

2021 Game Studies Business Meeting

We start by discussing duels and whether guns or swords are more better (me and Shane, I mean. Other people seem uninterested in our conversation)

Emory starts by saying hello and introducing us to the order of the program for the day.

- Membership –206 members (+79 from last year)
 - We get 7 slots for next year (+1 from this year)
- Budget
 - \$500
 - \$150 for top student paper
 - \$100 grad student rep
 - \$250 for social hour and conference expenses
 - The checks for top student paper and grad student rep will be mailed
- Legislative Assembly update
 - 110 delegates at LA
 - General theme was the state of the association is strong
 - We are at about \$9 million of funds available for general stuff and things
 - Every year we run into a deficit.
 - Investments make up the deficit, for the most part that balances out, but they can't be counted
 - 5 significant actions
 - Budget for the year was approved for 2022
 - We did not take a hit for Indianapolis for cancelling. We made promises to go back to Indianapolis in the future
 - New Journal—Communication and Race.
 - New council—mentorship and leadership council
 - We shoulda had this 10 years ago honestly
 - They can now be ahead of the game and plan for the next 20 or 30 years
 - This is a constitutional committee. The next LA will focus on a bylaw change to reflect that
 - 2 new caucuses approved
 - Caribbean Communication
 - SWANA (Southwest Asian/North African and Middle East)
 - 2 new affiliates approved
 - The Comics Studies Association
 - The institution of General Semantics
 - Point of clarification asked by Sky: caucuses are a part of identity/etc. Affiliates are their own associations that can take panels and stuff
- Sky talks about the precon (he receives raucous applause)
 - Emory helped
 - Game to Grow came in to be a big part of the precon
 - Precon was smaller than in the future (Sky thinks that's because of fewer people traveling)

- 5 submissions
- 5 acceptances
- 3 tabletop game sessions with Game to Grow
- All presentations received an award
 - Sarah Jackson—innovative research award (methodology to streaming research)
 - Stephanie Orme—critical conversation presentation award
 - Joe Lasley—research in action award
 - Emory Daniel, Anthony Bean and Sarah Hayes—collaboration in research award
 - Ian Borden—innovative presentation award
- After lunch, Game to Grow gave a presentation and then there were tabletop gaming sessions to learn about and practice getting experience about learning core capacities that Game to Grow is all about
- Also thanks to Antioch University for giving us the space for the precon
- Election time
 - Vice Chair Elect
 - Erika Solis—Penn State
 - Courteney Smith—Purdue University
 - Winner: Courteney Smith
 - Grad Student Representative
 - Tyler Pham—Michigan State University
 - Ailea Merriam-Pigg—University of Wisconsin: Madison
 - Winner: Ailea Merriam-Pigg
- 2021 Paper Competition
 - 34 submissions
 - 19 acceptances
 - 56% acceptances
 - 5 papers to scholar-to-scholar
 - Panel Submissions
 - 2 panel submissions
 - 1 panel accepted
- Top Paper Panels
 - Student papers
 - Duy Pham (Michigan State)—overall top student paper
 - Dongwook Jeong (Korea University) and Sungbin Youk (UC Santa Barbara)
 - Mingxuan Liu, Jingyi Sun, Ke M. Huang-Isherwood (University of Southern California).
 - Yangsheng Liu (University of Minnesota)
 - Top Papers
 - Ailea Miriam-Pigg (University of Wisconsin: Madison)
 - Nick Bowman, Daniel Bowen Melissa Mercado, Lindsey Resignato, Phillipe de Villenor Chauveau
 - Nicholas Bowman, Koji Yoshimura, C. Shawn Green, Hanna C. Klecka, Zeyu Li
 - Emory S. Daniel, Stephanie Orme, Arienne Ferchaud
 - One more ad hoc award thing

- Best scholar-to-scholar
 - Joshua C. Nelson-Ichido (Central Washington University) and Arrington Stoll (Valdosta State University)
 - Diversity Initiative
 - Review Form
 - Do we want to continue using this?
 - Discussion
 - Nick—we want to make sure that we are not citing the same white male scholars. We know that this is an issue broadly. The effort to consider this sure. 1. Sometimes it takes on weird forms. Like an experimental method not citing rhetoricians has been seen. 2. If there is a critique, there should be a solution as well.
 - Steph—currently the question does not say anything about marginalized scholars. Maybe having it framed around marginalized scholars might be good.
 - Joe Lasley—as a reviewer, the question is quite hard to answer. Maybe it’s partially the wording, but also as a reviewer we haven’t read everything. Would it be beneficial to state the mission of what we are trying to do in terms of amplifying voices
 - Nick again—SXSW the submitter has to explain how they’ve contributed to amplifying diverse voices
 - Sky—loving the dialogue. He agrees with the box for the submitter to explain how you’re contributing to diversity etc etc etc. If the reviewer knows, they should be explicitly told maybe
 - Joe Lasley again—slippery slope: these are the people you have to cite and you didn’t cite the right people. Make sure that we are not doing that because that’s not especially helpful.
 - Shane—the IDEA lab in national is looking for insight from the divisions as to what some things might work
 - Ailea—throwing her voice behind the dialogue of “here’s some people you might not have considered”
 - Joe Lasley again—make sure reviewers know it’s okay to say they aren’t sure
 - Arienne—the bibliography project is very, very important. We need to make sure that can work with the bibliography
 - Nick—this does not necessarily need to be voted on. The program planner can make that happen.
 - Sky—happy to do it if he knows there is by in.
 - Steph
 - Bibliography project
 - There was a committee appointed but then there was a pandemic and the ball never really got rolling.

- Steph volunteers to chair this committee
 - Other volunteers?
 - Chair is putting together and ad hoc committee
 - Volunteers
 - Steph volunteers to chair
 - Arienne volunteers (aferchaud@fsu.edu)
 - Bibliography Project
 - Partnering with HEVGA to curate an inclusive list of game studies scholars
- Submissions
 - Currently, current policy is that submitters have to agree to review but this has not been formalized
 - Shane would like for people to review to be considered for top paper. Graduate students are exempted.
 - Arienne—ICA now requires ALL submitters to review. So there is precedent there.
 - Nick—he doesn't think that it would be a big deal to require it for all submitters.
 - Mattieu—he would say that it would be good to clarify things for students. It might be good to exempt students from this rule.
 - Steph—some years we are very grad student submission heavy. So if we exempted grad students, we might be in a tight spot in years where we have lots of grad student submissions. Remember that if the rule is everybody does it, each individual person doesn't have to do as many reviews.
 - Courteney—maybe we can say “we will go through faculty first and then grad students.”
 - Erika—or maybe we can restrict grad students. We will need to try to discern who is student and who is faculty.
 - Shane—proposes a motion for the chair “requirement for submission to game studies division is to agree to be in the reviewer pool”
 - Discussion
 - Ailea—if it's not a requirement for grad students, add language to strongly encourage grad students to
 - Shane accept the friendly amendment to add “Grad students will be encouraged to be part of the reviewer pool.”
 - Motion for vote of approval
 - Motion passes.
- Social hour
 - Jupiter Bar at 7 pm
 - Big thanks for Jupiter Bar for hosting and HEVGA for sponsoring
 - You will need to bring your badges
- Sky Anderson
 - Facebook is a social ill
 - Social media is bad for everyone and society
 - Data gathering and also other stuff too
 - Discord is money and screw FB
- Steph
 - We prolly still need to have a public facing social media presence

- Announcements
 - Texas Tech got approved yesterday to be a Hispanic-serving institution. They're doing a cool conference thing. Nick will send information. Abstracts are due by December 31. Hispanic and Latinx Gaming Culture
 - Shane has a book coming out called *Meme Life*.
- We have one more position to fill.
 - Publications/Web editor 1 year position.
 - Nominations from the floor
 - Tyler Pham (Michigan State)
 - Magdalena Drivas (Penn State)
 - Winner: Tyler Pham
- Passing the gavel to the new chair—Shane Tilton
- New officers:
 - Courteney
 - smit3895@purdue.edu
 - Ailea
 - merriampigg@wisc.edu
 - Tyler
 - duypham@msu.edu