

President's Report August 7 and 17, 2023

National Membership Campaign

The campaign has stalled in terms of increasing the number of people who have become members of ASALH. I am proposing that we suspend the campaign until after the Academic Conference. Then, we can focus our efforts on recruiting new members for the 2024 fiscal year. I especially need the Membership Committee and the Vice President for Membership to assist with the National Membership Campaign.

Academic Conference

We have met the hotel room reservation goal for the conference. But we still need to increase the number of registrants for the conference.

Academic Program Committee

This is one of ASALH's most important committees. Thanks to the efforts and dedication of Vice President for Programs Aaisha Haykal, the Academic Conference is on track to be successful. But we need more members of the Executive Council to serve on this committee in order to ensure that the conference meets its goals and the committee functions properly.

Board Development for the Executive Council

In October and after the Academic Conference, we will follow up on the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee to have board development and address some of the findings and recommendations of the report by Sheila Fleming and Jim Stewart. Obviously, members of the Executive Council need to be "on the same page" before we can undertake fundraising and other development strategies.

Officer and Committee Reporting

All officers and committee chairs need to present written reports at the planning meetings and the meetings of the Executive Council.

Miscellaneous

Assisted in completing grant proposal for the NEH.

Assisted in completing position statements on the Supreme Court's Affirmative Action ruling and the Florida Social Studies Standards.

Interviewed by a reporter for the *Tampa Bay Times*.

Reviewed the *Social Justice Black History Tool Kit*.

Corrected and completed the MOU for the new Editor of the *JAAH*.