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Telephone Meeting of the Executive Committee January 14, 2010

The meeting convened at approximately 4:45 p.m., once all parties were connected. Four members of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Director participated (i.e., Donaldson, Halpern, Macken, Rosenstreich, and Wolfe).

Following the agenda distributed electronically prior to the meeting, the group took up the following items:

1. The FY '11 Budget: The Executive Committee approved (4-0) the budget discussed in draft form during the November teleconference.
2. The Board discussed a society-wide response to the humanitarian disaster resulting from the earthquake in Haiti. The Board voted unanimously to make a gift in the amount of \$500.00 to the American Red Cross to be used for relief efforts in Haiti. The Executive Committee also directed the Administrative Director to investigate means to encourage individual chapters to donate as well.
3. The Board considered one application for a new chapter. The Committee directed the Administrative Director to request information about the majors program of a typical recent graduate in each language area taught. If the additional information is in place by the April teleconference, the Executive Committee will act on the application at that time.
4. Activity Reports:
 - a. Macken: We have one application for a new chapter to consider. The response to the small grant program is still small. A couple of chapters have indicated that they will be submitting proposals.
 - b. Wolfe: Reserve funds have been used to purchase six-month CDs and await more favorable interest rates before moving to treasury bills.
 - c. Donaldson: In general, the Executive Committee is in compliance with the By Laws and Board Policies.
 - d. Halpern: Progress is being made toward building a Nominations Committee and recruiting additional members to the Board.

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- e. Rosenstreich: The publication schedule for the *Forum* is on track.
- 5. The Executive Committee approved (4-0) a prize of \$100 for a contest to design a typeface and layout for the upcoming issue of the Forum. The winning design will form the basis of the new PSI “brand”.

The agenda for the next phone meeting of the Committee on April 15, 2010 was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Tentative Agenda for April Teleconference:

Annual Survey of Advisors (after appearance of *Forum*)
Annual Report and Statement of Values
Action on the outstanding application for a new chapter
Report of the Scholarship Committee

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

April 15, 2010 (4:45 p.m.)
Annual Retreat: October 14–17, 2010, Lancaster redivivus