



Agenda

December 17, 2020

Executive Council Meeting

7:04-8:30pm EST

7:04 Meeting called to order

In attendance: Sylvia Cyrus, Annette Palmer, Bettye Gardner, Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Jeff Banks, Anita Shepherd, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Aaisha Haykel, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Gilbert Smith, Bettye Gardner, Zende Clark, Barbara Dunn, Camesha Scruggs, Edna Greene Medford, Gloria Browne-Marshall, LaNesha Debardeleben, Lionel Kimble, Moses Massenburg, Randal Jelks, Susan Sims Marsh, Zebulon Miletsky, Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Gladys Mack, Eric Jackson, Sheila Flemming-Hunter

1. Opening Remarks, Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham

a. Howard/Mellon Grant -

b. PBS Frontline – UN(RE)SOLVED – [Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act \("Emmett Till Act"\)](#). See below

c. Attachment: NPS Agreement for the Woodson Home Site

d. Public Commentary Committee (for discussion in January – see below)

Acknowledgment of Retiring EC Members: Bettye Gardner, Sheila Flemming-Hunter, LaNesha Debardeleben, Jarvis Givens

Motion: Zende Clark moved that we support the NPS Agreement for the Woodson Home Site

Motion Passed: Unanimously

2. Secretary's Report, Karsonya Wise Whitehead

Motion: Karsonya Wise Whitehead moved that we accept the August Minutes with necessary corrections.

Sundiata Cha-Jua seconded the Motion

Accepted by consensus

Motion: Karsonya Wise Whitehead moved that we accept the November Minutes with necessary corrections.

Lionel Kimble seconded the Motion

Correction:

Evelyn discussed the Mellon Grant; Six branches wrote a letter to EBH and she brought it to the EC. It was accepted by consensus.

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3. Audit and Finance, Gilbert Smith and Gladys Mack

*Gilbert: Branch Compliance: bringing this Committee:

Motion: Gilbert Smith moved that if a Branch does not meet the March 31st financial reporting deadline, the branch will receive a written warning on or about April 15 that it may be suspended (i.e., lose its ASALH branch privileges) if the financial report is not provided by June 30th. If the June 30th deadline is not met, the branch may be suspended until the branch financial reports are provided. If the reports are not submitted by July 30th the branch may lose its charter as an ASALH branch.

Discussion:

Gladys Gary Vaughn: we are struggling with branches – how will we help them?

Gloria Browne-Marshall: I am opposed to this; in a very short period of time they will lose their Charter. It is too harsh, and the time period is too short.

Gladys Mack: I agree with Gloria.

Gilbert: It is coming from Audit and Finance.

Friendly Amendment: Gladys Mack moved that the term “will” be changed to “may”

Second: GGV

Motion Passed: 2 Nos and 1 Abstention

(ADJUSTED) Motion: Gilbert Smith moved that if a Branch does not meet the March 31st financial reporting deadline, the branch may receive a written warning on or about April 15 that it may be suspended (i.e., lose its ASALH branch privileges) if the financial report is not provided by June 30th. If the June 30th deadline is not met, the branch may be suspended until the branch financial reports are provided. If the reports are not submitted by July 30th the branch may lose its charter as an ASALH branch.

Motion Passed: 1 No and 5 Abstentions

4. Planning, Gladys Mack, Anita Shepherd, Annette Palmer

Attachment: Planning Calendar

Nominating (Annette): they have committed Orientation for 2021 members, includes Executive Council Class of 2024 and Executive Officers. We need assistance from every EC member in recruiting.

5. Development, Jeff Banks

We need people to sell as many tickets as possible; we want to sell at least 600 (we have sold less than 20 to date); Tickets: \$125/\$150

Black History Month Festival, Gladys Gary Vaughn

6. Program, Lionel Kimble

Awards Committee Timeline

Lionel Kimble moved move that the EC adopt the 2021 Awards Committee Timeline for adoption and standard operating procedure for committee

Gladys Mack seconded

Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned

1b. Un(RE) Solved.

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FRONTLINE PBS is our forthcoming multimedia project on the Civil Rights Era Cold Cases, which we hope will increase opportunities for educational public dialogue around racially motivated violence and democracy in the United States.

Under the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act in 2008, the FBI was directed by Congress to [re-investigate over 100 potentially racially motivated homicides](#). In **UN(RE)SOLVED**, FRONTLINE will examine the government's attempt to reconcile failures of the past and will illuminate the stories of those still seeking justice today. When launched in 2021, **UN(RE)SOLVED** will engage audiences across media platforms as it is presented through an interactive digital experience, a serialized podcast, and a portable installation that can transport visitors through the stories of the victims and their families. Attached you will find a deck that outlines the scope of the project.

As **UN(RE)SOLVED** continues to be developed, FRONTLINE is convening a group of HBCUs, African American history museums, Civil Rights museums and other institutions. We would like to invite your ASALH chapter to work collaboratively with us in this effort to produce programming that will foster meaningful conversations around race/race relations, civil rights, and democracy.

1d. Public Commentary Committee (A proposed name change.)

Draft

ASALH's **Public Commentary Committee** is charged with two tasks. The committee is in charge of drafting public statements on behalf of the executive board. These commentaries must be pertinent and germane to the mission of ASALH. Statements should be relevant and timely on issues of Black history and conditions of Black people or persons more generally. For example, the dearth of Black teachers now teaching in U.S. Public Schools. Such statements should be posted on the ASALH Web Site as the official commentary of the organization and or submitted to the national media outlets as official commentary for discussion and debate.

The second task of the Public Commentary Committee is rapid response to breaking news that affects the membership and chapters of our organization.

The committee should have seven members. Two from the Executive Council and five from the general membership.