

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools
Minutes of the Business Meeting
February 26, 2006
Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
Little Rock, AR

The meeting was called to order by Gordon Emslie, President, at 1:15 p.m. Dr. Emslie welcomed the attendees.

Award Presentations:

1. Doug Boudinot announced the CSGS/UMI Distinguished Master's Thesis Award winners. Jennifer McMahon (University of Georgia) received the award in the Social Sciences, Business, and Education category. William Cooper (University of Arkansas) received the award in the Life Sciences category. Kristen Rosefeld (North Carolina State University) received the award in the Electronic Dissertations and Thesis category. Cathleen May of UMI presented checks to the award winners.
2. Rebecca Saunders presided over the awarding of the Achievement Awards. The Achievement Award for New Scholars (Social Sciences, Business, and Education category) was presented to Michele Gregoire Gill (University of Central Florida).

Business Meeting:

1. Secretary/Treasurer Report: The Minutes of the February 27, 2005 Business Meeting were approved as presented. Carol Diminnie reviewed the Revenue and Expense Statement for FY2005. The ending fund balance, as of 12/31/2005, was \$113,073.79, of which \$56,071.69 was invested in government mutual funds. All institutions were encouraged to submit nominations for all the award categories (thesis, new scholar, and graduate contributions) by October 1 of 2006 for the February 2007 meeting.

2. Committee Reports:

- a. Auditing Committee: Mitchell Muehsam, Chair, reported that the Auditing Committee found the financial records to be balanced, complete, and in order.
- b. Membership Ad Hoc Committee: Carol Diminnie, representing Patricia Bishop (chair), reported that the committee continues to identify potential new members and to contact those institutions whose membership has lapsed. She reported that there were 7 new members to the Conference.
- c. Nominating committee: Maurine Grasso, Chair, submitted the following slate of officers and Executive Committee members:

Deborah Arfken, President, 2006-2007

Karen DePauw, Vice President, 2006-2007

Max Poole, Secretary/Treasurer, 2006-2007

Executive Committee: 3 year terms: Craig Edelbrock, Mitchell Muehsam, Rebecca Saunders, and Jeannine Blackwell

As no other nominations were forthcoming from the floor, the slate was approved by acclamation.

3. Gordon Emslie, President, gave special recognition to outgoing Executive Committee members and others who were instrumental in making the 2006 annual meeting a success. An appreciation gift from the membership was presented to Carol Diminnie for her service as Secretary/Treasurer from 2001-2006. Deborah Arfken presented Gordon Emslie with an appreciation plaque for his service as President of CSGS.

4. Gordon Emslie handed the gavel over to Deborah Arfken, who took over as the new CSGS President.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.