

11/19/2020

Association for the Study of African American Life and History Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham at 7:03pm EST.

Attendance

Present: Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Mrs. Barbara Spencer Dunn, Dr. Lionel Kimble, Jr., Mr. Gilbert Smith, Ms. Gloria Browne-Marshall, Ms. LaNesha DeBardelaben, Dr. Bettye Gardner, Dr. Jarvis Givens, Mr. Moses Massenburg, Dr. Gladys Gary Vaughn, Mr. Jeff Banks, Dr. Sundiata Cha-Jua, Ms. Aaisha Haykal, Mr. Maurice D. Gipson, Dr. Eric Jackson, Dr. Edna Greene Medford, Dr. Annette Palmer, Mrs. Anita Shepherd, Ms. Zende Clark, Dr. Anton House, Mrs. Gladys Mack, Dr. Zebulon Vance Miletsky, Dr. Tara White, Ms. Camesha Scruggs, Ms. Sylvia Y. Cyrus

Absent:

Dr. Karsonya “Kaye” Wise Whitehead, Dr. Randal Maurice Jelks, Ms. Denise Rolark Barnes, Mrs. Susan Simms Marsh, Esq. Dr. Natanya Duncan, Dr. Sheila Flemming-Hunter

Motions & Action Items

A) Approval of the October 15, 2020 ASASLH Executive Committee minutes

Necessary corrections to the October 15th meeting minutes:

- 1) Item Missing: Standard Operating Procedures for the ASALH Annual Meeting & Conference will be produced by Dr. Natanya Duncan and Dr. Tara White (correction made by Zende Clark)
- 2) Item Misspelled: Correction to the spelling of Markeysha Davis and Kaisha Esty (correction made by Aaisha Haykal)

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the October 15, 2020 ASALH Executive Council Meeting with corrections noted

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed to adopt minutes of the October 15 meeting

B) 2021 ASALH Annual Meeting & Conference

Six branches in Florida are recommending that ASALH not hold the annual meeting and conference in Florida in person but rather virtually, postponing the Jacksonville, Florida conference to be held in 2023

Motion: That ASALH hold the 2021 ASALH Annual Meeting & Conference as a virtual conference

Moved by: Sundiata Cha Jua

Seconded by: Gladys Mack

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed to hold the 2021 ASALH Annual Meeting & Conference as a virtual conference

Follow up motion: That the ASALH Annual Meeting & Conference be held in Jacksonville, Florida in 2023

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed to hold the 2023 ASALH conference in Jacksonville, Florida

C) Audit & Finance Committee Report – Gilbert Smith

Correction to Report – ASALH has 48 branches, not 50 branches

Action Item: To send a note to the branches noting that their annual financial reports are to be provided to the ASALH national office by March 31 of the year following the branch's year-end. Barbara Dunn and the Membership Committee will work with the Audit & Finance Committee to ensure the branches receive this information.

Updates

A) Programs Committee Report – Lionel Kimble

Programs Committee provided project updates:

- North Carolina Central University has agreed to pay ASALH TV \$800 for lectures
- ASALH will enter into a partnership with Howard University called the Social Justice Consortium
- The committee extends gratitude to the work of the Woodson House Committee
- ASALH will partner with National Park Service in hosting a virtual Woodson birthday celebration on 12/19 at 4pm
- Marketing & PR Committee has submitted outline for ASALH TV programming

B) February Festival and Sponsorship Update – Gladys Gary Vaughn and Jeff Banks

Thorough update given by the committee on the extensive plan for the 2021 February Festival. Discussion about sponsorship requests was held.

Announcements were made as the final item of discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm EST by Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham.