



DPCC Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
5PM EST

In attendance:

Shenique Davis

Joshua Ruffin Ericka Adams

LaDonna Long Aaron Kupchik

Javier Ramos

1. **Call to Order 5:00 PM**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Review and approval of the Executive Board meeting minutes from February 19, 2025
3. **ASC Presidential Candidate: Rod Bunson's Vision for ASC**
Rod Bunson, a candidate for the 2027 ASC President, presented his vision for the organization's future. He emphasized the importance of amplifying all voices, pursuing excellence, and enhancing the organization's relevance. He proposed strengthening the relationship between ASC and early career scholars, providing opportunities for transformative research, and establishing a small grants program to support research. Additionally, he highlighted the need for community engagement through initiatives such as connecting with local organizations and shelters. His agenda focused on improving ASC's societal standing and positioning it as a thought leader in policy matters. Board members expressed concerns regarding the organization's longstanding silence on policy issues and stressed the need to support scholars focusing on race-related research.
4. **Travel Award Budget Discussion:** The Board discussed criteria for a travel award, considering eligibility for both students and faculty, with a preference for DPCC members. The award amount was debated, with suggestions ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per recipient. Ultimately, a total of \$1,500 was allocated for the award, to be divided among multiple recipients if necessary. The Board also considered the possibility of increasing the award amount in future years, based on budget considerations. The discussion concluded with plans to draft a solicitation for the award at the next meeting.
5. **DPCC @ 30 Venue Costs and Event Planning:** Javier presented an overview of potential venue costs, noting some options could cost up to \$7,000 for a luncheon and could also accommodate both luncheon and evening events. Shenique suggested that the evening event could feature a cash bar or DJ, without extravagant decorations. Ericka inquired about the financial outcomes of previous luncheons; Shenique indicated that costs were not fully recouped (ticket revenue totaled \$3,230).
6. **DPCC @ 30 Event Planning:** The Board discussed the budget and logistics for the 30th Anniversary event and the annual awards banquet. Joshua proposed combining the awards ceremony and the honoring of charter members to reduce costs, though Shenique expressed concern that this might rush the recognition of charter members. Venue options considered included the conference hotel and external locations such as Busboys and



Poets. The Board tentatively agreed to allocate approximately \$8,000 for the luncheon and an additional \$2,000–\$3,000 for the evening event, while recognizing the need to creatively manage expenses.

7. **Panel Proposals and Co-Sponsorship Discussion:** Shenique and Javier reviewed the status of panel proposals, noting four had been submitted and one more was expected from Deena Isom (RAJ Editor). Javier agreed to share the proposals with the Board for review before final submission. Shenique mentioned having reached out to Everett Penn regarding a panel on DPCC's past, present, and future. Aaron proposed a DEI-related panel co-sponsored with other divisions, sharing his draft abstract and proposed panelists for Board review. The group agreed to exercise caution in wording to avoid potential issues or unwanted attention.
8. **ASC Business Meeting and Award Committee:** The Board discussed the scheduling of the general business meeting at ASC, considering various options including 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and the day before the luncheon. They also discussed the ASC report, the Award Committee, and nominations for committee membership. The team agreed to begin recruiting for the committee and to contact Miltonette regarding her potential interest in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Further discussions included the progress of the planning committee and securing venue dates, as well as the possibility of honoring Dr. Leon Pettiway with the charter members award.
9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for the second week of April.
10. **Adjournment** 6:05 pm

Action Items:

- Travel Award Solicitation: Shenique to draft a write-up for review at the next meeting.
- Award Committee Nominations: Ericka to start drafting nomination information and identify potential candidates for the Nominations Committee.
- Additional Event Items: The Planning Committee to price out additional items (e.g., awards, DJ) for the DPCC @ 30 events.
- *(submitted)* ASC Business Meeting Time: Shenique to submit a request to ASC for a general business meeting time, proposing 9:30 AM with 8:00 AM as an alternative.
- *(confirmed)* Venue Follow-Up: Javier to follow up with venues for potential DPCC @ 30 events as needed.
- *(confirmed)* University Party Timing: Shenique to inquire with ASC about the timing of university parties to avoid conflicts with DPCC events.
 - *Presidential plenary is Friday at 5-630pm*
 - *6 parties on Friday and 4 parties on Thursday. Last year, most were held on Friday evening.*
- *(completed)* Meeting Invite: Shenique to send out an invite for the next board meeting (second week of April).
- *(completed)* Panel Proposals: Javier to share the panel proposals with the Board before final submission.
- *(completed)* Panel on DPCC Legacy: Shenique to reach out to Everett Penn regarding his proposed panel on DPCC's past, present, and future.
- *(completed)* DEI Panel Proposal: Aaron to submit his DEI-related panel proposal by Friday or send it to Javier for submission.