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ASALH MINUTES

EC Meeting

Held at: Loyola University, LNDL Library

200 Winston Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21212

1 June 2024

10:00 a.m.

Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney, presiding

The National Secretary was present from 1:00-1:30 p.m. Once the National Secretary, Dr. Karsonya Wise Whitehead departed, the Minutes were kept by Executive Council member Anita Shepherd.

EC Members in attendance: John Adams, Anthony Cade, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Sylvia Cyrus, Marvin Dulaney, Deirdre Foreman, Aaisha Haykal, Valerie Holt, Aaisha Johnson, Ida Jones, Walter Lanier, Lopez Matthews, Denise Rolark Barnes, Daryl Scott, Anita Shepherd, Albert Thompson, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Karsonya Wise Whitehead

Absent EC Members: Jeff Banks, Norka Blackman-Richards, Lyman Brodie, Cornelius Bynum, Karen Cook Bell, Cornelius Bynum, Natanya Duncan, Jarvis Givens, Lionel Kimble, Tomiko Meeks, Zebulon Miletsky, James Morgan, Kenvi Phillips

The following proxies were submitted prior to the meeting:

Norka Blackman Richards – Aaisha Johnson

Karen Cooke Bell – Daryl Scott

Natanya Duncan – Aaisha Johnson

Lionel Kimble – Sundiata Cha-Jua

Tomiko Meeks – Aaisha Johnson

Zebulon Miletsky – Deirdre Foreman

Kenvi Phillips – Lopez Matthews

Augustus Wood – Sundiata Cha-Jua

Additional Participants: Fred Cooke, Esq., Fashika Willis McClelland, PRP, Tina McIntyre, Accountant, Pam Gray, Auditor

I. Welcome – President Dulaney

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

Unanimous: The motion passed

II. Secretary's Report



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Motion to accept the Minutes of the February 25, 2024, meeting with necessary corrections.

Unanimous: The motion passed

Motion to accept the March 26, 2024, resignation of Eric Jackson

Unanimous: The motion passed

Motion to accept the following meeting schedule for the balance of 2024. Wednesday, September 25, Work session 9:30 – 12:00 p.m., EC meeting from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Reports are due to the President, Secretary, and Executive Director by August 23, Virtual meeting Thursday, November 21 7:00 p.m. EST/6:00 p.m. CST, Reports are due by October 28 to the President, Secretary, and Executive Director.

Unanimous: The motion passed

III. Nominating Committee

- a. Recommended the following based on the student's availability.

Class of 2024: Albert Thompson

Class of 2025 James Morgan

Vote -Unanimous

- b. Nominating Slate shared for transmission to membership

IV. Awards Committee

Motion to accept to accept the slate of awards nominees as presented.

Unanimous: The motion passed

V. Program Planning Committee

Motion to approve the following themes for Black History for the corresponding year:

2026 -A Century of Black History Commemorations

2027-African Americans in the Digital Age

2028-African American and Labor

2029- Sustaining and Saving Black Land and Property

2030-Black Economics

Friendly Amendment one for 2029 – Moved by Sundiata Cha- Jua to amend motion 1 by changing the wording to “Reparations, Recovery and Sustaining Black Land and Property.”

Yes: 1; No: 15 The motion failed



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Friendly amendment two for 2030 - Moved by Valerie Holt and seconded by Lopez Matthews to change the wording to “Black Economics Past and Present”

The motion was withdrawn

Program Planning Committee- Main Motion 1

Unanimous: The motion passed

Motion to approve the 2026 Black History Theme Summary

Unanimous: The motion passed.

VI. Oral Reports – Received as information.

- The President’s Report including an update on Development efforts.
- The Report from Fred Cooke, Esq.
The reports below are on file
- The Treasurers Report (April 2024)
- The Auditors’ Report from Pam Gray, SB & Company, LLC.
- The Membership Enhancement Committee
- The Vice President for Programs Cluster Report including the JAAH and BHB Editors reports, the Black History Festival (Virtual and Luncheon), ASALH TV, Marketing, Academic Program, and Woodson House.
- Strategic Planning
- Freedom Schools
- Public Commentary
- Executive Director

VII. Announcements

- Standing Committee reports from Nominating and Governance will be electronically sent to the membership.
- All Executive Council members are asked to send a short video on why they are a member of ASALH for promotional use.
- All EC members are asked to support the conference via sponsorships, ads, promoting registration, and via social media.
- The Annual Members Business Meeting will be held virtually using the same process as the October 30, 2023, meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. EST/6:00 p.m. CST.
- The next in-person meeting is September 23, 2024, in Pittsburgh.
- Zoom has a new requirement that all devices must run the software update quarterly. This information is posted to the website and in emails. Please share this information with members.



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- Former EC Member Jim Harper lost his son, former Carter G. Woodson Branch President Elnora Lewis passed away, former luncheon volunteer and NCCU student Myles Gresham passed away. All members of the ASALH family who are grieving or are ill are in our thoughts.

The meeting ended at 3:51 pm.