

## CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN GRADUATE SCHOOLS

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting  
Westin Huntsville Hotel  
February 26, 2011

The President of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS), Dianne Barron, extended greetings to the membership, award recipients and their guests. She then commenced the presentation of the CSGS 2011 awards.

### **Award Presentations**

Doug Boudinot announced the CSGS/Proquest UMI Distinguished Master's Thesis Award winners. Natalie Herring (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) received the award in Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering, Jessica L. Gillespie (North Carolina State University) received the award in Humanities and Fine Arts, and Fengqing (Zoe) Zhang (Middle Tennessee State University) received the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (EDT) Award for innovative application of technology in a master's thesis.

Mark Garrison announced the co-recipients for Outstanding Mentor for Graduate Education in the Southern Region including Dr. Owen Lind, professor of Biology at Baylor University, and Dr. William Dennis, professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Georgia.

Mark Garrison also presented the CSGS/ETS Award for Excellence and Innovation in Graduate Admissions to the University of Georgia.

Following the award presentations, Dianne Barron gratefully acknowledged the Education Testing Service and ProQuest UMI Dissertation Publishing for their support of the CSGS 2011 award recipients.

### **Business Meeting**

The President called the annual business meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The membership reviewed the minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting held at the Hilton DeSoto Hotel on February 27, 2010. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dianne Barron thanked the Vice President, Nancy Marcus, and the members of the Executive Committee for their work in planning the CSGS annual conference, Pathways to the Future. She also acknowledged the President of the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools, Dorris Robinson-Gardner, and members of the CHBGS Executive Committee for their cooperation in planning joint plenary and concurrent sessions for CSGS' annual conference. The President also thanked the Alabama graduate deans and their respective graduate programs for their support of the annual meeting,

including the Friday, February 25, 2011, reception at the Davidson Center in the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Andrew Sustich presented the Treasurer's report. He reviewed the Annual Revenue and Expense Statement for the period January 1, 2010 through December 30, 2010. The ending balance as of December 30, 2010 was \$95,995.82. The membership observed that the ending balance represented a modest increase over the ending balance for 2009. Mr. Sustich reported 151 registered attendees for the 2011 conference as compared to the 177 attendees at the 2010 conference. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Treasurer was accepted by the CSGS membership.

Next, the membership received the reports of the CSGS standing committees. Paula Williamson, 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. She commended Mr. Sustich on the documentation and accounting reflected in bookkeeping reviewed by the Audit Committee.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Pat Koski reported that to date there are 151 paid members as compared to the 168 members who paid last year. The membership noted the loss of dues as a result of decline in paid memberships. Ms. Koski encouraged the membership to assist the Committee in outreach efforts to new institutions and to former members who have yet to pay annual dues.

Next, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, Patricia Bishop, stated that according to Article VI, section 2 of the CSGS Constitution, the responsibility of the Nominating Committee is to present a slate of officers to stand for election at the annual business meeting. In preparing the slate of officers, the criteria considered by the Nominating Committee included whether the institution is in good standing with its dues to CSGS, whether the institutional representative is a graduate dean or holds a comparable title, and whether there is evidence of commitment to graduate education. She noted that at the close of the business meeting President Elect, Nancy Marcus, will assume the responsibilities as President of CSGS and that Andrew Sustich is completing the first year of his three year term as Treasurer.

Ms. Bishop then presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and at-large Executive Committee members. The Chair then called for nominations from the floor. Following the close of floor nominations a vote on the nominees was called.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** that the following are elected as CSGS officers effective 2011 - 2012:

Jeannine Blackwell (University of Kentucky) Vice President and President-Elect

Duane K. Larick (North Carolina State University) Secretary

Executive Committee Members with terms ending in 2014:

Patrick Pellicane (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

Richard S. Pollenz (University of South Florida)

Paula S. Williamson (Texas State University at San Marcos)

Next, Dianne Barron acknowledged the dedication and the work on behalf of CSGS of the outgoing Secretary, Maurice Taylor. Ms. Barron then passed the gavel to Nancy Marcus who offered remarks as the new CSGS President. There being no further business, Ms. Marcus then adjourned the 2011 annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maurice C. Taylor  
Secretary