

Minutes for the Media Board of the Doctoral Students' Council Meeting of 11/09/2009

Respectfully submitted to the media board by Christopher Ian Foster

In attendance: James Hoff (JH), Gregory Donovan (GD), Christine Pinnock (CP), Chris Sula (CS), Shawn Rice (SR), and Christopher Ian Foster (IF).

Meeting called to order at 2:12 pm by SR (chair).

I. Approval of Agenda

GD amends agenda # V. add domain names. CS asks for a motion to add stipends for writers to agenda. SR motions. IF seconds.

GD motions to approve agenda as amended. CP seconds.

Vote unanimously passes.

II. Approval of Old Minutes

GD motions to approve minutes.

IF seconds.

Vote unanimously passes.

III. Advocate Website Update

JH reports on advocate website. He asks how to get more writers through the website? CP suggests listserv blasts. JH reports that he is happy with the new Wordpress website.

IV. Advocate Report

JH reports that the advocate is currently \$1200 under budget, and projects \$600/700 under by the end of the year. SR reports that Google AdSense has earned \$3. JH asks about uploading four years of back issues (advocate).

V. New Business

a. Hosting Services

SR doesn't make sense to pay for webhosting twice and suggests migrating server to service provider with re-seller accounts. We're currently on Bluehost. Should we move towards re-sellers accounts? CP and IF agree. SR suggests an overall account with sub-accounts. JH expresses concern over the autonomy of websites. CS wants to pass a Media Board resolution defining "autonomy." SR queries the room to see if it is generally in favor of moving to a re-seller account.

SR motions to charge SR to research and accept a re-seller plan with the provision that SR consult the board. IF seconds Motion unanimously passes.

b. Domain Names

GD brings up the problem that domain names are in his account and asks what happens when people leave? He suggests that the worst/best scenario is to have a DSC GoDaddy account. SR agrees.

CS concerned about payments to affiliates because student leaders can only receive two years of payments and suggests we rethink how we title pay positions. CP asks if this may not be an issue- gray area? GD formally suggests we talk to Ab and Sharon. CS will investigate and bring forth a recommendation

VI. Announcements

None.

VII. Adjournment

GD motions to adjourn

CP seconds. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourns at 3:01pm