

Society for Ethnomusicology, Southern California and Hawai'i Chapter 61st Annual Meeting
February 8, 2020
3:45-4:55 p.m.
University of California, Riverside
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Business Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order: 3:54pm;** 32 people in attendance.

2. **Acknowledgements and Appreciation**
 - a. **Local Arrangements Committee**
 - i. Jonathan Ritter, Chair
 - ii. Xóchitl Chávez
 - iii. Renee Lysloff
 - iv. Liz Przybylski
 - v. Deborah Wong
 - vi. Claudine Avalos
 - vii. Jessica Gutierrez Masini
 - viii. Hannah Snavelly

Volunteers:
Many UCR students
 - b. **Program Committee**
 - i. Charles Sharp, CSU Fullerton, chair
 - ii. Joshua Brown, Chapman University
 - iii. Victoria Dalzell, Independent Scholar
 - iv. Randy Drake, Mt. San Antonio College
 - v. Alexander Karvelas, UC Santa Barbara
 - vi. Matthew Leslie Santana, UC San Diego

3. **Necrology**
 - a. **Dr. Bruno Nettl** (d. Jan 15, 2020) Revered leader of the field of ethnomusicology and founder of SEM. (Additional tributes to Bruno Nettl were and will be made by SEM national).
 - b. **Dr. Manuel Peña** (d. Mar 9, 2019) Professor Emeritus of music and Chicano Studies at CSUF; renowned for his teaching and scholarship on Tejano and Mexican styles of music and folklore, specifically conjunto music.
 - c. **Dr. Rudolph (Rudi) Pietsch** (d. Feb 4, 2020) Emeritus, Department of Folk Music Research and Ethnomusicology, University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna. Wrote his dissertation on Burgenlanders who had immigrated to the USA. Tim Cooley gave additional comments about his recent death. He was at UCSB last year. Fine ethnomusicologist, violinist, and leader of ICTM in Vienna.
 - d. **Dr. Inés Talamantez**, (d. Sep 27, 2019) ethnographer and professor of religious studies at UCSB. Specialists on Native American Religion and philosophy. DOD September 27, 2019. Inés was a key speaker at the joint session between SEMSCHC and the American Indian and Indigenous Collective at UCSB last year 2019.

Liz Przybylski remembered her for her positive contributions at our conference last year.

- e. **Xavier Montes**, (d. Feb 6, 2020) (harpist, based in Oxnard and Santa Paula), specialist in Veracruz and Paraguayan harp, and founder of De Colores Art Show. Has worked with ethnomusicology graduates.
- f. We would also like to recognize musicians and music scholars who face violence or political repression because of their work.

4. **Approval of 2019 Minutes** (available on our website)

Motioned: Charles Sharp

Seconded: Deborah Wong

No oppositions or abstention; passed.

5. **Reports**

a) **President (Liz Przybylski)**

2020 celebration, thanked the Programming and Local Arrangements committees. A particular thanks given to the LAC to make the conference accessible and inclusive, musically and financially.

Thank you Will Madrigal and bird singers this morning for the musical intervention and for his call for us to think critically about our engagement with musicians. Thank you to the Taiko ensemble as well.

Keynote address follows this meeting. Concert at 8pm later tonight with pre-concert talk about 7:15pm. Everyone is invited.

Tomorrow we will feature the UCR mariachi ensemble and the UCR Orchestra concert. Tickets for the orchestra concert available at will-call window.

Behind the scenes work we'd like to share:

There are on-going conversations at SEM national level. Everyone is encouraged to get involved to help plan how to better connect regional groups and connect with discussions about climate impact of conferences among other important topics.

We are still thinking ahead for future hosting institutions.

Tori Dalzell is working on panel chair guidelines. Other issues, like student concerns, will be discussed soon.

b) **Vice President (Sarah Hankins) - Announcement of 2019 Ki Mantle Hood Prize Committee Members:** Sarah Hankins (chair), Xóchitl Chávez, Supeena Insee Adler.

Shared by Supeena Adler in Sarah Hankins' absence:

2019 Hood Prize winner: **Mehrengar Rostami**, "The International Fajr Music Festival: Musical Propaganda, Politics of Participation, and Musical Resistance."

The author offers an intimate and theoretically robust account of the International Fair Music Festival in Tehran. Rostami seamlessly brings together discussions of music, religion, politics, and a rich ethnographic narrative of returning home, after 12 years of exile, as a musician to address the shifts within music performance spaces and institutions. Grounded in participant observation and applied ethnographic methodologies, the paper elaborates the complex current situation of the festival vis-a-vis the experiences of individuals and

organizations in the field. With a clear conceptual structure and evocative writing style, the essay represents a high caliber of graduate research in ethnomusicology. Honorable mention: **Kirie Stromberg**, "Music Archaeology in China".

This paper provides a very generative example of cross-disciplinary theoretical and methodological dialogue. Stromberg's hybrid archeological / ethnomusicological framework, as well as her person-centered ethnographic approach, frames a meaningful contribution to emerging intersectional discourses within the humanistic social sciences.

Sarah Hankins extends her thanks to the committee for their efforts and work.

c) Secretary-Treasurer (Jessie Vallejo)

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of Jan 1, 2020, 6:00pm

- * PayPal balance: \$0.00
- * Cash balance: \$75.00
- * Chase balance: \$3,932.72
- * TOTAL PRE-CONFERENCE BALANCE: \$4,007.72**

2020 SEMSCHC CONFERENCE INCOME as of Feb 9, 2020, 3:00pm

- * In attendance: 122 paid participants,
42 students,
77 non-students

*** PayPal registration fees: \$219.99**

- *not including volunteers
- * Students paid via PayPal: 2
- * Underpaid/undergrad via PP: 0
- * Non-students paid via PayPal: 21

*** Cash registration fees: \$60.00**

- * Students paid with cash: 2
- * Underpaid/undergrad cash: 2
- * Non-students paid with cash: 1

*** Check registration fees: \$0.00**

- * Students paid with checks: 0
- * Underpaid/undergrad via chk: 0
- * Non-students paid with check: 0

TOTAL 2020 CONFERENCE INCOME: \$279.99

2020 SEMSCHC CONFERENCE EXPENSES \$100.00

- Ki Mantle Hood Prize: \$100.00 for Mehrenegar Rostami
- Keynote Speaker Honorarium: \$0.00 for René Lysloff
- Website Fees: \$0.00
- Reimbursement to host institution/LAC: \$0.00
- Office supplies: \$0.00

TOTAL POST-CONFERENCE BALANCE: \$4187.71

d) Student Representative (Alexander Karvelas)

Hannah Snavelly announced it is her last term and Claudine Avalos has been elected.

e) Web Editor (Kira Weiss)

Website is up and running. Special thanks given to Charles Sharp and Corey Blake. Please keep in mind that we will need a new web editor soon. Web editor manages the list-serv, too.

f) Program Committee Chair Report (Charles Sharp)

The process went smoothly. We appreciated the abstract we received. We had a great range of topics and works submitted.

6. Election of New Officers

a) Announcement of Student Representative: Claudine Avalos

b) Nomination and Election of Vice President:

Xóchitl Chávez expressed future interest.

Scott Marcus nominated Gibb Schreffler. Gibb Schreffler politely declined for now.

Tim Cooley suggested postponing the election for nominations for people who are not in attendance today. Roger Savage agrees this is a good suggestion.

Josh Brown nominated himself, asked about the 4-year commitment.

Members discussed how special elections have been conducted in the past in the event someone cannot fulfill all four years.

Charles Sharp motioned to vote for Josh Brown.

Rene Lysloff seconded.

No oppositions or abstentions. Joshua Brown voted in as Vice President.

c) Confirmation of Sarah Hankins as President.

7. 62nd conference in 2021

a) Host Institution Nominations

UCSD has offered to host. Sarah Hankins has offered to serve as the point person. Also interested in 2022.

UCLA is also interested in hosting during 2021. Supeena Adler will discuss with Sarah Hankins.

b) Possible Cal Poly SLO / CPP collaboration self-nominated between Ken Habib and Jessie Vallejo (after 2021).

c) Program Committee Chair nominations

Charles Sharp described the timeline and methods for organizing panels, cooperating with local arrangements committee.

Scott Spencer self-nominated, asking to be appointed. Appointed by Liz Przybylski.

Student representative serving in their second year will also be a part of this committee, which usually consists of 5 people (Chair + at least four members, including at least one student).

- d) Ki Mantle Hood Prize Committee Member nominations
Committee members will work with Charles Sharp (past program committee chair) and Joshua Brown (VP).
Self-nominations: Xóchitl Chávez offered to remain on this committee.

8. Old Business

- a) Vote to approve changes to the bylaws as updated February 2019 and posted on the SEMSCHC web site
Motioned, seconded. Passed unanimously.

9. New Business

a) Future scheduling of student concerns panel/activities

Open to suggestions on how to get more students to attend. Some troubles in the past with scheduling during lunch or other panels.

Charles Sharp suggested that the early morning times may be the best to avoid conflicts, but not practical in terms of times when students tend to arrive (pre-8:00am).

Providing lunch could be a solution.

Jessica Gutierrez Masini suggested not having other events, such as performances, that overlap with lunch or student concerns.

Charles Sharp also mentioned not scheduling other events that involve students. Ruth Hellier-Tinoco suggested finding a way to make the student concerns meeting a stand-alone panel block. Charles echoed this, and that usually the overlap is due to trying to accommodate as many presenters as possible.

Claudine Avalos suggested having it as the first panel of the day. Jessica Gutierrez Masini also echoed the importance of allowing all students to have a specific time to get together. It could be a 30-minute slot.

Rene Lysloff also agreed with the plenary/first panel option.

Jessie Vallejo suggested a later meeting. Jessica Gutierrez Masini reminded that it needs to be before the Business Meeting.

Tim Cooley suggested we leave the language/suggestions as having it be a non-competitive space or time slot considering the year's travel requirements.

Rene Lysloff reflected that students want a plenary session so the Programming Committees should plan to schedule it this way.

Hannah Snavelly also reminded that the exact time could be decided on year per year depending on other factors.

Liz Przybylski suggested another type of plenary session geared toward faculty, grants.

Member (name missed) suggested perhaps this could be a lunch/plenary session and lunch did not have a scheduled performance.

Charles Sharp: we could extend the schedule a bit, start lunch earlier or later to accommodate this. We should avoid scheduling something like grant writing at the same time as student concerns meeting.

Tim Cooley: We can move around the performances more easily with less impact on key parts of our societies while still finding time to celebrate our ensembles.

Deborah Wong: Echoing Ruth Hellier-Tinoco comments about how chapter meetings are a place to prioritize student and faculty interaction and mentorship.

Jessie Vallejo: Funding from the Treasurer could be possible to support a breakfast or dinner for student concerns meeting. Check in with local arrangements committee, too.

Ruth Hellier-Tinoco: suggested that faculty in positions to mentor students and contribute to things like a meal could pitch in.

b) Web Editor Position for 2021

Kira Weiss: Ideally we'd like to make this year a transitional time and elect an editor (via email on list-serv soon) to spend a year learning. This position is for students or faculty.

c) COLA discussion on graduate student wages.

Alexander Karvalos: Students have an interest in gauging the attitudes for the C(ost) O(f) L(iving) A(djustments) discussion happening. Financial stability affects graduate students and UC graduate students have been organizing about wages and burdensome rents. More than 50% of graduate students have rents that are severely burdensome (based on surveys). This issue affects inclusivity and equity in our field. Fair pay, living standards, adequate employment align with the Chapter's dedication to mentorship.

How should we go about gauging the orientation towards COLA on UC campuses across our chapter organization?

Should this take place over an internet straw pole?

Suggested goals:

A position statement that would support graduate students pushing for change.

Ruth Hellier-Tinoco: Asked for clarification about what is being asked and from who (related to people in this room)?

Alexander Karvalos: Students have been in discussions with UC Regents. We are looking for a discussion or collective decision about is our Chapter in favor of writing and circulating a statement of solidarity with UC graduate student organizers in their demands for fair wages and cost of living issues.

For example, teachers' unions have issued statements.

Tim Cooley: I would love to see SEMSCHC support such a statement. The statement needs to be crafted, by the board for example and then voted on. In some cases statements may need to be vetted by the SEM Council.

Charles Sharp: I agree with Tim Cooley, but we can't move quickly.

Motioned/Proposed: **"We move to change the by-laws to allow for the membership of SEMSCHC to vote online as needed under direction of the Executive Board."**

David Harnish seconded.

Discussion:

Tim Cooley – change body to membership.

Claudine Avalos: do we need to limit this to time-sensitive issues?

Ruth Hellier-Tinoco: how do we determine our membership?

Charles Sharp: Technically anyone in Southern California or Hawai'i who is a member of SEM national is a member.

Roger Savage: Agrees with Ruth Hellier-Tinoco, we could process a database of members in some way.

Also if we move toward online voting, it would be worth to consider changing how we've done things like voting for the officers.

Liz Przybylski: We have two issues here – voting online for officers and managing voting online in between annual meetings. Let's focus on the motion above for now.

Charles suggested that we can send an email out and get a quorum and figure out the figures for this compared to the national committee. We will also have to define/clarify membership and consider establishing a system.

At present: *Membership = people who are members of SEM who live in Southern California and Hawai'i.*

Discussion about membership tabled until next meeting.

Voting on motion (read aloud, see above in bold).

25 yays

2 oppositions

2 abstentions

Motion passed to amend by-laws for allowing for online voting.

d) Time ran short for additional announcements.

10. Adjourned: 5:07pm