



NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS

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**Executive Committee Meeting  
Boston Park Plaza  
Boston, Massachusetts  
October 28, 2002**

**Present:** Scott Bass, Gwendolyn Davies, Susan Guma, Christina Hannah, Ron Kane, Lawrence Martin, Martha McKenna, Jack Narayan, Harry Richards, Charlena Seymour, Richard Sleight

**Regrets:** John Lennox

**Also Present:** Nigar Khan

**President Seymour called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.**

Scott Bass and Susan Guma were welcomed to the Board.

Ron Kane moved that the minutes of the April 26, 2002 meeting be approved as distributed. Christina Hannah seconded. Passed unanimously.

Harry Richards distributed a financial statement for July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 and a financial report for the annual meeting. Revenues for the annual meeting were \$25,630; expenses were \$21,493.68 for a profit of \$4,136.32. Revenues for the association for the 01-02 fiscal year from dues and interest on the checking account were \$10,182.06. Operating expenses for the association for the year were \$9,189.31.

**Chairs of the Awards Committees will be:**

Dissertation Award (physical sciences, mathematics and engineering): Jack Narayan

Teaching Award: Christina Hannah

Geoffrey Marshall Mentoring Award: John Lennox

Master's Thesis Award (social sciences and education): Gwendolyn Davies

**The tentative plenary topics and panel moderators for the 2003 program will include:**

Session 1: International Issues - (SEVIS and the Patriot Act) -- Ronald Kane

Session 2: The faculty role in recruiting and retaining minorities in graduate programs -- Scott Bass

Session 3: Interdisciplinary degrees (emerging fields, competing interests, what is interdisciplinary?) -- Richard Sleight and Gwendolyn Davies

Session 4: The Role of Liberal Arts in Graduate Education - Martha McKenna

Session 5: Plans for the 2003 /04 NRC Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs - Lawrence Martin

Session 6: The Scholarship of Teaching - Jack Narayan

Session 7: Graduate Student Services, the Role of the Graduate School (Emergence of Graduate Student Centers, Career Counseling, Mental Health Problems, Mentoring, and legal issues) – Susan Guma

Session 8: TBA - What are we /am I missing?

CGS will be invited to provide an “update” in the 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. time slot on Thursday afternoon.

John Lombardi, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts, will be the keynote speaker at the banquet on Thursday evening.

Each moderator needs to provide Harry with a “ working title” of his/her session by November 22, 2002. Theses will be incorporated into a flyer for distribution at the CGS meeting.

In addition to clarifying the 8th plenary session, the following items are still unresolved:

Theme for the conference (?)

Order of the program

Table talk breakfast (?)

Panel presenters for the conference mailing.

Martha offered to organize some post conference tours of Boston that participants could sign up for at the conference.

**Conference 2004:**

Chris proposed 3 sites for the 2004 Annual meeting: Baltimore, Bethesda and Georgetown. Tentative dates are April 14 – 17, 2004 or April 21 – 24, 2004. The committee suggested that the Georgetown Conference Center and Baltimore be considered. Chris will report back on availability and costs at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Harry J. Richards