

**MINUTES**  
**GREAT PLAINS HONORS COUNCIL**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Pittsburgh, PA. (As part of the NCHC Conference)**  
**November 3, 1995**

The meeting was called to order on Friday, November 3 at 4:35 p.m. by President C. Earl Ramsey (University of Arkansas at Little Rock).

Ellen Meyers (Wichita State University), Chair of the Travel Grant committee, announced the awards of 8 travel grants to students presenting papers at the NCHC conference. The recipients and their institutions are a \$200 grant to Amber Foale and Emily Graham (Oklahoma City University); a \$200 grant to Alaina Harrington (Oklahoma State University); a \$200 grant to Jennifer Becker, Sally Abbott, Carrie McFarland and Colby Anderson (Southwest Texas State University); a \$200 grant to Elaine Ann Willey (Texas Christian University); a \$200 grant to David Rollins (Wichita State University); a \$200 grant to Chris Robertson (Southeast Missouri State University); a \$200 grant to Jim Carter (Texas Tech University); and a \$100 grant to nursing students at the Health Science Center at San Antonio (University of Texas). Ellen also reported that the committee had awarded \$300 each to three students participating in the Czech Honors Semester.

Ellen will be leaving both the Travel Grant committee and Wichita State University. She thanked the members of her committee, Ron Brown (Southwest Texas State University), Linda Thornton (Oklahoma City Community College), and Dyremple Marsh (Lincoln University). Ron Brown expressed his willingness to continue his work on the committee. Earl asked for volunteers to serve on the committee, and Susan Howard (University of Texas at Austin) volunteered to join.

Virginia McCombs (Oklahoma City University), Executive Secretary/Treasurer, discussed the minutes from the 1994 regional meeting at the GPHC conference in Stillwater, Okla. There being no corrections a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote. Virginia then reviewed the treasurer's report. No corrections being made to the treasurer's report, a motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and carried by voice vote.

Dennis Boe (East Central Oklahoma State University), newsletter editor, announced that he would send to each director a return envelope that could be used to submit articles to the newsletter. He encouraged representatives from all institutions to contribute information, particularly about new or special programs.

Earl announced a proposal to recruit additional members into the GPHC. The proposal would offer a one year, reduced membership fee of \$25. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal. The motion passed by a margin of 15 votes in favor and 13 votes opposed.

Earl called on Susan Howard, site selection chair, to discuss plans for the 1997 GPHC conference. Susan deferred to Ron Brown who invited the GPHC to accept a proposal to

host the 1997 meeting at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Earl recognized Gary Wyatt (Emporia State University) to discuss plans for the 1996 GPHC conference. Gary described highlights of the conference including a play, a tour of the tall grass prairie, and the keynote address. The conference will begin at 3pm on Friday, April 19, and continue until Sunday, April 21. Registration fees will be \$45 per person from GPHC member institutions that have paid their membership dues.

Earl introduced Bob Spurrier's suggestion that the GPHC president might serve a two year term. Discussion followed. There not being strong support for the proposal, the idea was tabled.

Virginia announced the election results. Chris Willerton (Abilene Christian University) was elected president-elect, and Joelle Potter (East Central Oklahoma State University) was elected student representative.

Earl turned over the meeting to the new GPHC president, K. Ann Dempsey (St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley). Ann announced that her e-mail address would be published in the next newsletter so that GPHC members could easily communicate with her. She stated that her goals over the next year were to encourage more student involvement in GPHC and enlarge the membership.

Ron Brown introduced the following resolution:

Resolved: In recognition of her more than seventeen years of service to the Great Plains Honors Council, her role as one of the group which revitalized this regional association at the NCHC meeting at Kent State, and her service in the offices and committees of the council in the intervening years, that *Helen "Lynne" Loschky* of Lincoln University be elected to honorary life membership in this organization.

The resolution received unanimous approval.

Motion to adjourn passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia McCombs  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer