

Great Plains Honors Council Meeting in Kansas City at the NCHC, 22 October 2010

Attendance: **Bell**, Gary, Texas Tech, **Brackett**, Virginia, Park University, **Britt**, John, Lee College, **Britton**, Nick, University of NE-Omaha, **Buckman**, Kenneth, University of Texas-Pan American, **Campos**, Kristina, Abilene Christian, **Carroll**, C., Lubbock Christian University, **Eoff**, Shirley, Angelo State University, **Cox**, Gloria, University of North Texas, **Crecelius**, Kay, Mineral Area College, **Daugherty**, Caron, Ozarks Technical CC, **Davis**, Ashlee, Texas Woman's University, **Decker**, Pat, Johnson Co. Comm. College, **Dermyer**, Linda, Hutchinson Community College, **Diehl**, Ryan, Hutchinson Community College, **Farris**, Mark, Midwestern State University, **Ford**, Jim, Rogers State, **Fuchs**, Craig, Pittsburg State University, **Furtwengler**, Scott, San Jacinto College, **Gambill**, Brad, John Brown University, **Greene**, Lynn, Tulsa Comm. College, **Gustafsen**, Kevin, UT Arlington, **Haygi**, Hamza, University of Nebraska, **Johnson**, Lisa, Mineral Area College, **Korstad**, John, Oral Roberts University, **Kwick**, Joan, Tyler Junior College, **Lawless**, David, Tulsa Comm. College, **Lehman-Felts**, Juliana, Midwestern State University, **Litton**, Guy, Texas Woman's University, **Mallard**, Jessica, West Texas A&M, **Mandt**, Jay, Wichita State University, **McCombs**, Virginia, Oklahoma City University, **McCracken**, Vic, Abilene Christian, **Melnyk**, Julie, University of Missouri, **Mendenhall**, Kathy, Hutchinson Community College, **O'Neal**, Susan, Tulsa Comm. College, **Palmer**, Mandy, Tyler Junior College, **Patty**, Stacy, Lubbock Christian University, **Pemberton**, Barbara, Ouachita Baptist University, **Petruso**, Karl, UT Arlington, **Pritchett**, Cathy, UT Arlington, **Purinton**, Marjean, Texas Tech University, **Ramsey**, Earl, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, **Roark**, Jessica, Oklahoma State, **Saltzman**, Rosalie, University of NE-Omaha, **Smith**, M., University of Arkansas at Little Rock, **Smith**, Stephanie, Abilene Christian, **Sorensen**, Jean, Grayson County College, **Spurrier**, Bob, Oklahoma State University, **Tullis**, T., Pittsburg State University, **Walker**, Kathy, West Texas A&M, **Williams**, Toni, West Texas A&M, **Woods**, Amanda, Lincoln University, **Yarbrough**, Trisha, East Central University, **Yelverton**, Beth, Texas Woman's University, **Young**, Gene, Sam Houston State, **Yox**, Andrew, Northeast Texas Community College.

President Trisha Yarbrough called the meeting to order, and introduced the new GPHC President, Jessica Roark.

- I. Old Business
 - A. Minutes. Virginia Brackett moved to approve the minutes from the 28 March 2010 meeting in Tulsa. Ken Buckman seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
 - B. Treasurer's report by Andrew Yox
 1. Total Fund Balance \$32,613,62. Dues and conference revenue account for upward trend in fund balance. Greatest single expenditure: \$400 dollars for application for 501(c)3 status to the IRS.
 2. Motion to accept financial report made by Mark Farris, and seconded by Jessica Mallard. Report accepted unanimously.
 - C. Past President Trisha Yarbrough recognized student presenters from the GPHC who were in attendance, commended Lynn Greene for her work with the GPHC website, and explained that a 501(c)3 status for the GPHC was necessary avoid

finances from the IRS, the payment of taxes, and for the GPHC to accept tax-deductible donations.

- D. Discussion of the Spring GPHC Conference. President Jessica Roark introduced the Program Director, Karl Petruso, who introduced Cathy Pritchett, the program coordinator. Karl Petruso noted that the theme of the Arlington Conference would be "Experimenting in Honors." The outlook for the meeting was very good as Cathy Pritchett was able to secure a good rate at the Arlington Hilton, and as there would be an excellent opportunity to visit the museums of Fort Worth, which for conference participants, would be free of charge.
- E. Boe Award. The official rubric of the Boe award, as on the GPHC website was presented. Some expressed concern that not every feature of the rubric could be fulfilled by every paper. John Britt wondered whether the 60-hour cutoff, that separates lower-division papers from upper-division ones, could apply to the time when the student wrote, rather than submitted, the paper. Amidst much discussion of what the judges and program director should be considering, Robert Spurrier advised that the GPHC not try to micro-manage the process. Gene Young also felt that in practice, a good deal of discretion had to be left to the judges. Certain pathway issues were also discussed by Vice President/President Elect, Ken Buckman, and Karl Petruso. The basic order was that the Vice President should solicit interest in judging the Boe contest at the NCHC meeting. The papers should be submitted only to the conference chair, and once those institutions were ascertained, the vice president should select judges unconnected to the entries. The conference chair would send the papers without names to the judges. A list from the secretary treasurer would insure that any winner be a member of the GPHC. Stacy Patty moved that we accept this pathway as the norm for Boe Awards. Jessica Mallard seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

After much discussion, the GPHC was unable to come up with any firm annual date for the Boe award.

- F. Joe Stephenson moved that the GPHC make \$1,000 dollars available each year to support Partners in the Parks program. Ken Buckman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- G. Awards. On what is the IRS-recognized thirty-fifth anniversary of the GPHC, the Executive Council voted to recognize those members who have supported honors education and the Council for over twenty years. The following members receive a plaque, and a small gift:
Gary Bell, John Britt, Ted Estess, Virginia McCombs, Earl Ramsay, Rosalie Salzman, Bob Spurrier, and Chris Willerton.

A motion was made to adjourn and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by Andrew Yox, GPHC Secretary Treasurer, 28 March 2011

