

CSGS

Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes of Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:30 am

**Loews Hotel
Annapolis, MD**

**Conference Title: Pearls and Perils: Pathways to Graduate Education and
Beyond**

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Executive Committee Meeting

Mainsail Room

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Members Present

Ernest Brothers, President, University of Tennessee
David Berkowitz, President-Elect, University of Alabama in Huntsville
Amy McCandless, Past-President, College of Charleston
George Flowers, Treasurer, Auburn University
George Crandell, Secretary, Auburn University
Michael Cunningham (2019), Tulane University
Peter Harries, (2018), North Carolina State University
Kim LaScola Needy (2019), University of Arkansas
Meredith Welch-Devine (2018), University of Georgia
William Person (ex officio), Alabama State University
Jack DeRochi (2020), Winthrop University
Andrea Golato (2020), Texas State University
Brian Kloeppe (2020), Western Carolina University
Jean Van Delinder (2020), Oklahoma State University

President Brothers called the meeting to order at 8:35 and welcomed the Executive Committee members. Brothers remarked that CSGS is a catalyst for graduate education that provides value added in the form of opportunities to network and to become empowered. He is excited about our next meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas. A possible theme for the next annual meeting is "Discovery and Innovation: Embracing the Future of Graduate Education." The Executive Committee explored dates for a possible planning meeting in June. Brothers will initiate a Doodle poll to select a time. June 11-13 may be a possibility, if the Chancellor Hotel has availability at that time. Some next steps include working on a timeline for the next conference, working backwards from the date of the event, February 22-25, 2018. Brothers suggested sending out a call for proposals, so that we'll have abstracts of conference presentations at an earlier date. Other topics discussed included: encouraging attendance at the meeting of the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools (CHBGS); the need to curtail travel costs; and reimagining the purpose of the CSGS web site. The meeting adjourned at 8:53.

Submitted by George Crandell, Secretary