



2022 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
VIA ZOOM**

The 2022 Annual Business Meeting was held, via Zoom, on Monday September 26, 2022, at 7:30 pm (EST). W. Marvin Dulaney, President of ASALH, called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm and presided, and Susan Simms Marsh, Secretary of ASALH, served as the Secretary.

Secretary Susan Simms Marsh conducted the roll call.

Secretary Susan Simms Marsh presented the meeting logistics.

President W. Marvin Dulaney welcomed attendees and presented the 2022 Annual Business Meeting agenda. The agenda was revised, and Susan Simms Marsh presented the Governance Committee report rather than Zende Clarke.

Motion: It was moved by the Vice President of Programs Aaisha Haykal and seconded to adopt the revised 2022 Annual Business Meeting agenda. **The motion passed.**

Lift Every Voice and Sing video was presented.

Secretary Susan Simms Marsh presented the September 30, 2021, Annual Business Meeting minutes prepared by former Secretary Karsonya Wise Whitehead.

Motion: It was moved by Treasurer Valerie Holt and seconded to approve the September 30, 2021, Annual Business Meeting minutes. **The motion passed.**

PRESIDENT REPORT

President W. Marvin Dulaney presented a report and there were no recommendations.

SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Susan Simms Marsh presented a written report and there were no recommendations. The written report was filed with the Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Valerie Holt presented a written report and there were no recommendations. The report included a Financial Report Summary as of July 31, 2022, Financial Statements as of July 31, 2022, and 2021 Financial Audit Results. The written report was filed with the Secretary.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Vice President of Membership Ida Jones presented a written report and there were no recommendations. The written report was filed with the Secretary.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS REPORT

Vice President for Programs Aaisha Haykal presented a written report and there were no recommendations. The written report was filed with the Secretary.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Audit and Finance Committee Chair Anita Shepherd presented a written report and there were no recommendations. The written report was filed with the Secretary.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominating Committee Chair David Walton presented a written report and there were no recommendations. Congratulations was extended to the incoming Executive Council members: Denise Barnes, Kimberly Mosley, Lyman Brodie, Deirdre Foreman, Kenvi Phillips, Cornelius Bynum, and Zebulon Miletsky.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Governance Committee Vice Chair Susan Simms Marsh presented a written report and there was a recommendation to amend ASALH Constitution Article III Section 2.f.

At the June 16, 2022, Executive Council meeting, the Governance Committee on behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee proposed an amendment to the Constitution Article III Officers Section 2-f Section Qualifications, Elections and Terms to the Executive Council. After careful consideration the Executive Council voted to support the proposed change.

Proposed Amendment

The Executive Council shall consist of: 1. Thirty (30) persons (members of the Association in good standing) elected by the Association for a term of three (3) years with ten (10) persons being elected each year, one graduate student. Minimally, two (2) slots for representation from the Corporate Sector shall be set-aside in each Executive Council class. In the event that two persons from the Corporate Sector are not voted onto the Council in a given year, then it is the responsibility of the Executive Council to vote those two persons onto the Council.

Current Language

The Executive Council shall consist of: 1. Twenty-four (24) persons (members of the Association in good standing) elected by the Association for a term of three (3) years with eight (8) persons being elected each year, one graduate student. Two slots for representation from the Corporate Sector shall be set-aside in each Executive Council class. In the event that two persons from the Corporate Sector are not voted on the Council in a given year, then it is the responsibility of the Executive Council to vote those two persons on the Council.

Rationale

The work of the organization has increased tremendously as a result of the dynamic programming under the leadership of the Vice President for Programs. As a result, the Executive Council members are being asked to dedicate more time serving on committees and providing support to the national office. An increase in the number of Executive Council members will allow for greater distribution of the workload and responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Constitution Article III Section 2.f:

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Motion: It was moved by Susan Simms Marsh to approve the proposed amendment to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Constitution Article III Section 2. f. Yes – 86 and No – 9. **The motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Sylvia Cyrus presented a written report and there were no recommendations. The written report was filed with the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

There were questions regarding the new dues structure.

There were comments regarding inability to read the pdfs on the screen.

There was a suggestion that the presentations be in slide format and viewable full screen. The PDFs were not readable. Also, the screen was taken up by presenters' pictures. The poll was not viewable for the entire three minutes. If the reports are online the links should be sent out in advance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Anita Shepherd and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

Susan Simms Marsh

Susan Simms Marsh, Secretary