

VASF^{AA} Conference Call Meeting
March 11, 2010

Attendance: Melissa Barnes (MB), Brenda Burke (BB), Mike Hawkes (MH), Daniel Hewitt (DH), Heather Hollandsworth (HH), Shelia Nelson-Hensley (SNH), Margaret Murphy (MM), Kiesha Pope (KP), Paula Rafferty (PR), and Kerrie Roth.

Call to Order:

President SNH called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and a quorum was established.

I. Taking VASF^{AA}'s Pulse

President SNH indicated that during the SASF^{AA} Conference individuals participated in the long-range planning meeting. During the meeting, a major discussion dealt with what various Associations are doing given the state of the economy. President SNH indicated that finances and time were issues discussed. She plans to send out an email to the membership (current and old members) asking what can we do given the current state of the economy. In addition, plans were made to have a round-table discussion during the Spring 2010 Conference.

II. 2011 Conference Contract

HH discussed the contract for the 2011 Spring Conference. It was noted that in several places the contract referred to Tuckahoe Garden Club of America. HH will notate this change. In addition, HH indicated that her plans for the conference will include a half day on Wednesday, a full day on Thursday, and a half day on Friday. The Board meeting will be on Wednesday. After some discussion, the Board meeting was changed to Tuesday in order to meet the room block. HH will contact the hotel to seek clarification of the 80% room block. It was moved by MM and seconded by KR that the Board approve the contract for the Westin Hotel of Richmond based upon the corrections (Tuckahoe Garden Club of America) and the clarification of the 80% room block.

III. Nominations for Awards

BB indicated that she received two nominations. Barry Simmons was recommended for Lifetime Membership. It was moved by BB and seconded by MM and KP to accept the nomination of Barry Simmons for Lifetime Membership in VASF^{AA}.

BB indicated that Liza Bruce was recommended for the Service Award. It was moved by MM and seconded by KP that the Board accept the nomination of Liza Bruce for the Service Award for her outstanding service to VASF^{AA}.

IV. Nominations for Board Candidates

BB indicated that the following slate of candidates for the VASF^{AA} Board:

Melissa Barnes (Norfolk State University) President-Elect
John Brandt (Southern Virginia University) Treasurer-Elect

It was moved by MM and seconded KP to accept the candidates for President-Elect and Treasurer-Elect.

BB indicated that there are four candidates for the position of Representative-at-Large:

Kiesha Pope (J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College)
Stephanie Clements (Virginia Tech)
Vera Riddick (Old Dominion University)
Shawn Thomas (Virginia Western Community College)

After some discussion, it was decided not to include Ms. Thomas on the ballot (currently not an active member for the past year). It was moved by MM and seconded by KR and PR to accept the slate of three candidates for the position of Representative-at-Large.

President SNH thanked Board members for participating on the conference call. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa J. Barnes, Secretary