



**General Business Meeting  
Southern Regional Honors Council  
Chicago, IL | NCHC Annual Conference  
November 9, 2023**

**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order: Maria Vandergriff-Avery started the meeting at 5:04 p.m.
- II. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Maria Vandergriff-Avery appointed Wilson Hawkins as Parliamentarian.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Maria Vandergriff-Avery asked for a motion to approve the agenda. David Coleman motioned; Aaron Hanlin seconded. The attendees approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Maria Vandergriff-Avery asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the SRHC General Business meeting of 31 March 2023. David Coleman motioned; Donna Clevenger seconded. The attendees approved unanimously.
- V. Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report: Deirdre Ragan asked attendees to pay their membership dues if they have not yet done so. SRHC is financially healthy with \$48,000 in checking and \$50,000 in a CD. The funds in the CD will need to be reinvested when the CD matures in January. Ragan reviewed recent expenses and asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jon Blandford motioned; Lynn Stallings seconded. The attendees approved unanimously.
  - b. Scholarship Report: Deirdre Ragan reports that SRHC will again offer scholarships to support student participation in Partners in the Parks programs. The dollar amount for each scholarship and the number of scholarships will be determined by the Executive Committee. Christina McIntyre reported that NCHC will host PIP programs at Glacier, Mammoth Cave, the Appalachian Trail this year. She asked that we encourage students to sign up early. NCHC will also host a PIP Directors Retreat at Crater Lake.
- VI. Conference Updates
  - a. 2024 Conference Chair Report: Aaron Hanlin reminded the audience that SRHC's annual meeting will be held in Jacksonville, FL. Because some organizations are boycotting travel to Florida (in response to the governor's policies on higher education), SRHC has issued an official statement that the views of the state of

Florida do not necessarily reflect the views of SRHC. SRHC is an open and inclusive community, and Jacksonville offers a welcoming environment for all. The conference will be held at the Hyatt. SRHC has a good room rate: \$169/night. Hanlin encouraged attendees to arrive on Wednesday for a downtown art walk. Thursday will start with City as Text and continue with the conference opening and plenary, a student speed networking event, and the President's Reception at Museum of Contemporary Art. Student creative works will be showcased during the reception. The reception will also feature a band performance. Conference registration includes AV for sessions, so no separate fee is required.

- b. 2025 Conference Report: Linda Frost and Victoria Bryan from UTC reminded the audience that the 2025 SRHC conference will be held March 26-29 at the Marriott hotel/convention center in Chattanooga, TN. We also have \$169 room rate for that conference. The President's Reception will be held at the Tennessee Aquarium. The conference will include City as Text as well as story exchanges to facilitate connections among students.

- b1. NCHC Board of Directors Intervention: As Frost and Bryan were presenting their report, NCHC representatives arrived and thanked SRHC members for all that they do for Honors students at the regional level.

- VII. Student Representative Updates: Dora Rice from NC A&T indicated that she and Aaron Hanlin are seeking to organize a riverboat tour in Jacksonville. She is also working on SRHC social media.

- VIII. Other Business

- a. Executive Committee Initiatives
  - i. SRHC Investments. Deirdre Ragan indicated that she had already discussed this item—the need to reinvest the \$50,000 currently invested in a CD, when that CD matures.
  - ii. MS Office Subscription: Aaron Hanlin is seeking to establish a digital repository for our archives. The Google drive currently in use is clunky. He recommended that SRHC take out a subscription for an MS Office business account.

- IX. Announcements

- a. SRHC Logo Contest: Aaron Hanlin indicated that SRHC logo is not of sufficient quality for printing purposes. So SRHC are seeking a new logo via a student logo contest. Submissions will be accepted through January.
- b. Sanctuary: Ashely Jones now heads Sanctuary. She indicated that the 2023-24 student editorial board has been established. The latest edition of the journal

should be released in January. **Sanctuary is accepting submissions for the next issue. The deadline is Jan. 31.**

- b2. Request for Motion: Deirdre Ragan intervened to request a motion to authorize the Executive Committee to make a decision on (2) reinvestment of the \$50,000 CD and (2) a subscription for an MS Office business account. Jeff Chamberlin motioned; David Coleman seconded. Attendees approved unanimously.
- c. **UReCA**: Linda Frost: NCHC covers the cost of a workshop for Honors student editors of the journal UReCA. Submissions can come from any undergraduate, not just Honors. Frost encouraged attendees to share the opportunity with students at their institutions.
- d. NCHC Publications: Jeff Portnoy reminded the audience that NCHC publishes *JNCHC* twice a year and *HIP* once a year. Both journals are double-blind peer reviewed. NCHC publishes a monograph series as well. Portnoy encourage attendees to take advantage of submission opportunities, to read the journals, and to **check with the membership table if they are not receiving their publications.**
- e. Partners in the Parks: Christina McIntyre reminded the audience of the PIP opportunities discussed earlier in the meeting. She invited people to attend the PIP Committee meeting this evening at 8:00. And she reported that today's visit to Pullman National Historic Park was outstanding.
- f. Place as Text: Kera Coyer reminded attendees that NCHC is hosting two faculty institutes—one virtual and the other in Albuquerque/Santa Fe.
- f1. NCHC Elections: Maria Vandergriff-Avery intervened to remind the audience that a number people from the Southern region are running for NCHC board positions. She asked them to introduce themselves, and they did: Daniel Roberts; Joshua Stockley; Mike Sloan; Aaron Hanlin; Donna Clevenger; and Kat Walker (student).
- g. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: Vandergriff-Avery indicated that the EC would meet at noon in the Edgewater room on Friday, Nov. 10.
- X. Roll Call: Maria Vandergriff-Avery conducted the shout-out competition. North Carolina again emerged as the victor.
- XI. Adjournment: Maria Vandergriff-Avery asked for a motion to adjourn. Aaron Hanlin motioned; Linda Frost seconded. Attendees approved the motion unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.