

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN GRADUATE SCHOOLS

38th Annual Business Meeting
The Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel
February 28, 2009

The President, Philip Langlais, welcomed the members of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) to the annual awards luncheon and business meeting at 1:40 pm.

The President then thanked the Vice President, Patricia Bishop, and the members of the Executive Committee for their work in planning the CSGS annual conference. He also acknowledged members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools who cooperated in planning joint plenary and concurrent sessions at the annual meeting. The President also thanked the Virginia Conference of Graduate Deans for their support of the annual meeting, including the reception at the Chrysler Museum.

Award Presentations:

1. Doug Boudinot announced the CSGS/UMI Distinguished Master's Thesis Award winners. James Savage (University of Louisiana, Lafayette) received the award in the Humanities and Fine Arts category; George Kublick (Florida State University) received the award in the Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering category; and Payal Chakravarty (North Carolina State University) received the award in the Innovative Application of Technology in a Master's Thesis – ETD Format category. David Mendez (SP?) of UMI/ ProQuest presented checks and award plaques to the winners.
2. Mark Garrison presided over the awarding of the Achievement Award for New Scholars (Life Sciences category) to Lynn Siefferman (Appalachian State University).
3. Mark Garrison also presided over the awarding of the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education in the Southern Region to Maureen Grasso (University of Georgia).
4. Phillip Langlais gratefully acknowledged David Mendez and ProQuest UMI Dissertation Publishing for their support of the CSGS 2009 award recipients

Business Meeting:

1. Secretary/ Treasurers Report: The minutes of the February 24, 2008, Austin, TX business meeting were approved as presented. Max Poole reviewed the Annual Revenue and Expense Statement for FY 2008. The ending balance as of 12/31/2008 was \$87,998.77. The report was accepted by acclamation of the membership.

It was reported that we had 168 attendees at the current meeting that including eleven exhibitors to which Max Poole expressed our sincerest gratitude for their support of CSGS.

Next, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, Karen DePauw, presented the slate of officers for 2009 -2010 and conducted an election for the position of Vice President and future President.

2. After the election and upon motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: that the following are elected as CSGS officers:

Patricia Bishop (University of Central Florida) President

Dianne Barron (Troy University) Vice President/ President-elect

Executive Committee Members with terms ending in February 2012: Nancy Marcus (Florida State University); Robert McGehee, (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences); Sherry T. Sandkam (Virginia Commonwealth University); and Troy Terry (Furman University).

3. Phillip Langlais proposed amending the CSGS constitution in two areas: Awards Committee Activities and the duties of the Vice President. Motions were made and seconded, and discussion ensued by the membership to: change the language dealing with awards to not spell out individual awards in the constitution since awards may change; and to specify that the Vice President is responsible for the program content at the annual meetings in addition to other duties. Some questions arose over the need to list that the Vice President works with the Executive Committee since the Vice President is a member of the Executive Committee. A friendly amendment was made to this effect but voted down. The two constitutional changes were approved by the membership.

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Mitchell Muehsam, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the Audit Committee found the CSGS financial records to be in order and that documentation was provided for all audited transactions.
- b. Troy Terry, Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that as of February 2009, there were 172 paid members. Troy Terry stated that the membership committee is continuing its outreach efforts to new institutions and to former members who have yet to pay annual dues.

Following the election of officers, Phillip Langlais made closing remarks and passed the gavel to Patricia Bishop who offered remarks as the new CSGS President. Patricia Bishop then adjourned the 2009 annual meeting.