

## Great Plains Honors Council Meeting in Tulsa, 28 March 2010

Attendance: **Adams**, Sarah, Texas Woman's University, **Baker**, Tracyann, University of Texas at Arlington, **Bell**, Gary, Texas Tech University, **Blackwell**, Deborah Texas A&M International, **Brackett**, Virginia, Park University, **Buckman**, Ken, University of Texas Pan American, **Castillo**, Antoinette, Rose State College, **Dermyer**, Linda, Hutchinson Community College. **Diehl**, Ryan, Hutchinson Community College. **Eoff**, Shirley, Angelo State University, **Farris**, Mark Midwestern State University, **Fehr**, Kregg Lubbock Christian University, **Furtwengler**, Scott, San Jacinto College, **Gambill**, Brad, John Brown University, **Greene**, Lynn, Tulsa Community College, **Guess**, Ann, Alvin Community College, **Lawless**, David, Tulsa Community College, **Litton**, Guy, Texas Women's University, **Lyons**, Karen University of Nebraska- Lincoln, **Mallard**, Jessica, West Texas A&M University, **Patty**, Stacy, Lubbock Christian University, **Petruso**, Karl, University of Texas- Arlington, **Pritchett**, Cathy University of Texas- Arlington, **Roark**, Jessica, Oklahoma State University, **Sobilo**, Lisa, Oral Roberts University, **Spisak**, Art, Missouri State University, **Stephenson**, Joe, Abilene Christian University, **Walker**, Kathey, West Texas A&M University, **Yarbrough** Trisha, East Central University, **Young**, Gene, Sam Houston State University, **Yox**, Andrew Northeast Texas Community College.

President Trisha Yarbrough called the meeting to order, and noted what many have expressed, that the Tulsa conference went very smoothly and set a high bar for future conferences.

### I. Old Business

- A. Minutes. Virginia Brackett moved to approve the minutes from the 30 October 2009 meeting as given, and Art Spisak seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.
- B. Treasurer's report by Andrew Yox
  1. Total Fund Balance \$30,685.62. Dues and conference revenue account for slow upward trend in fund balance.
  2. Motion to accept Financial Report, Motion by Karl Petruso, seconded by Ken Buckman. Report accepted unanimously.
- C. Discussion of Spring Conference. Gary Bell commended the organizers of the Tulsa Conference. Members liked the efficiency and ease of it. Comments by David Lawless: It appears that the Conference will return a very slight profit. But a GPHC loan, Tulsa community and TCC Foundation support allowed for more strenuous initiatives, and a "can-do" attitude.
- D. Discussion of 2011 Conference. Karl Petruso noted that the conference will be based at the Arlington Hilton. Guy Litton suggested the GPHC could give outright grants of perhaps \$1,000 dollars to hosts of spring conferences.

E. New Web Site: Lynn Greene reported that the GPHC is moving over to a free-standing website.

II. New Business

A. Constitutional Change

1. President Trisha Yarbrough noted that the Internal Revenue Service is insisting that 501(C)3 non-profit associations have constitutions that conform to certain guidelines. Non-discrimination and disavowal-of-political-activity clauses, among other formulations are required. The GPHC therefore will have to revise its constitution to meet these guidelines, if it wants to avoid taxes and fines. Members therefore are welcome to consult the suggested revisions of the constitution that have been made through email, and a vote to amend the constitution will be forthcoming.
2. A discussion about the role of students in the GPHC by Guy Litton and others affirmed the status quo. Student representatives of a program or college may vote in a GPHC election if they are designated as such by the director or dean in a message to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

B. Student Awards Discussion

1. Suggestions were made on how to enhance the Boe Awards, and improve access to the contest. Some ideas included putting former Boe winners on the web, maintaining an electronic journal, and standardizing the submission deadline. It was noted that the Boe committee of judges is an ad hoc committee.
2. Another suggestion was to award prizes for the best posters.
3. Joe Stephenson wondered if we didn't need a policy to insure that students would not present one work at several different conferences. Some agreed. Others expressed the idea that matters of this kind should be left to the discretion of the dean or director involved. Others noted that the GPHC should even encourage successful students who have already published to present work at the GPHC or NCHC.

C. Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn by Mark Farris. Lynn Green seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Submitted by Andrew Yox, GPHC Secretary-Treasurer. 29 October 2010.