

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools
Minutes of the Business Meeting
February 25, 2007
The Chattanooga Hotel
Chattanooga, Tennessee

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Arfken, President, at 1:10 pm. Dr. Arfken welcomed the attendees and thanked Vice President, Karen DePauw and the Executive Committee for doing such a fine job in organizing the program for the meeting.

Award Presentations:

1. Doug Boudinot announced the CSGS/UMI Distinguished Master's Thesis Award winners. Destiny Birdsong (University of Louisiana at Lafayette) received the award in the Humanities and Fine Arts category; Mark Losego (NC State University) received the award in the Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering category; and Jennifer Brooke Landry (UNC-Wilmington) received the award in the Electronic Dissertation and Thesis (EDT) category. Cathleen May of UMI/ ProQuest presented checks and award plaques to the winners.
2. Rebecca Saunders presided over the awarding of the Achievement Award for New Scholars (Humanities and Fine Arts category) to Richard Russell (Baylor University). Due to airline difficulties Richard was unable to attend the meeting and his father received the award on his behalf.
3. Rebecca Saunders also presented the CSGS recognition award of Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education in the Southern Region to Frankie Felder of Clemson University.

Business Meeting:

1. Secretary/ Treasurers Report: The Minutes of the February 26, 2006, Little Rock, AR business meeting were approved as presented. Max Poole reviewed the Annual Revenue and Expense Statement for FY 2006. The ending balance as of 12/31/2006 was \$106,285.77. Gordon Emslie recommended that a substantial portion of the funds be invested in a Certificate of Deposit to maximize return on the funds. It was also reported that we had 181 attendees at the current meeting.
2. Committee Reports:
 - a. Auditing Committee: Mitchell Muehsam, Chair, reported that the transition of treasurer from Carol Diminnie to Max Poole went smoothly and the financial records were balanced and in order although he was awaiting a final financial report from Carol. (Note: This was later provided).
 - b. Membership Committee: Patricia Koski, Chair, reported that the committee was actively contacting members regarding their renewals, and that we currently had 169 paid memberships for 2007 and that we will likely average about 200 paid members by the end of the 2007 campaign.
 - c. Nominating Committee: Gordon Emslie, Chair, submitted the following slate of officers and Executive Committee members:
 - i. Karen DePauw, President, 2007 - 08
 - ii. Phil Langlais, Vice President/ President-elect, 2007-08
 - iii. Executive Committee Members (Term expiration): Maurice Taylor (2008), Jean Pugliese (2010), Karen Weddle-West (2010), Philip Cohen (2010), and John Watret (2010)As no other nominations were forthcoming from the floor, the slate was approved by acclamation.

Deborah Arfken made closing comments and passed the gavel to Karen DePauw as the new CSGS President.

Karen DePauw adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.