**ASALH Executive Committee**

**Conference Call**

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**August 28, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott at 8:02 p.m. The following Executive Committee members were on the call: Daryl Scott, Zende Clark, Sylvia Cyrus, Annette Palmer, Gilbert Smith, Sheila Flemming-Hunter, Edna Medford, and Carlton Wilson.

A prayer was offered by Sheila Flemming-Hunter.

**Treasurer Report Gilbert Smith**

**Ending July 31** Revenue $632000

 Expenses $480,000

 Cash $152,000

 Farmers Grant $53,000

 Publications $79,800

 Contributions $139,000

The cash position as of June 30th was $281,000 which was an improvement over the position in April. Things are moving in a positive direction financially. We need to get through the convention and the associated cost to get a real idea of our financial position however going into the convention we have income of $152,000. The finance and audit committee is planning to have a budget in place for next year. The committees will be polled to ascertain input for the budget.

The audit and finance committee has a recommendation that will be presented to the Council. The recommendation pertains to writing off a member’s prior receivable. President Scott shared that Barbara Dunn’s outstanding balance which was contributed to uncollected funds could be removed from the budget due to the amount of support that she has given in the past. It is the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee to write off the receivable ($5000) owed by Barbara Dunn and expunge it from the records. President Scott asked the committee to review this issue and be prepared to discuss a resolution after the conference.

Sheila Flemming-Hunter asked for clarification on our financial status since we projected a deficit of $92,000 at the June meeting. Gilbert Smith shared that we projected a loss of $92,000 however we currently have a net of $152,000. We will have a better sense of where we are after the convention. President Scott shared that the increase in fees for the conference contributed to the net. The 1915 Club

has also brought in new revenue and will bring in revenue next year however it will not bring in revenue after the Centennial.

**Bethune Commission President Scott**

The Commission wants to appoint a new board. ASALH has been asked to recommend up to six people. The people who sit on this committee would serve as an advisory board. The Commission serves as the oversight body for the Bethune House. The Commission would also ensure that items in the General Management Plan will be adhered too. Bettye Gardner recommended the following persons: Sharon Harley, Janet Sims-Wood, A’Lelia Bundles, Ida Jones, and Lillian Williams. It was suggested that we ask John Fleming and Samuel Black if they are interested in serving on the Commission. President Scott shared that Ida Jones has not been supportive of the Association and he is not interested in recommending her. He also shared that Lillian Williams never accounted for the funds from the Buffalo Conference therefore her name should be removed from the recommendation list. It was decided that the following members will be recommended: Sharon Harley, Janet Sims-Wood, A’Lelia Bundles, John Fleming, Samuel Black, and David Terry. Carlton Wilson will check with Andre Vann to see if he may be interested in the event one of the new recommendation declines the endorsement.

**Membership President Scott**

We have an organizing branch in Detroit that would like to be chartered in Memphis. President Scott met with them during the summer and agrees that they are ready to be chartered. Janet Sims-Wood has agreed that we could charter them in Memphis. This Branch is joined at the hip with the Wright Museum. The archivist and the Vice President of the Museum are members of the branch. The meeting attended by President Scott ran smoothly and he reminded the Council that this branch would be affiliated with the Wright Museum.

*It was moved by Sheila Flemming Hunter and seconded by Carlton Wilson that we charter the Detroit organizing branch at the Memphis Conference.*

 **Vote: Unanimous**

**Governance Zende Clark**

The membership committee has asked that we revise the motion that to define Dual member as follows:

**Dual** (General/Senior member living in the same residence).

The change was offered as a point of information as the Bylaws had to be presented to the membership sixty days in advance of a vote. Carlton Wilson is on record as being in opposition of the change.

Sylvia Cyrus shared that the Dual membership dues structure will be impacted also. Two Seniors will pay $100.00 and two general members will pay $85.00 plus a reduced fee for the second member. It was shared with the Committee that the dues structure is not a part of the motion.

**Conference Update Sylvia Cyrus**

Sheila Flemming-Hunter and Roy Betts have been extremely helpful in getting financial support for the conference. Our sponsorship is approximately $60,000 and $40,000 of it is already in house. We have over 700 people registered for the conference. We have sold out the block of rooms that we reserved at the Peabody. The non-academic side of the conference is doing well. The cut off for the Peabody is September 15th. If we had someone on the ground, Memphis would have been a great place to revive a branch.

President Scott shared that we have an unusual situation with the academic side of the conference. Council Members may receive some frantic emails from him this weekend as he will be looking for chairs for workshops. Moving forward, the organization may have to bring on a professional part-time to support the conference in this capacity. We have been doing it with graduate students however we may have to hire a part time worker. We will also need to change the deadline date for next year. We will need to move the deadline for papers to February. Carlton Wilson agreed and shared that we need to share the new deadline at the Memphis Conference. He has heard that we will be bombarded next year for the Centennial Conference.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Zende L. Clark**