



General Business Meeting
Southern Regional Honors Council
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
Jacksonville, FL
Friday, April 5, 2024 – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order by Vandergriff-Avery: At 12:42 pm
- II. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Vandergriff-Avery appointed Wilson Hawkins parliamentarian.
- III. Welcome and Introductions: Vandergriff-Avery introduced members of the Executive Committee and expressed appreciation to contributing universities in the Jacksonville area, as well as members of the conference planning committee and the Hyatt Regency Staff.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion by David Coleman. Second by Lynn Stallings. Unanimous approval.
- V. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jon Blandford. Second by Sean Kelley. Unanimous approval.
- VI. Reports
 - I. Treasurer's Report: Deirdre Ragan reported that SRHC is in excellent financial shape. We have \$50,000 invested in a CD. Profits from the CD were put into HBCU scholarships. About \$8000 were spent on those scholarships and Partners in the Parks grants. Conference costs are about \$100,000, and the conference registration covers it. More than 500 people registered for the present conference. Our tax-exempt status allowed us to absorb costs of AV equipment and credit card fees.
- VII. New Business - Board Elections: Newsome
 - I. We have a few uncontested elections: Karen Keaton-Jackson from NC Central University, Allison Keller from Wingate University for Faculty at Large, and Christian Smith from North Carolina A&T, Savanna Logan from Columbia College, and Erin Yenawine from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for student at large positions.
 - II. We have one contested election for the position of Student VP: We will have them make candidate statements prior to elections.
 - I. Tala Alqadi, from Valencia College, who wants to help students identify resources
 - II. Chloe Melton, from GCSU, who wants to encourage networking opportunities
- VIII. Announcements

- I. New SRHC Logo: Vandergriff-Avery recognized Zaria Gray, who designed the new logo. Gray explained the inspiration for her design.
- II. SRHC 2025 Conference: Linda Frost and Victoria Bryan provided updates on plans for the 2025 conference in Chattanooga March 26-29, 2025. The theme is "honoring story." Reception in Tennessee Aquarium. At Chattanooga Convention Center and Marriott. Hotel rates are very reasonable.
- III. NCHC Updates: Michael Sloane provided updates from NCHC, including recognizing SRHC individuals who serve in NCHC positions. The NCHC conference will be held in Kansas City in the fall. The 2025 conference will be in San Diego. The new executive director has introduced dynamic changes (including updating the tax-exempt status for conference organizing). He discussed staff changes at the NCHC office. The website will soon be updated. NCHC now has a board of directors' digest. A new five-year strategic plan will be developed. He also discussed city as text and other NCHC opportunities.
- IV. Sanctuary: Ashley Jones from UAB, advisor for Sanctuary, announced that the latest edition of Sanctuary has been released. Please pick up a copy at the desk in the exhibitors' hall. Past editions are also available for free. Please visit the website for information about the submission process.
- V. Gavel Passes to Lynn Stallings: Maria Vandergriff-Avery passed the gavel to the new SRHC President, Lynn Stallings, from Auburn University at Montgomery.
- VI. Roll Call: Lynn Stallings conducted the roll call.
- VII. Election Results: Newsome announced that all uncontested elections were duly elected, and that Chloe Melton from GCSU won the Student VP position.
- VIII. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: Stallings called the committee members to meet on Saturday morning
- IX. Adjourn: Motion by David Coleman from Eastern Kentucky. Second by Ben Lamontange from Chattanooga State. Unanimous approval.