



CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN GRADUATE SCHOOLS

41st Annual Business Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Jacksonville, Florida
February 23, 2012

The President of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS), Nancy Marcus, called the annual business meeting to order and extended greetings to the membership. She then thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their work in planning the CSGS annual conference, *The New Diversity*. 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 Florida graduate deans and their respective graduate programs for their support of the annual meeting, including the Friday, February 24, 2012, reception at the Museum of Contemporary art (MOCA)/Jacksonville.

The President also noted that the CSGS website has been streamlined and is up to date. She thanked Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for their support.

It was announced that Greenville, SC will be the site for the 2013 Annual Meeting which will be held February 21, 2013 – February 24, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Cards were distributed to the membership for program topic suggestions.

The membership reviewed the minutes of the 40th Annual Business Meeting held at the Westin Huntsville Hotel on February 26, 2011. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Andrew Sustich presented the Treasurer's report and disseminated a Revenue and Expense Statement for the period beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The statement also included the previous statement (January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010) for comparison purposes. The Treasurer noted there was a beginning cash balance of \$95,995.82 as of January 1, 2011 and an ending balance of \$106,579.99 resulting in a Net Profit for CSGS of \$10,584.17 for this fiscal year. At the time of this report, membership dues were up slightly (149 paid memberships) and, in addition, the meals for the Huntsville meeting were less expensive than budgeted. Also of note is the fact that we had 9 exhibitors (most ever) for the Huntsville meeting and their support is helping us to meet our financial needs. 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.

The Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, Dianne Barron, 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, Jeannine Blackwell, will assume the responsibilities as President of CSGS and that Andrew Sustich is completing the second year of his three year term as Treasurer and Duane Larick is completing his first year of his a three year term as Secretary.

Past President Barron then presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for Vice President/President Elect 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 2012 - 2013:

Edelma Huntley (Appalachian State University) Vice President and President-Elect

Executive Committee Members:

Dorothy Flannagan (University of Texas at San Antonio)

Mark Garrison (Morgan State University)

Dennis Grady (Radford University)

Jennifer Keane-Dawes (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

Maureen Grasso (University of Georgia – 1 year term to fill vacant position)

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, Troy Terry reported that we have 150 paid members. In early January (2012) the Committee began contacting those institutions who have not yet paid their 2012 dues. They also e-mailed invitations to "prospective" members. Four new members were approved for 2012 including: Brenau University (GA), Lee University, (TN), Salisbury University (MD) and West Liberty University (WV).

Faculty Awards – Mark Garrison thanked the faculty awards committee members for their hard work in selection of the award recipients for 2012. He also indicated that the Faculty Awards website was up to date and that it was “time to identify a new chairperson for the faculty awards committee.”

Student Awards - Mark Boudinot thanked the faculty awards committee members for their hard work in selection of the award recipients for 2012 and also indicated that the Student Awards website was up to date and that it was “time to identify a new chairperson for the student awards committee.”

New Business – It was announced that an Executive Committee meeting would be held at 7:30 AM Sunday, February 26th and that both the incoming and outgoing Executive Committee members should attend.

Next, Nancy Marcus passed the gavel to Jeannine Blackwell, incoming President of CSGS who then presented a plaque to outgoing President Marcus in appreciation of her outstanding service to CSGS as President.

There being no further business, President Blackwell adjourned the 2012 annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Duane K. Larick, Secretary