

**Minutes of the Meeting: Electronic Media Interest Group
Annual EMIG Business Meeting**

Friday March 28, 2008
6:00-6:50 p.m.
Prince of Wales, 2nd Floor,
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Present: Dale Bentley, Joanna Black, Kathy Browning, Diane Gregory, Nina Hays, Lilly Lu, Anna Martin, Deb Pylypcia, Renee Shaw,

Secretary recording the minutes: Joanna Black.

A. Agenda:

1. *Welcome.*
2. *EMIG Conference Luncheon:* There will be three guest speakers for the luncheon on Saturday March 17 at the New Orleans' Hilton. Robin Vande Zande along with Martin Rayala from Kutztown University will be speaking about design theory in relation to new media education. They will then discuss this to an up-coming publication for the journal, *School Arts* for the first part of the luncheon. Kathy Browning will speak about her digital photography artwork on "*Picturing Paradox*" and relate this to her teachings of new media in the classroom for the second part of the luncheon
3. *Website:* The EMIG website is running; however, the problem is that information is not easily assessable. Lily Lui suggested that more people should be working on the web design. She suggested that EMIG should be incorporating creative video into it.
4. *Membership:* EMIG is poor. Problems are occurring. It appears as if people are sending in money however, it is not being processed adequately. This problem will be addressed in the near future.
5. *EMIG List of Officers:* Selected people were brought forth by Dale Bentley to serve as officers. However, it was suggested by Anna Martin that we should abide by the by-laws and ask for nominations. At this meeting we should have introduced a slate of nominees. Then we should accept the officers that have been nominated. Nominations to serve as EMIG officers were supposed to have been nominated during this session and if need be, voted upon. Dale Bentley stated that to rectify this situation we will vote by proxy.

B. New Business.

1. *Suggestions for the Future of EMIG:* Diane Gregory expressed some constructive comments. Firstly, there is a great deal of concern regarding the way EMIG is currently run. People feel uninvolved who would like to participate. She offered a suggestion that EMIG should encourage more involvement from people. Secondly, Diane Gregory advocated for the need of more transparency from EMIG. Thirdly it was suggested that EMIG and the technology group should merge together as their interests coalesce and it is often confusing for people to have two groups with similar interests.
2. Diane Gregory presented a pertinent session entitled: "*Where Does the EMIG Go from Here?*" Joanna Black suggested that she present the important findings to the EMIG via its newsletter. Diane agreed to provide confirmation regarding what transpired during her session.
3. It was also suggested that either Anna Martin and/or Diane Gregory publish an article in the EMIG newsletter about the past history of the EMIG specifically in terms

of its relation to technology and new media in order to address the concern that the technology group should be combined with EMIG.

4. It is also suggested that we should seriously consider EMIG priorities and focus on these: (1) an area suggested is not to have luncheons as they are expensive and outdated and few members attend (2) we shouldn't concern ourselves with the website as few people refer to it; (3) we should concentrate on memberships and building this up; and (4) we should concentrate on utilizing the interest and strengths of the people who belong to EMIG and who are interested in contributing to it.

C. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 6:50.