AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION/WESTERN REGION

**Executive Committee Meeting, August 19, 2015**

Held via Zoom

Participants

Emily Silverman, Past President

Hester Oberman, President

Kahena Viale, Vice President/Program Manager

Dirk von der Horst, Regional Coordinator

**Discussion of Unit Chairs**

(Votes are noted in *underlined italics*.)

1. Latino/Latina Studies

Joseph Morales. Was notified that he is Unit Chair, but not previously voted on. Hester read CV to EC. Now at Irvine.

*Unanimous vote to have Joseph Morales as co-chair.*

2. Philosophy of Religion

Dane Sawyer, Paul Rodriguez

*Unanimous vote for Dane Sawyer as co-chair*

Paul Rodriguez – discussion confirmed that Rodriguez was already voted on, requesting CV for our files.

3. Religion, Literature, and Film

Emmanuelle Patrice

*Unanimous vote for Emmanuelle Patrice as co-chair*

VP will communicate with Jon Stone that he should continue as chair.

4. Religion and Social Studies:

Both co-chairs have stepped down. Von der Horst recommended that unit be placed on hold. Other EC members recommended an open call that VP and President will vet. Vote held on latter proposal.

*Vote: Silverman, Oberman, Viale, yes; von der Horst, no. Passed 3:1*

EC made commitment to work on finding a chair for next year.

5. Nineteenth Century:

Matt Crabb

*Unanimous vote for Matt Crabb as co-chair*

6. Ecology and Religion

Joel Stoker has stepped down, put forward the names Kimberly Carfore and Elisa Wright

Discussion of Elisa Wright

*Unanimous vote against Elisa Wright as co-chair*

Discussion of Silverman as interim co-chair, Kimberly Carfore as co-chair.

*Vote: Oberman, Viale, Silverman, yes, von der Horst, no. Passed, 3:1*

EC makes commitment to finding Ph.D. to co-chair with Carfore for next year.

7. Ethics

Chad Bogosian

Discussion of whether someone outside the region can serve as co-chair. Vote on approving Bogosian as co-chair.

*Vote: Oberman, yes; Viale, von der Horst, Silverman, no. Defeated 3:1*

Meeting adjourned.