

UNM Student Publications Board Meeting
Friday, April 29, 2016
Marron Hall, Room 131

Present: Leslie Donovan, Robert Trapp, Iliia Rodriguez, Monica Kowal, Jenna Hagengruber, Randy Ko, Annie King

Ex-officio: Daven Quelle, Georgia Cassell, Kimberly Mitchell

Also Present: Carolyn Souther, CSW & BSE Candidates – Benjamin, Keridan, Kelsey Mayne, Caitlin Carcerano

Absent: Jillian Roach, David Lynch, Abigail Robertson, Robert Salas

Leslie Donovan called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

Donovan asked for a review of the April 22, 2016 meeting minutes. Bob Trapp made a motion to approve the minutes. Monica Kowal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan reviewed the process for selecting magazine editor applicants. She said the Board's usual method was for the Board to go into closed session to interview the applicants for each magazine and then return to open session for Board members to state their preference for editor. She stated that the editor selection would be first on the agenda since some candidates need to leave early. The candidates for *Conceptions Southwest* are Caitlin Carcerano and Benjamin Yazzi; the candidates for *Best Student Essays* are Keriden Brown and Kelsey Mayne.

A motion was made by Trapp to close the board meeting for interviewing and reviewing the candidates. Jenna Hagengruber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting went into closed session at 3:07 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 4:20 p.m.

Daven Quelle took a roll call of the Board members present and their preferences for CSW editor. Donovan, Trapp, Iliia Rodriguez, Monica Kowal, Hagengruber, Randy Ko and Annie King selected Caitlin Carcerano.

Quelle took a roll call of the Board members present and their preferences for BSE editor. Trapp, Donovan, and Rodriguez selected Keriden Brown. King, Kowal, Ko and Hagengruber selected Kelsey Mayne.

Donovan congratulated Carcerano and Mayne. She thanked all the candidates and stated it was a hard decision and encouraged the other candidates to still be involved in the magazines.

Donovan asked for a final report from Kim Mitchell for *Best Student Essays*. Mitchell reported that the release party is today in the UNM Honors Forum. She stated that she used a new printer, Print Masters, who was eager to work with *BSE*, and received the magazine from the printers two weeks early. She reported 28 submissions this semester, compared to only six last spring, most in the last couple days before deadline. She said that *BSE* had 11 more submissions than the fall semester. Trapp asked whether

fake deadlines were ever used. Mitchell said that the previous editor had promoted an extended deadline to get more submissions, and although she had built an extra week into her timetable, she didn't need to use the option. Donovan asked to what she attributed the rise in submissions. Mitchell said her staff did a lot of begging through personal contacts; a posting on the all-Faculty list serve was facilitated by Kowal; and ASUNM and GPSA promoted the magazine as well. Rodriguez asked if pieces were ever resubmitted, because in the event of low submissions an editor could ask previous submitters to resubmit. Mitchell said she said that it was possible, and incoming editors would have no way of knowing whether a piece had been submitted in the past unless it were published. Hagengruber said that the magazine looked wonderful with an impressive range of topics. Mitchell invited the Board to the reception to share pizza and listen to readings. Donovan thanked Mitchell on behalf of the Board for her hard work this past year.

Donovan asked for a final report from Georgia Casswell for *Conceptions Southwest*. Casswell stated there were 156 submissions and 13 contributors in the final magazine. She said her staff elected to publish more poetry than long literature pieces in order to represent more contributors. She said the release party was held last night with at least half of the contributors reading. Hagengruber said that the cover was beautiful. Donovan asked about the decision not to have the name of the magazine on the front. Casswell reported that it was initially an oversight, but ultimately the staff decided a title would disrupt the art, and elected not to include it, noting that the title is on the spine, back cover and first page. Kowal asked how many copies are printed. Casswell said there was a surplus of magazines last year, so this year they printed 750, rather than 1,000. Donovan thanked Casswell for all of her work on the magazine.

Donovan said that she had been on the Board, and served as chair for a long time. She said although she minored in journalism, she does not consider herself to be a journalist. She has one more year left on her term on the Board, and suspects she will not be appointed again as the Faculty Senate representative. Donovan said that while she will always be interested in the magazines and the *Daily Lobo*, she thought it would be a good time to transition to a new chair while she still had a year to serve. Donovan nominated Monica Kowal as Chair of Student Publications Board for 2016-17. Kowal gave a recap of her experience and qualifications to be chair, beginning with her experience as an undergraduate student at the *Daily Lobo*, to working at the *Austin-American Statesman* as a photo editor and writer, moving to New York City to work for the Associated Press and Reuters. She said she left her 12-year career as a journalist to become an instructor, and is passionate about the *Daily Lobo*. She attributed her success in her journalism career to her time at the *Daily Lobo* working with Bob Gassaway and Hank Trewhitt.

Rodriguez said she will be on sabbatical and will not serve on the Board next year. Hagengruber said she is a Fulbright Scholar and is going to Bosnia in the fall, so will not continue on the Board. She said she has already met with the incoming ASUNM President and he is aware that he needs to serve on the Board or appoint someone. She said that King will still serve on the Board. King said she will be graduating in December, but will serve until then. She said the senator position is a one-year position, appointed by the ASUNM vice president, and Ko's term is ended. Ko said he is a sophomore and would like to continue to on the Board, so he would ask to be reappointed. Rodriguez said that SPJ would be meeting next week and hopefully will appoint a new member to the Board.

Donovan asked for discussion of Kowal's appointment to the Board. Quelle said that the transition year with Donovan still on the Board would be beneficial. Hagengruber asked how long the appointment was for the chair. Trapp said one year. Hagengruber made a motion to approve Kowal as chair of the Student Publications Board for the upcoming year. Ko seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kowal will begin her term as chair of the Student Publications Board effective July 1, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.