**ASALH Business Meeting**

**October 3, 2013**

**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**

**Jacksonville, Florida**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott at 4:18 p.m. A prayer was offered by Janet Sims Wood, Vice President.

The general membership was in attendance.

**Minutes Zende Clark**

***It was moved by Franklin Morris to close the discussion. It was moved by Francis Tate and seconded by LaVerne Johnson to accept the minutes as corrected.***

Addition to the September 2012 minutes: A suggestion was made to make all forms for the branches interactive on the website.

**Vote: Unanimous**

**President’s Report President Scott**

**A written report was presented.**

President Scott highlighted the events of the year. These events included a successful Black History Month Luncheon in February, the hosting of a scholarly event during Black History Month at the White House.

President Scott shared that the Centennial is around the corner and we will honor our Founder by celebrating in modesty. He reminded the membership that Woodson left to the Association, the Journal of African American History.

President Scott asked the membership to move with the future of the organization and embrace ‘Knowledge for Empowerment’. He stated "As we move forward to our Centennial and beyond we must pull together the knowledge of the 4000 members to support our people."

***It was moved by Burnis Morris and seconded by Evette Harper to change the marketing motto to ‘Knowledge for Empowerment’.***

 **Vote: Unanimous**

**Membership Committee Janet Sims Wood**

**A written report was submitted.**

The committee is working on electronic membership cards.

The Branches are doing the work within communities. We offer these awards because branches are the life blood of the Association. The following awards were given by the committee:

***Branches Contributing $600 or More:* *Branch with Largest Number of Life Members***

Manasota $900.00 Chicago 19 Life Members

James Weldon Johnson $600.00

Bronx $600.00 ***Largest Number of Sustaining Life Members***

Philadelphia Heritage $600.00 Edna McKenzie (3) Pittsburgh, PA

Carter G. Woodson $600.00

Phila-Montco $600.00 ***Collaborative Program Outstanding***

Martha’s Vineyard $600.00 Phila-Montco and Philadelphia Heritage Branches

Sullivan County $600.00

 ***Branches with Largest Number of Outstanding Branch Program***

***Active Members*** Carter G. Woodson

Philadelphia Heritage Hampton Roads

Manasota James Weldon Johnson

Phila-Montco Martha’s Vineyard

Martha’s Vineyard Phila-Montco

James Weldon Johnson Philadelphia Heritage

Sullivan County Sullivan County

***Outstanding Youth Award Branch Securing Most Veterans History Interviews***

Our Author’s Study Club Julian Branch

Manasota Branch

Martha’s Vineyard

Phila-Montco

**Program Report/Publications Daryl Scott, VP Franklin**

The Woodson Review will go online. If will be a free magazine located on the website.

The membership was greeted by VP Franklin and invited to the Journal Reception.

**Treasurer’s Report President Scott**

**A written report was submitted.**

**Governance Committee President Daryl Scott**

**A written report was submitted.**

The following Bylaw change was adopted by the Executive Council at its June meeting was moved by the committee:

**Bylaws 5a – Branches and Branch Membership**

**Current Reading:**

Branches of the Association shall be directly affiliated with the parent body and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Association and subject to all of its rules and regulations. Such Branches may be established with a minimum of fifteen (15) persons.

***Proposed Change:***

*Branches of the Association shall be directly affiliated with the parent body and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Association and subject to all of its rules and regulations. Such Branches may be established with a minimum of fifteen (15) persons.* ***The Executive Council of ASALH can revoke the charter of a branch if the branch does not comply with the established rules and regulations. When the Council revokes a branch's charter, the ASALH president shall notify the branch of the Council's action****.*

**Rationale:**

This is in line with the suggestion by the lawyer and also aligns with the suggested change to the chartered branch document concerning the dissolution or closing a branch.

**Motion Carried**

**Executive Director Sylvia Cyrus**

The conference registration tracked at approximately 1300 members. The following locations are being looked at for the 2014 conference; Baltimore, Kansas City and Tennessee.

***It was moved by Annette Palmer and seconded by Frank Morrison to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.***

 ***Motion Carried***