



General Business Meeting
Southern Regional Honors Council
At NCHC, New Orleans, LA
Friday, November 8, 2018
4:00-5:00 PM
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Call to Order

SRHC President Kirsten Bartels (Northwestern State University) called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Attendance at the meeting was 125. She named Tom Jones (Gardner-Webb University) as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Kirsten asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Tracie Burke (Christian Brothers U.) made a motion for approval. Callie Elliott (Gardner Webb) seconded. Approved.

Approval of Minutes from Spring 2019 Memphis, TN General Business meeting of SRHC

Kirsten asked for a motion for approval of the General Business Meeting minutes from Memphis. Troy Shirley (UAB) made a motion for approval. Linda Frost (UTC) seconded. Approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

David Coleman shared the Treasurer's Report. Our total assets are \$37,555. So far in the 2019-2020 cycle, 87 universities have paid institutional membership dues.

Kirsten asked for a motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Callie Elliott (Gardner Webb University) moved approval. Greg O'Dea (UTC) seconded. Approved.

Scholarship Report

Stacy Eldridge (Northern Virginia CC) noted that the Executive Committee had approved up to 10 SRHC student stipends of up to \$700 each for the current fiscal year.

Kirsten asked for a motion for approval of the Scholarship Report. A motion was made by Kathy Cooke (U. South Alabama). Seconded by Vi Kinney (Northwestern State). Approved.

Update on future conferences

Conference Chair Rebecca Freeman (UAB) reported on the upcoming meeting in Birmingham March 19-21, 2020. Special events as part of Birmingham 2020 conference will include: City as Text, Guest speaker before the CAT, Local improv group at the Thursday reception, Friday night event at the Museum of Art (including art submissions from SRHC students!), grad school fair on Friday is possible. There will be a \$50 AV fee. There will be a \$10 fee for the printed program. Fees to Grenadine will be passed along to registrants. Proposals open next week.

Conference Co-Chair Denise Lynch (UNC Charlotte) reported that the 2021 annual meeting will be at the Westin Hotel in downtown Charlotte March 24-27, 2021.

Kirsten asked for a motion to approve these reports. Stacy Eldridge (NOVA) moved approval. Mora Rehm (EKU) seconded. Approved.

New Business

Kirsten asked for a motion to allow Parliamentarian Tom Jones (Gardner-Webb U.) to speak during discussion of proposed constitutional amendments. *Stacy Eldridge so moved. Linda Frost (UTC) seconded. Approved.*

Constitutional Amendments

Kirsten explained to the meeting that the Executive Committee had approved two proposed revisions to the SRHC Constitution and Bylaws:

1. Language separating the offices of Secretary and Treasurer (currently grouped into a single office titled "Executive Secretary-Treasurer").
2. Separating the discussion of "Student Vice President" in the SRHC Constitution from discussion of the "Vice President" (the two offices are currently discussed in the same clause).

Precise wording of the proposed amendments and the cascading changes resulting from these actions throughout the SRHC Constitution are now posted on the SRHC website for all to review. This provides the constitutionally mandated prior notice of proposed changes. Kirsten explained that the proposed amendments would be put to a vote at the upcoming spring 2020 SRHC General Business meeting in Birmingham.

Proposed dues increase

Kirsten also explained to the meeting that the Executive Committee had proposed an increase in annual institutional dues from \$75 to \$150. This provides the constitutionally mandated prior notice of a proposed change to dues structure. The dues increase will be put to the vote of the membership at the spring 2020 SRHC General Business meeting in Birmingham.

Announcements

SRHC students and faculty who are running for NCHC office in the current cycle were asked to speak in favor of their candidacy. These included:

Vi Kinney (student, Northwestern State)
JhéDienne Adams (student, UT-Chattanooga)
Kathy Cooke (U. South Alabama)
Dan Roberts (Virginia State U.)
Victoria Bryan (Cleveland State U.)
Christina McIntyre (Virginia Tech)

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.

Linda Frost (UTC) spoke about UReCA (the NCHC's undergraduate research journal) reminded students of opportunities to publish and to apply for the editorial board.

Rusty Rushton (UAB) spoke about student publishing opportunities in *Sanctuary*, the SRHC's literary journal.

Christina McIntyre (Virginia Tech) announced that the 20120 NCHC Partners in the Parks lineup was now available with a wide variety of outstanding options.

Tracie Burke (Christian Brothers U.) announced an opening for a position at CBU and encouraged applications.

Jeff Vahlbusch (Appalachian State U.) announced that next fall's annual meeting of the National Society for Minorities in Honors (NSMIH) would be on the campus of Appalachian State U. in Boone, NC, and invited SRHC members to propose presentations and to attend.

Roll Call

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

Adjourn

Kirsten Bartels asked for a motion for adjournment. Callie Elliot (Gardner-Webb U.) so moved Appalachian State U.) seconded. Approved.

Adjourned @ 4:49pm