



General Business Meeting
Southern Regional Honors Council
Boston, MA
Friday, November 9, 2018
8:00-9:00 AM
Sheraton Boston Hotel

Call to Order

SRHC President Stacy Eldridge (Northern Virginia Community College) called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. Attendance at the meeting was 112. She named Tom Jones (Gardner-Webb University) as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Stacy asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.

Kirsten Bartels (Northwestern State U.) made a motion for approval. Linda Frost (UTC) seconded. Approved.

Approval of Minutes from Spring 2018 Arlington, VA General Business meeting of SRHC

Stacy asked for a motion for approval of the General Business Meeting minutes from Arlington. Linda Frost noted a typographical error. Malin Pereira, UNC Charlotte) made a motion for approval pending that correction. Kaitlyn Thompson (UTC) seconded. Approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

David Coleman shared the Treasurer's Report. Our total assets are \$64,643. That number is a little more than \$31,000 less than we had at this point last year. The deficit reflects above all the losses from our very expensive meeting last April in Arlington, VA.

Stacy asked for a motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Tracie Burke (Christian Brothers U.) made a motion for approval. Seconded by Callie Elliott (Gardner Webb University). Approved.

Scholarship Report

Greg Tomso (University of West Florida) reported that 20 Partners in the Parks (PITP) grants were awarded in the previous fiscal year. He noted that the Executive Committee had approved 15 such grants of up to \$700 each for the current fiscal year.

Stacy asked for a motion for approval of the Scholarship Report. A motion was made by Paul. Seconded by Vi. Approved.

2019 Memphis Conference Update

2019 SRHC Conference Co-organizers Kirsten Bartels (Northwestern State) Paul Fitzgerald (Northern Virginia Community Coll.), together with organizational assistant and Student At-Large Rep. on the SRHC Executive Council Vi Kinney, reported on plans for the upcoming SRHC Meeting March 28-30, 2019 in Memphis, TN. The meeting will be held at the Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis. The theme will be "Sustainability." Directors and Deans are asked to provide recycled lanyards and nametags when possible, and there will be contests rewarding the "oldest", the "furthest away," etc. There will be capacity for backup lanyards (mostly those left over from last year in Arlington). Vi has been hard at work with Paul in recovering SRHC social media accounts and implementing a new social media strategy for the conference. She is also hard at work on promoting the artistic and musical elements of the conference. Paul and Kirsten reminded all present of the far-earlier-than usual December 1 deadline for proposals. Paul also discussed the use of Grenadine for the conference and the possible availability of our Grenadine account for our state-level honors organizations to use in organizing their conferences. *Stacy asked for a motion to approve this report. Linda Frost moved approval. Calie Elliott seconded. Approved.*

2020 Birmingham Conference update

Rebecca Freeman (UAB) reported on behalf of 2020 SRHC Conference Organizer Mike Sloane (UAB) concerning the initial arrangements for the spring 2020 SRHC meeting at the Birmingham Sheraton in Birmingham, AL.

Announcements

Jeff Portnoy (Georgia Perimeter College), co-chair of the NCHC Publications Board, spoke about opportunities to publish in the NCHC's journals and monograph series. He also reminded students about opportunities to publish in UReCA, the NCHC's online journal of undergraduate research.

Kathy Lyon (Winthrop U.) spoke as a representative of the NCHC's Semesters committee about opportunities in upcoming faculty institutes.

Christina McIntyre (Virginia Tech) announced that the 2018 NCHC Partners in the Parks lineup was now available with a wide variety of outstanding options.

NCHC Treasurer (and former SRHC President) Steven Engel (Georgia Southern University) brought news from NCHC, including discussion of the proposed sliding dues scale and other ballot measures facing NCHC institutional members this year.

Roll Call

A robust roll call resulted in President Eldridge declaring yet another Tennessee victory, despite a strong challenge from Florida.

Adjourn

Stacy Eldridge asked for a motion for adjournment. Callie Elliott so moved, and Kirsten Bartels seconded.

Adjourned @ 8:56am