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Final – Aaisha Haykal, Recording Secretary

ASALH Executive Council

Date: May 20, 2021

ON ZOOM

Attending Members: Zende Clark, Annette Palmer, Gladys Mack, Kathie House, Anita Shepherd, Maurice D. Gipson, Natanya Duncan, David Walton, Camesha Scruggs, Jeff Banks, Eric Jackson, Tara White, Zebulon Vance Miletsky, Edna Medford, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Aaisha Haykal, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Gloria Browne-Marshall, and Moses Massenburg (arrived at 8:30 p.m. EST)

Absent Members: Anton House, Susan Marsh, Karsonya Wise Whitehead, and Randal Jelks

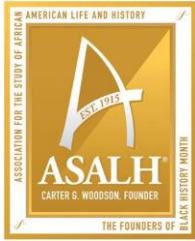
Officers: Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (President), Barbara Spencer Dunn (VP for Membership), Lionel Kimble (VP for Programs), and Gilbert Smith (Treasurer)

Staff: Sylvia Cyrus

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

President remarks (Brooks Higginbotham)

- Reflecting on the importance of the June 2021 meeting and denoted that members should expect to be on longer than the allotted 2hrs in order to fulfil the agenda even if we go over time
- Provided information on or updates on the following initiatives
 - College Board-AP exam meeting next week. Conversation about our role and the focus on African American Studies, not just African American history
 - Walmart-educational outreach with *Black History Bulletin* and curriculum development
 - White House-programming
- ASALH is in demand now with a variety of organizations that want us to partner and for us to be a part of them and this is a great honor. It is great for us to be a part of the ACLS as a member, it is a great honor that the College Board comes to us as well as Howard sees us as integral to the Mellon grant or when Walmart and PBS/ASALH Books does as well, this is amazing. However, we find ourselves trying to fulfil all of these opportunities in an excellent way and we have to really think hard about how we can



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either say no to certain things, we do not want to say no, because it sets us back, but what we commit to we have to commit to with excellence and commitment it with people who can really do the job and that we need to be able to delegate. Need to think hard about what we are doing and develop committees that are made up of people who are not on the EC. She is thrilled that we have this level of success and that we want to make sure that we can sustain it and not disappoint our partners.

Secretary Report (Haykal and Cyrus)

- February meeting minutes were sent out and posted to the EC private page
- The April meeting minutes that are posted to the page is from 2020, this will need to be updated
- February and April meeting minutes will be voted on during the June 2021 meeting

National Membership Committee (Dunn)-report deferred

Nominating Committee Report (Palmer)

- Report was previously circulated
- Report was reviewed-with special note regarding the confidentiality of the nominations
- No questions

Motion: Annette Palmer moved to accept the report as written

Votes: Yes: 21; No: 0

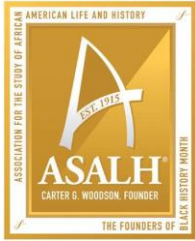
Awards Committee Report (Medford)

- Report was previously circulated
- Discussion was had about the Living Legacy and Luminary Award nominations, specifically in relation to Gates.

Motion: Gladys Mack moved that we move the nomination of Gates from the Living Legacy Award to the Luminary Award. It was seconded by Zende Clark.

Votes: Yes: 20; No: 0, Abstain: 1

Motion: Edna Medford moved that the report be accepted with the amendment that Henry Louis Gates, Jr. be removed from the Living Legacy category to the Luminary award.



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Votes: Yes: 21; No:0

Motion: Edna Medford moved that during the conference ASALH has an Awards reception on Tuesday, September 28th from 7pm to 8pm and that there would be no other programs scheduled for that day and time.

Votes: Yes: 21; No: 0

Discussion by Browne-Marshall regarding space for this in the schedule. Kimble and Cyrus said yes there is space

Brooks-Higginbotham asked that when we are in-person if we would go back to Saturday?

Cyrus-Yes, that would be the intention

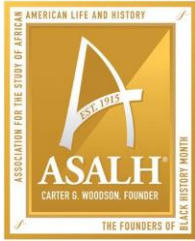
Governance Committee Report (Clark)

- Chat rules for ASALH TV was previously circulated
- The rules are posted to the EC private page
- Discussion
 - Reinforce that this is just for YouTube chat/conversations during live and premiere episodes and for public Zoom meetings/webinars
 - Concern about the word “private” what makes a conversation private? We may be looking at situation where we are censoring people
 - There may be an automatic way to filter out inappropriate language in the back end of YouTube
 - We may just want to use the current community standards of YouTube versus creating new ones
 - Browne-Marshall said that she would be willing to help Governance and ASALH TV committee with these policies

Motion: Lionel Kimble moved to table the report and send it back to committee for reworking. Duncan seconded motion.

Votes: Yes: 21; No: 0

Program Report (Kimble)



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- Kimble showed and reviewed the Padlet dashboard about the work being done in the Program cluster. Duncan suggested Trello as a way for the cluster and/or committee to do work and to create something similar if they wanted to track projects
- Attention was made in regard to the White House programming (Juneteenth programming, next year programming, potential conference collaboration)
- Dunn and Cyrus updated about the Woodson House construction
- College Board partnership (Cyrus)
 - Reviewed our role in the partnership-identify people for their advisory board and get syllabi. People need to be in a variety of disciplines
 - Concerns were had by some: about the content of the course, the teacher training component, if we were being exploited/used by the College Board, and demographics of who is taking the course
 - Revamp our Speaker's Bureau so this information is more at hand
 - Benefits shared included potential partnerships with National Council of Black Studies, and the opportunity to promote Black Studies in secondary schools and as a discipline

Motion: Lionel Kimble moved the question to end debate.

Unanimous

Motion: Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham moved to accept the proposal and to start a committee to solicit people and syllabi. Haykal seconded.

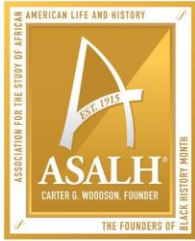
Votes: Yes: 21; No: 1

Announcements

- Mack denoted that at the July 2021 meeting budget requests should be outlined
- Shepherd brought attention to the agenda item about assigning responsibility to motions, so that the right committee can implement the decision.
- Palmer brought attention to the two attachments on the private page, which are proposed edits to the by-laws from the nomination committee in regard to election cycle-this will be discussed at the July meeting. She discussed the implications and changes that this would make.

Motion: Natanya Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Kimble seconded.

Unanimous



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Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.