

SCCPA Minutes

04/20/01 Board Meeting

Folly Beach, Charleston at the Beach Hotel

Present: Haven Hart, Brenda Ishmael, Andrea Wyrosdick, Melanie Branham, Lauri Yeargin, Stan Parker, Megan Hundley, Odessa Blocker, Boyd Yarborough, Donna Hight, Art Hartzog, Pam Havice, Bob Hanley, Kevin Snyder, Viki Fecas, Jason Cassidy

Called to order at 4:10 PM.

New Business

Financial Proposal from Clemson and USC SPAs: Haven distributed a proposal for allocations to these two organizations. There were questions, comments and suggestions. Many questions focused on the percentages and how these figures were determined. There was a suggestion to reduce the cost of GA memberships. A suggestion was made to outline specific steps on how requests can be made. Discussion took place regarding whether money should be used to offset membership costs, travel or promotion of careers in student affairs. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting when Suzanne Price would be present.

Spring Conference: Lauri Yeargin and Brenda Ishmael distributed a report outlining goals, accomplishments, and suggestions for the spring conference. They asked for facilitators for sessions and stated that a meeting would be held Saturday morning at 7:50 AM in the Boardwalk room. Brenda commented on the diversity of programs. Also, the final budget would be completed after the conference.

Haven circulated a sheet to write names of supervisors. This helps her to thank institutions for their support of professionals being involved on the SCCPA board.

ACPA Conference and Mock Interviews: Haven thanked Melanie Branham for help with the carnival. Melanie reported that the carnival table attracted many people seeking information on SCCPA. Haven reflected on SCCPA's strong reputation across the nation. Also, Haven felt the state meetings were beneficial for her as she learns more about her role and the organization. She commented that graduate students were not as prepared with interviewing and challenged us as an organization to seek ways to help graduate students with interviewing skills. Viki Fecas stated that USC provides mock interviewing opportunities. Odessa Blocker stated that Clemson utilizes Career Services; however, they have a plan to ask SCCPA to help with mock interviews. Boyd Yarborough commented that NASPA had few candidates interviewing.

Women's Committee Liaison: Haven asked for interest in the liaison for the Women's Committee of ACPA. Lauri asked for the responsibilities of this person. Donna Hight responded that you would receive information and convey this to the state and vice versa.

Viki mentioned a decrease in male leadership and Pam Havice agreed that student demographics describe this decrease. Haven announced that Tony Cawthon is the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Liaison to ACPA.

Appointed member discussion: Haven thanked those who returned board evaluations. She distributed a synopsis and highlighted certain issues. Viki mentioned that leadership positions are becoming less realistic for some due to budget cuts. A suggestion was made to reduce the number of meetings and use a teleconferencing idea to substitute for frequent meetings. A suggestion was made to elect the HBCU representative rather than appoint the person. A member responded that HBCUs don't know what the organization can do for them and maybe a drive-in in Orangeburg would be a good move for the organization and HBCUs. A suggestion was made to put HBCU and Human Diversity together. Another suggestion was made to move Advocacy to the At-Large Representative. A member stated that the Private and Public School representatives really had no substantial responsibilities and questioned the need. Another member responded about the importance of having representatives. A suggestion was also made to increase length of terms so people could learn responsibilities and increase efficiency. Another idea was to introduce a shadow program yet this idea has some practicality issues. Donna mentioned that she created many of these positions to increase participation in SCCPA and bring new professionals into the organization. From the discussion, it was decided to move Advocacy to the At-Large representative, consider the HBCU position, and study Human Diversity and the 2-year term idea as well as develop job descriptions.

Advocacy: Haven asked for input regarding an SCCPA response to budget cuts. Pam Havice agreed to work on a form letter to be sent to the membership for individuals to send to respective House and Senate members. A suggestion was made to send a letter to the Governor.

Drive-in workshop: Donna reported for Julie Walters-Steele. She is finalizing the 1-day workshop that will focus on cultivating relationships and drafting grants.

Committee Reports

Nominations: Donna announced the newly elected officers and commented regarding diversity of institutions represented. A member asked how the election structure worked and Donna responded that it worked well; however, the process should be reviewed. She announced that 1/3 of membership voted.

Awards: Stan Parker reported 19 nominations for 8 awards were submitted. No one submitted writing awards.

Public School Representative: no report

Private School Representative: no report

2-Year Representative: no report

USC SPA: Kevin Snyder reported that SPA had completed elections and there is a new energy surrounding the organization. 14 prospective students participated in GARP.

Clemson SPA: Odessa reported that SPA was funded again as a student organization. They elected new officers and are hosting GSFJ this upcoming year. Careers in Student Affairs Week went well at Clemson. They invited students from around the upstate to Clemson. Congratulations to Odessa on her new job at SCAD!

Membership: no report

Human Diversity: no report

Publications: no report (Melanie and Lilly will be coordinating these next year)

Advocacy: no report

Historian: Art Hartzog reported that Amy Wyatt will begin helping him create a scrapbook over the summer.

USC Faculty: Viki reported that the College of Education has a new Dean with a K-12 focus. There are 3 Full-time faculty and 1 is on sabbatical. There are 12 adjuncts teaching this year.

Clemson Faculty: Pam reported that the numbers for the program are stable.

Development: Jason Cassidy and Bob Hanley reported on the donations for the conference. They submitted a request for next year's conference because some sponsors require a year prior to the need. Lauri complimented them on a good job. A suggestion was made to survey membership to see what vendors are used by institutions.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: Haven distributed report.

Technology: no report

Journal and Research: Viki distributed a hand-out and reviewed submission deadlines as well as various issues and the committee structure.

President-elect: no report

Haven announced the transitional meeting would be in early June. She encouraged people who were interested in continuing on the board to contact Haven or Boyd.

The board passed a resolution making Donna Hight an Honorary Life member of SCCPA. The resolution was distributed and passed as written.

Attached to the agenda was the Annual Report.

Adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wyrosdick