

ASALH EC Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2023

7:00 p.m. EST

Present: W. Marvin Dulaney (President), Ida Jones (VP for Membership), Aaisha Haykal (VP for Programs), Valerie Holt (Treasurer), Sylvia Cyrus (Executive Director), Gloria Browne-Marshall, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Deirdre Foreman, Eric Jackson, Lopez Matthews, Gregory Mixon, Denise Rolark-Barnes, Anita Shepherd, Gladys Gary Vaughn, David Walton (acting Secretary)

Absent: Lyman Brodie, Jarvis Givens, Kenvi Phillips, Jeff Banks, Tara White

Incoming EC Member Guests: AJ Cade, Natanya Duncan, Aisha Johnson, Lionel Kimble, Gus Wood, Daryl Scott

Branch Guests: Barbara Spencer Dunn, Joan Cartwright

Meeting called to order by the President, 7:03 p.m. EST.

Fashika Willis served as Parliamentarian. David Walton served as secretary for this meeting.

Dulaney stated that to move the meeting that debate be set at two minutes per EC member and that EC members can speak twice to an issue after each interested EC member has spoken. **Browne-Marshall** questioned the rule and asserted that notice should have been provided. She asked that the chat be opened so EC members can talk with each other during the meeting. **Holt** agreed and the chat was opened. **Cha-Jua** commented that it is for an orderly and efficient meeting and this rule is consistent with Roberts Rules of Order and many other organizations. **Holt** agreed and asked that the rule and recognition of speakers be applied to everyone, in an objective way. **Holt** moved that the 2-minute restriction be temporarily applied for this meeting and a motion for permanency takes place next meeting. **Ida Jones** seconded. No discussion.
Motion passes 7-2

Browne-Marshall questioned if the secretary be appointed by this EC or the one to be seated in January 2024. **Dulaney** stated that the Nominating Committee will have a

report in January to address the open positions as is stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.

The October 19, 2023, Minutes were **approved** by general consent.

Written reports are on file in the Executive Council Private Page. ONLY QUESTIONS, MOTIONS, AND UPDATES NOT IN REPORTS ARE RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES

Presidential Report:

The Jacksonville 2020*, 2023, and 2028 conferences. (*Cancelled) 2023 and 2028 was a negotiation to fulfill the losses under the 2020 contract due to COVID. In 2023 other African American organizations pulled their conferences from Florida. We did not. We had to develop a risk management team, in part in response to the racial murders 3 weeks prior to the conference. Shared feedback from regional and institutional partners. Acknowledges and thanks outgoing EC members. Reminded the EC to comply with the Association's governing documents. Parliamentary procedure workshop is Feb 23, 2024 (EC meeting), in DC. Re-affirm that ASALH is a membership organization. September 2023, EC voted to prioritize and implement 'Freedom Schools'. All EC members must participate in fundraising. These initiatives are built into the 2024 budget. BHM festival and annual luncheon (Feb 24, 2023). The 2024 annual meeting and conference will be in Pittsburgh, PA.

W. Marvin Dulaney moved that Kimberley Mosely be removed from the EC. (She has not attend an EC meeting since April 2023.) The Nominating committee will spearhead finding her replacement. Seconded. No Discussion. **Motion passed 9-0.**

W. Marvin Dulaney moved to accept Susan Marsh's letter of resignation as secretary. The Nominating committee will spearhead finding her replacement. Seconded. No Discussion. **Motion passed 8-1.**

Treasurer's Report: (Written report on file) The October 2023 financial report was reviewed. The November report has been received by the Audit and Finance Committee and it will be available at the January 2024 EC meeting.

Vice President for Membership's Report: (Written report on file) This year (2023) branch compliance was the focus. We now have a branch manual and branch training. Three

meetings every quarter for branch members. We have some branches that are non-compliant.

Shepherd questioned why the VP veered away from the EC approved tiered compliance approach. **Jones** asserted her approach was not against, but aligned with, what the EC approved manual states. **Dulaney** asserted that the process will be looked at and addressed. **Holt** stated that the EC approved grace period afforded branches due to COVID-19. Jones added that the two year grace period ends in January of 2024.

Cha-Jua asked if compliance is getting better or worst. **Jones** said, a little bit of both for various reasons.

Vice President for Programming Report: (Written report on file) The landmark update has been approved for the Woodson Home by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Howard-Melon grant is running out. The \$400K must be found elsewhere.

Haykal moved that the EC accepted **Bertis English's** recommendations for JAAH Editorial Board as submitted in his report. Seconded by **Cha-Jua**. **Motion passed 11-0.**

Audit and Finance Committee Report: (Written report on file) The Howard-Melon grant is running out. The \$400K must be found elsewhere. All EC members must participate in fundraising. We receive the November financials December 22, 2023. The budget will be presented to the EC in January 2024.

Shepherd moved that the EC accept the financial reports for August, September, and October 2023. And in January accept the 2024 budget upon receipt of letter from the Executive Director that she has seen the November 2023 financial report. No discussion. **Motion passed 10-0.**

Nominating Committee Report: (Written report on file) The Class of 2026 is ready to be seated January 1, 2024. They have attended an orientation. They have received the EC Handbook and all governing documents. They have signed all required documents.

Development Committee Report: (Written report on file) Will continue meeting in January 2024. To fund BHM, Membership campaign, and Freedom Schools. Dulaney is finalizing a "master plan".

Executive Director's Report: (Written report on file) We send sympathy cards to members and friends when they have a loss that is reported to HQ. Kenvi Phillips, Karen Cooke-Bell, Lionel Kimble, and Bronx Branch member Bessie Jackson have experienced losses and have been sent cards.

2024 EC membership dues and any 2023 EC dues/donations are due by December 31, 2023. EC members are to hold life or life interim membership. February \$300 donations are due by February 1. A complimentary gold ticket is provided when the payment is made.

Cyrus attended the White House Christmas party. Matthews attended the White House Open House.

BHM Festival is an ASALH fundraiser. We need to sell all 500 tickets. We have sold 111 so far.

Support for the membership campaign and support for branches was stated. A meeting with the President and VP for Membership should take place soon.

Please share with the ED if you feel the use of EC text messaging is a good way to support reminders of the EC meetings.

Meeting adjourned by President, 9:00 p.m. EST.

The next Planning Committee meeting is Monday, January 8, 2024 and the next EC meeting is January 18, 2024. These are virtual meetings. The next in-person meeting will be held February 23, 2024 in Washington, DC at HQ.

Submitted by David M. Walton, acting Secretary.