

2002 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The Society for Social and Political Philosophy was created in 2001 in order to allow for an alternative space of engagement in, and of exploration of, social and political philosophy from historical, continental, and feminist perspectives. SSPP would like to provide a forum for emerging scholarship, research, and activities that have not been adequately reflected in the established spaces of philosophical practices. While the society values rigorous work, steeped in text, in history, and in continental and feminist traditions and/or orientations, it also aims at addressing practical issues through social and political analyses, in a way that would be open to various other “disciplines” in the humanities and in the social sciences.

The first business meeting followed a panel of presentations addressing the theme of *Potentialities of “Biopower” and of “Societies of Control.”* The panel, moderated by Hasana Sharp, consisted of the following papers: 1) Roger Mourad, “After Foucault: A New Form of Right;” 2) Amit S. Rai, “Terror Tubbies, Monsters, and Despots: Monstrosity in the Discourses of Counter-Terrorism;” and 3) Steven Shaviro, “From Confinement to Performance: Digital Networks and the Society of Control.”

The meeting included ballot voting after discussion of various aspects associated with each vote. What follows are the final decisions decided through ballot voting:

- 1) The five members of the 2003-2005 Executive Board Members were elected: Steven DeCaroli; Fouad Kalouche; Jason Read; Piya Pangsapa; and Hasana Sharp.
- 2) Annual membership fees, starting January 2003, were set at: \$35 for employed members in core countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, United States, and Western European countries) and \$20 for students and unemployed members in core countries and all members in other countries.
- 3) Due to the changing nature of the constituency of the e-board (including secretary-general), it was voted that a) the society collaborates with the Philosophy Documentation Center (PDC), by paying an annual fee per person, to provide a permanent address, a centralized membership database, and other services as needed, and b) to incorporate the society in the state of New York as a not-for-profit organization and open a corporate account at a banking institution.
- 4) The society should develop a web site.
- 5) The society should aim at publishing an annual edited volume.
- 6) The society should use the acronym “SSPP.”

The meeting included the discussion of the following issues, resulting in some decisions:

- 1) The next main annual (business) meeting will take place at the 2003 SPEP meeting in Boston (and not at the 2003 Eastern APA meeting in Washington, DC).
- 2) The possibility of “group meetings” within the Eastern APA meeting was discussed.

3) Members were invited to submit topics for the 2003 call for papers. Topics brought up included: structures of knowledge and education; transformations of capitalism; work; etc.

The meeting was adjourned, and the elected executive board appointed Fouad Kalouche as secretary-general (for 2003-2005).