



Annual Business Meeting
Friday, March 28, 2025
5:00 PM
Chattanooga Convention Center

Minutes

- I. Call to Order by Lynn Stallings at 5:01 PM.
- II. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Lynn Stallings appointed Wilson Hawkins the parliamentarian.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion by David Coleman. Second by Mike Sloan. Unanimous approval.
- IV. Approval of Minutes Motion by Maria Vandergriff-Avery. Second by Amy D'Unger. Unanimous approval.
- V. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report: Amy D'Unger reported the SRHC is in a solid financial position. We have a checking account, a money market account and a CD (profits from the latter being used to fund initiatives for HBCUs). We currently have 95 member institutions and take in \$9-\$10K from institutional dues. Total assets are around \$120K. We might lose a few thousand dollars on this year's conference. We had 550 people register for this year's conference, and only 5-7 percent have not attended. SRHC funds scholarships for Partners-in-the-Parks this year, though some recipients have been waitlisted for the program. In consequence, we are awarding about \$3500 in PIP scholarships this year.
 - b. Conference Chair Report: Lynn Stallings recognized the contributions of Linda Frost, Angie Wood, and Victoria Bryan. Victoria Bryan then reported that the conference has been moving forward very successfully.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Constitutional Changes: Brian Newsome referred attendees to the election ballot.
 - b. Elections: Brian Newsome asked a representative from each institution to complete voting by 5:30 PM.
- VII. Announcements
 - a. Sanctuary: Ashley Jones (UAB) discussed SRHC's literary journal *Sanctuary*. Member institutions should pick up a copy at the conference. Student editorial positions are available. And of course, students are encouraged to submit their work for consideration.
 - b. 2026 Conference. Lynn Stallings announced that AUM will host the conference in Montgomery. The theme is "inspired by history." Tomorrow, Lynn Stallings and David Coleman will lead a session on strategies for leading groups in the area.
 - c. NCHC 2025 – San Diego: Mike Sloane promoted the upcoming conference in San Diego. A second call for poster presentations will open in April. The 2026 conference will be in New Orleans from Nov. 11-15 at the Hilton New Orleans

Riverside. Mike also discussed the NCHC monograph series, upcoming Zoom-based meetings, and the NCHC summer institute. He encouraged people to consider running for NCHC board positions. Finally, he highlighted the NCHC Partners in Peace program.

- d. Lynn Stallings invited folks to consider contributing to NCHC's monograph *(Re)reading the World: A Festschrift Celebrating 50 Years of Place as Text and the Legacy of Bernice Braid*.
 - e. Lynn Stallings recognized members of the SRHC Executive Committee.
 - f. Aaron Hanlin recognized past president Maria Vandergriff Avery.
- VIII. Gavel Passes to Karen Keaton-Jackson: Lynn Stallings recognized Karen Keaton-Jackson as the new President of SRHC. In the year to come, she hopes to continue promoting inclusivity and to foster more ongoing programming (such as international trips).
- IX. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: Tomorrow at noon.
- X. Roll Call: Karen Keaton-Jackson led the roll-call and declared the North Carolina winner.
- XI. Election Results: Brian Newsome announced the election results. Constitutional and by-laws amendments passed. The proposals to increase individual faculty/staff and student membership dues passed. The SRHC Vice President is Kaya Hamer-Small. Amy D'Unger is the SRHC Treasurer. Marcella Montesinos is the SRHC Faculty/Staff At-Large Representative. The SRHC Student VP is Chloe Melton. The three SRHC Student At-Large Representatives are Christian Smith, Amal Ahmed, and Addison Caravona.
- XII. Erin Yenawine discussed transportation options to get to tonight's reception.
- XIII. Adjournment at 5:37 PM. Motion by Amy D'Unger. Second by Siobhan Smith-Jones. Unanimous approval.