

Minutes of the General Business Meeting Southern Regional Honors Council

Kansas City, MO
NCHC Annual Conference
November 1, 2024

- I. Call to Order: Lynn Stallings called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- II. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Lynn Stallings appointed Wilson Hawkins parliamentarian.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by David Coleman. Second by Christina McIntyre. Unanimous approval.
- IV. Approval of April 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve by Maria Vandergriff-Avery. Second by David Coleman. Unanimous approval.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Deirdre Ragan reviewed the budget. In sum, SRHC is in a good financial position, with a current account balance of approximately \$87,000. We have 72 paid memberships at this time. Motion to accept by Ashley Jones. Second by David Coleman. Unanimous approval.
- VI. Report on Scholarships for Partners in the Parks: Deirdre Ragan reviewed SRHC scholarships to support student participation in Partners in the Parks programs. This past year, SRHC paid NCHC directly rather than reimbursing students. She anticipates being able to do the same thing this year.
- VII. Updates from Student Officers: Chloe Melton, Christian Smith, and Savanna Logan identified themselves and offered updates as appropriate.
- VIII. Conference Updates
 - A. 2025 Conference Chair Report: Linda Frost and Angie Woods provided highlights about the 2025 conference in Chattanooga, TN. The dates are March 26-29. It will feature a student networking event called "narrative four" (a story exchange), a film at an IMAX theatre, a keynote address by Robert Fisher, and a reception at the Tennessee Aquarium. Registration is \$250/275 for students and \$260/280 for faculty (early bird/regular rates). The proposal portal is open through Jan. 31. The hotel block is also open.
 - B. 2026 Conference Chair Report: Lynn Stallings provided highlights about the 2026 conference in Montgomery, AL. The dates are March 25-28. The conference center is within walking distance of a number of civil rights sites/memorials. The conference theme will honor civil rights history.
- IX. Other Business
 - A. Need for Interim Treasurer: Lynn Stallings announced that Deirdre Ragan will be moving to Penn State and stepping down as treasurer. Stallings also announced that Amy D'Unger has agreed to serve as Interim Treasurer. We will elect a new Treasurer at the 2025 conference.
 - B. Executive Director Proposal: Lynn Stallings discussed the Executive Director Proposal on which we will vote at the 2025 conference. In the meantime, the Operating Board has appointed Aaron Hanlin as Interim Executive Director. Proposed revisions to the

constitution and the by-laws will be circulated in December 2024.

- C. What else? Lynn Stallings asked if anyone had additional announcements. None were offered.

X. Announcements

A. *Sanctuary*: Ashley Jones provided updates and announced that submissions are welcome through Jan. 31. The 2023 edition has won 1st place in the NCHC publication awards.

Discussions are underway about having a region-wide editorial board. The 2024 edition is in the final stages of editing.

B. *UReCA*: Jayda Coons, who is now the faculty advisor for *UReCA*, shared updates about the journal.

C. NCHC Publications: Jeff Portnoy discussed the publication in honor of Ada Long, as well as the new monograph about honors online. He also provided highlights of upcoming issues of *JNCHC* and several new monographs that are in production.

D. Place as Text: Salvatore Musumeci discussed the five NCHC programs that are coming up this year.

E. International opportunities: John Glass provided updates about the Partners in Peace Initiative.

F. Partners in the Parks: Christina McIntyre provided updates about upcoming PIP programs.

G. NCHC Awards: Steve Engel invited people to attend the awards ceremony, where two SRHC faculty will be honored.

H. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: Lynn Stallings indicated that the EC met yesterday.

I. Roll Call: Lynn Stallings conducted the traditional roll call. Tennessee won.

XI. Adjournment: Motion by Christina McIntyre. Second by Jeffrey Vahlbusch. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.