

Great Plains Honors Conference Committee meeting October 24, 2008

Attendance: Heather Galloway (Texas State U); Eileen Turan (U of Arkansas-Little Rock); Edward Harpham (UT-Dallas); Bob Spurrier (Oklahoma State U); Jari Barnett (Oklahoma State U); Davit Putz (Lone Star College-Kingwood); Ed Funkhouser (Texas A&M U); Marcia Smith (U of Arkansas-Little Rock); Mark Farris (Midwestern State U); Summer Young (Missouri U of Science and Tech); Carol Smith (Missouri U of Science and Tech); Kathey Walker (West Texas A&M U); Kristen Komara (Schreiner U); Daniel J. Martin (Rockhurst U); Ruth Randall (Johnson County CC); Trisha Yarbrough (East Central U); Ruth Brelsford (East Central U); Jessica Roark (Oklahoma State U); Clare Ritzi (Sul Ross State U); Gene Young (Sam Houston State U); Alanna Tynes (Lone Star College-Tomball); Sandra Baker (Brazosport College); Ann Koopmann (U of Nebraska-Lincoln); Nick Flynn (Angelo State U); Beata Jones (Texas Christian U); Chris Willerton (Abilene Christian U); Karen Lyons (U of Nebraska-Lincoln); Tracyann Baker (U of Texas-Arlington); Catch Pritchett (U of Texas-Arlington); Caron Daugherty (Ozarks Tech CC); Alfred "Guy" Litton (Texas Women's U); David Smith (Neosho County CC); Gary Bell (Texas Tech U); N. Smith (Oklahoma City CC); Elizabeth Yelverton (Texas Women's U); Andrew P. Yox (Northeast Texas CC); Ray Green (Texas A&M-Commerce); J. Jay (San Jacinto CC); John Britt (Lee College); Jay Mandt (Wichita State U); Emily Seidelman (Texas Women's U); Deborah Hettinger (Texas Lutheran U); John Sieben (Texas Lutheran); Mandy Palmer (Tyler JC); Gene Kirkpatrick (Tyler JC); Joan Bruckwicki (Tyler JC); Kurt Rittan (Texas A&M); Karl Petruso (U of Texas-Arlington); Kevin Gustafson (UT Arlington); Virginia McCombs (Oklahoma City U); Patrice Berger (U of Nebraska-Lincoln); Jim Ford (Rogers State U); Michael Sanfrancisco (Texas Tech U); Early Ramsey (U of Arkansas-Little Rock); Matt McCoy (U of Arkansas-Ft. Smith); Jonathan Kotineck (Texas A&M); Stacy Patty (Lubbock Christian U); Antoinette Castillo (Rose State U); Mike DeLean (Texas A&M); Nathan Torno (Texas A&M); Doug Simmons (San Jacinto C); Karen Youmens (Oklahoma Baptist U); Hector Villarreal (South Texas C); John Korstad (Oral Roberts U); Ken Buckman, UT-Pan American

Installment of new president Brad Gambill and new Vice President Trisha Yarbrough

I. Old Business:

A. Approval of old minutes

1. error from last meeting's minutes: Mark Farris (not Mark Feris)
2. Minutes approved

B. Approval of treasure's report

1. Spending suggestion: no risk when a school hosts a conference—set up a fund to protect the schools
2. Formalized a plan for left over conference money: split it between host institution and the GPHC
3. Money is in Bank of America now—easier to be keep track
4. OCU had left over money—they sent 100% of it back to GPHC
 - a) Motion to send 50% of that left over money back to OCU retroactively: Chris Willerton
 - b) second: Guy Litton—motion passed
5. Motion to accept treasure's report: Virginia McCombs (moved), Ruth Brelsford (2nd)—motion passed

C. Dennis Boe Award

1. Purpose: High quality papers and presentations to serve as models
2. 2 nominations per institution—nominated by their honor's director
3. \$822 total cost last year
 - a) 6 possible winners
 - b) Up to 4 winners in each categories
4. Motion of Double the award from \$100 to \$200
 - a) Karl Petruso—moved
 - b) John Sieben—second
 - c) Nick Flynn: no one who has a student entered can judge

D. Getting more school involved in GPHC

1. \$200 of travel money awarded to those institutions that have not been to a conference before, plus free registration for the new director
2. Motion to continue this policy: consensus

II. New Business

A. Karen Lyons: 2009 GPHC in Lincoln, Nebraska April 3-5

1. Online registration only—starting in Nov.

* Be sure to register for your hotel early as there are other events on campus that weekend

2. Send brochure electronically and post it to the website

B. Kathey Walker: GPHC survey results will be sent to those who contributed data

C. Eugene: report on the status of the ListServe

D. Chris: website needs refreshing

1. Could this be an honor's student project?

E. Proposals

1. "mail" can be defined email, voicemail, etc, not just snail mail.
2. Gary Bell: motion—passed

2. Nominations for GPHC student representative on the executive board

- a) should the student rep be from the conference host school?
- b) should the student be awarded a grant to attend the GPHC?
 1. motion passed

c) candidates:

Nathan Torno from Texas A&M

Taylor Stocket from Lee College

3. Should there be an open forum for the conference participating students with the student rep as the chairperson?

- a) GPHC centered issues to be discussed
- b) should faculty be sent a list of issues to be discussed?
- c) Guy Litton—motioned and passed: details be to discussed closer to conference time

