Friends of AHS’ Facebook page that was initiated by Gina. “ Jim Pennell moved and seconded by Steve McGuire. Passed unanimously.
* Mary Chayko presented the proposed budget for 2011 (Calender Year), seconded by Jim Gallagher. Passed unanimously.
* Talmadge Wright urged AHS to pass a motion to protest MSNBC’s decision to suspend Keith Olbermann for political donations to Democratic candidates. The motion was tabled.

**Discussion Items** (Items marked with an “\*” may warrant additional consideration at the mid-year board meeting):

* Discussion of the referendum vote on the cultural and academic boycott of Israel and the procedures for and substantive value of referendum votes.
* Establish a procedure for putting referendum questions to the membership.\*
* Move toward electronic voting for both referendum voting and elections.\*
* Discussion regarding the merits and wisdom of an association like AHS taking referendum votes.\*
* Discussion of seeking alternative means to address the injustices of Israeli and Palestinian relationship.

\*possible agenda items for mid-year board meeting.