

CSGS

Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes of March 5, 2015

New Orleans, LA

44th Annual Meeting

Fulton Room

InterContinental New Orleans

Conference Title: *Navigating the River of Change*

Thursday, March 5, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Paul J. Gemperline, President, East Carolina University
John Z. Kiss, President-Elect, University of Mississippi
William Wiener, Secretary, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Andrew Sustich, Treasurer, Arkansas State University
Jennifer Keane-Dawes (2015), University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Mark Garrison (2015), Morgan State University
F. Douglas Boudinot (2016), Virginia Commonwealth University
Ernest L. Brothers (2016), University of Tennessee
Amy McCandless (2016), The College of Charleston
David Berkowitz (2015), University of Alabama in Huntsville
Deborah R. Garrison (2017), Midwestern State University (TX)
Henry Frierson (2016), University of Florida
Jean Van Delinder for Sheryl Tucker (2016) Oklahoma State University
William Person, Ex officio, Alabama State University (AL)
Paula Lichiello, Committee Chair, Lynchburg College (VA)
George Flowers – Guest
Dennis O. Grady (2015), Radford University

1. Welcome
 - a. P. Gemperline
 - i. Paul Gemperline opened the meeting at 4:08 and welcomed all members to New Orleans. Members next introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes from the Washington DC meeting
 - a. W. Wiener
 - i. The minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Nomination
 - i. Report

1. Committee members include: Karen DePauw, Jeffrey Engler, David Francko, Maureen Grasso, Troy Terry, and Edelma Huntly as chair.
2. Committee was chaired by Edelma Huntly who is not joining us today. She sent out a call for nominations in early December and 20 names were received. The committee vetted the names for eligibility and some were no longer in a graduate school position. The nominating committee strived to achieve balance with different types of institutions and geographic locations. The Committee had difficulty getting bios and feedback from those nominated. They prioritized the names and selected one name for each position. The report was not ready 6 weeks in advance. The slate of nominees is complete and in the registration packet. The committee did not accept additional nominations from the membership electronically. We may need another round of revisions to fix this. We will ask to accept slate by acclamation, however this approach is not a competitive selection. It is not an election but a vote of affirmation. We need to have the constitution indicate if there should be a slate or a competitive vote. The Exec Members were asked if they favored one approach or another, and it was determined that in the future we should have an election for each position. We will need to make this clear in the constitution. The call would have to go out in November.

b. Awards (faculty)

i. B. McNamara

1. Committee members include: Robert McNamara, Beth Boehm, Eric Skipper, and Amy McCandless as chair.
2. Outstanding Mentor Award went to Audrey Jaeger, Professor of Higher Education and Alumni Distinguished Graduate Professor in the Department of Leadership, Policy and Adult Her Education at North Carolina State University
3. Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education in the Southern Region went to Henry T. Frierson, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Florida
4. CSGS/ETS Award for Excellence and Innovation in Graduate Education went to the Department of Chemical Engineering, Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, Auburn University.
 - a. The two \$500 awards in this category will no longer be given regionally by ETS due to lack of

nominees and not enough emphasis on innovation. However, they will be keeping the annual CGS award at the annual meeting.

c. Thesis Awards (students)

i. C. Hodges

1. Committee members include: Carolyn Hodges, Sonja Montas-Hunter, Judy Milton, John Diebot, Holly Hurst, Linda Jones, and Tom Reynolds as chair.
2. Twenty-nine nominations were received which is down from 43 last year. They used a subcommittee approach this year.
3. The Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering award went to Mohammad Saied Dehghani Sanij, "Optimal Resource Allocation Strategies to Protect Network-structured Systems", Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
4. The Humanities and Fine Arts Master's Thesis Award went to Brandee Easter "Data Visualization of Indian Mutiny Causes in Victorian Higher Journalism" University of Alabama Tuscaloosa.
5. Digital Scholarship Award went to Eric Ross Anderson, "Analysis of rainfall-triggered landslide hazards through the dynamic integration of remotely sensed, modeled and in situ environmental factors in El Salvador", The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

d. Membership

i. P. Lichiello

1. Committee members include: Koren Bedeau, Mimi Fenton, Karin Bartoszuk, Dean Campbell, Erik Gilbert, Clifton Griffin, and Paula Lichiello as chair.
2. The committee had 8 members this year. They will meet tomorrow at lunch to come up with new ideas.

4. President's Report

a. P. Gemperline

- i. We have over 206 attendees registered thus far. The site for 2016 will be Charlotte Feb 18-21. We discussed how to solicit bids for 2017. Gemperline will ask for interest on the part of universities to host the meeting. Meeting preparations are well in hand.
- ii. The presidents met as a group at CGS and asked how we could get better support from CGS. Jessica Horowitz will be here as president of MAGS. Membership and email distribution lists

are a problem for all of the regional organizations. We may want to look for a company to help maintain this. Regional organizations have extended invitations to the other presidents to attend their meetings.

5. Treasurer's Report

a. A. Sustich

- i. Sustich reported that total revenue from January 1 through December 31, 2014 was \$89,082.23. Expenses from that same period amounted to \$80,192.45. Thus far the annual meeting expenses have reached \$4,670.33. The executive Committee meetings have cost \$18,782.01. General expenses such as banking and printing have amounted to \$3,628.14. The total expenses have thus come to \$107,272.93. This is short by \$18,190.70. However our ending cash balance is \$96,313.68.
- ii. Last year at this time we had a cash balance of \$114,504.38. Our revenue last year was approximately \$10,000 higher than this year
- iii. This is the first time we are having a loss. Revenue is down because registration is coming in prior to January 1st. There was an increase in expenses by \$10,000 due to the cost of food in San Antonio and it will be high as well in New Orleans. The average meal is \$32 to \$45 plus taxes and services charges. The raise in registration from \$275 to \$350 raise should help us break even, but audiovisual is \$14,000 which is up from \$9,000 in San Antonio. Three rooms for the 3MT each have audio visual costs. We have raised dues from 100 to 150 to improve communication but not to backfill the loss.

6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 4:56