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ASALH Business Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2021

Business Meeting

6:10p – 8:44p

Webinar

Meeting called to order, President Higginbotham

I. Review of the Logistics, Karsonya Wise Whitehead

a. Procedures: The chat function will be available; members are encouraged to share their questions and comments. They will be fielded by the Secretary and the Executive Director and shared during the meeting.

b. Voting: Once a motion is made the Secretary will ask for a Second. Votes will be tallied using the “Raise Hand” function.

II. Roll Call of the EC Members, Karsonya Wise Whitehead

III. President Higginbotham:

a. Welcome

b. Adoption of the Agenda Moved by Lionel Kimble to adopt the Agenda. Seconded by Zende Clark. Motion Passed: Y96% N4%

c. Playing of the anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing

IV. Secretary's Report (Review of the Minutes), Karsonya Wise Whitehead

a. Approval of the 2020 Business meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Barbara Spencer Dunn to adopt the Minutes with necessary corrections. Seconded by Gilbert Smith.

Motion Passed: Y95;Abs5

II. President's Report, President Higginbotham NEVER FILED

III. Treasurer's Report, Gilbert Smith

Report filed with the Secretary.



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IV. Membership Report, Barbara Spencer Dunn

- a. Chartered Branches
- b. Membership Numbers
- c. Remembrance List

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VI. Programs Report, Lionel Kimble

- a. Update on Virtual Conference
- b. 2022 Theme
- c. NPS programs
- d. Editors
- e. Book Prize
- f. New Partners
- g. Black History Month Festival

Report filed with the Secretary.

VII. Nominating Report, Annette Palmer and Natanya Duncan

VIII. Governance, Susan Sims Marsh and Zende Clark

PROCESS FOR AMENDING CONSTITUTION

Constitution Article VII Amendments

The Constitution may be amended in either of two ways: (1) A proposed amendment may first originate in, or be submitted to, the Executive Council. It shall then be approved by two-thirds of the members at the Annual Meeting, provided that the membership shall have been appraised of the proposed change(s) at least sixty (60) days before the Annual Meeting. (2) Amendments may be submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Association.



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Upon approval by majority vote, such amendment(s) will be presented for final approval at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. Adoption of the proposed Amendments shall be effected by two-thirds of the members present

Motion Moved by Susan Simms Marsh to approve the amendment to the Constitution Article III Section 2 by adding a new subsection I) that provides for staggered elections of the Association's officers on a rotating basis.

Motion passed: Y82; N7; Abs11

IX. Executive Directors Report, Sylvia Cyrus

a. Update on the 2022 and 2023 Conferences

X. New Business

Hello, this is Barbara Boyd from the Louisville, Kentucky Dr. Carter G. Woodson Branch. In terms of visibility I would like to suggest that ASALH, if we do not have it available, have yard flags that branches can purchase.

Pamela Reese Smith

Also postcards

Toby Saunders-Gomez

Is it possible to revise the theme for Black History month 2022 to include "Financial" Wellness?

Pamela Reese Smith

Can ASALH also design a Juneteenth Flag?



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Motion Moved by Natanya Duncan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lionel Kimble. Y100VII. Nominating Report, Annette Palmer and Natanya Duncan