

Minutes of the Indiana Philosophical Association Business Meeting of November 4, 2006

Present: Erik Wielenberg (President), Eric Dalton (Vice-President), Jonathan Evans (Secretary/Treasurer), Rod Bertolet, Bemd Buldt, dark Butler, Marthe Chandler, Jan Cover, Martin Curd, Paul Eisenberg, Tom Howald, David McCarty, Brian Morton, Peter Murphy

A. Order of Meeting

The Fall 2006 meeting took place in the Purdue Memorial Union, Anniversary Dining Room at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

The program proceeded as follows:

1. Morning speakers.
 - a. First speaker: Marthe Chandler (Depauw University), "Poetry and the Heart's Intent: Folk Psychology in Classical China." Commentator: Brian Morton (Indiana State University).
 - b. Second speaker: Peter Murphy (University of Indianapolis), "The Justification Scale." Commentator: Rod Bertolet (Purdue University).
2. Afternoon speakers.
 - a. Third speaker: Todd Johnson (University of Tennessee-Knoxville), "Duties, Drugs and Drowning People: The Moral Obligations of Pharmaceutical Companies." Commentator: Andrew Brei (Purdue University).
 - b. Fourth speaker: Toby Svoboda (Southern Illinois University), "Falstaff and Hegel's Theory of Comedy." Commentator: Ursula Niklas Peterson (IUPUI).

B. Minutes of the Business Meeting.

1. President Erik Wielenberg called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
2. The minutes of the previous business meeting were read and accepted.
3. The treasurer's report was read and accepted, with the April balance reported as \$168.45
4. Following up on the issue of the problems with developing a web-site for the IPA (problems reported in the minutes of the April 2006 meeting), Tom Howald and Franklin College are in the process of developing the web-site.
5. The decision in April 2006 to limit the amount of flyers sent to IPA members and Midwestern Universities (to reduce printing and mailing costs), was revisited with concerns about the effectiveness of this policy. It was noted that while having e-mail notifications did handle many problem cases, there were still too many faculty members and graduate students who were unaware of the Fall 2006 meeting. It was recommended that the IPA distribution list include graduate students, and e-mail notifications advise recipients that they would no longer receive paper copies of the program and to forward the e-mail notifications to their colleagues and students.
6. Tom Howald requested that those presenting papers and comments at future meetings, bring copies of their papers with them, so they can be collected for the IPA archives.
7. Two locations were suggested as potential sites for the Spring 2007 IPA meeting: Hanover College and Indiana University. Since there were lodging concerns about holding a meeting a Hanover, and no representative of Hanover College was present, a decision was deferred to the executive

committee. The motion deferring the decision, charged the executive committee to follow up with Hanover College to explore the possibility of a joint meeting with the Kentucky Philosophical Association. If this option was determined to be unfeasible, the committee would select Indiana University as the Spring 2007 site. The motion carried.

8. Several suggestions were made about raising the profile of future IPA meetings. Among the suggestions made included:

- (a) The possibility of a conference over two days.
- (b) The possibility of publishing conference proceedings.
- (c) Selecting a distinguished speaker to provide a keynote address at either the Fall or Spring session.
- (d) Raising the award for the graduate paper competition.

No motion was made regarding any of the above suggestions, though each item was discussed. Concerns raised about option (b) included the problem of obtaining financing for the publication and difficulty in locating personnel that could commit to such a project. Option (c) had been used by the IPA in the past but was replaced by the graduate paper competition around 2004. Some thought that the graduate paper competition had done more to raise the profile of IPA meetings than option (c) did or would. Option (d) also presented financing concerns, and although it was suggested that philosophy departments fund the competition, it was unclear whether there would be significant enough participation by departments to do enough to make (d) worthwhile.

9. Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

10. After the business meeting \$76 was collected in dues.

Report and minutes respectfully submitted by Jonathan Evans (Secretary/Treasurer)

IPA Treasurer's Report AY 2005-2006
Jonathan Evans, University of Indianapolis

Pate& Transaction	Amount Added/Deducted	Balance
04/16/05- starting balance		
04/16/05- dues collected Spring 05	0.00	63.45
11/05/05- dues collected Fall 05	30.00 cash	93.45
04/08/06 - dues collected Spring 06	30.00 cash	123.45
11/06/06 - dues collected Fall 06	45.00 cash	168.45
	76.00 cash	244.45