

# Winter Board Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2009

10:22 AM

President Kym Golden Gore Called Meeting to Order; Kay Cobb gave the invocation; Kym asked all present to introduce themselves; Lillian announced that Mary Helen Hicks is collecting lunch orders.

Quorum Established; Board Members Present:

Brenda Lathan	Kym Gore	Jane Dennis
Susan Puckett	Neely Hunter	Donette Lee
Jenny Katool	Deborah Hodges	Bev Jones
Jimmie Moomaw	Del Oehms	
Lillian Wade	Amy J Davis	

Secretary Neely Hunter read the Oct. board meeting minutes. Kym Gore moved to amend to reflect email of 501c3 Board vote: *Dec 3 and 4 the board discussed via conference call and email the process for seeking non-profit status – Dec 4, Del moved via email that the Association begin the process to seek 501c3 status – Neely Hunter seconded – the electronic vote carried with 13 yays, 0 nays, and 5 directors not voting*; Lillian moved to accept with amendments, Del seconded, unanimously approved.

Deborah Hodges read treasurer's report. She has numbers on our private accounts, but Foundation did not respond to requests for accounting details. Neely Hunter read clause from Affiliation Agreement regarding surrender of Foundation accounts upon disaffiliation. There appear to be grounds for *some* accounts to still be at the association's discretion. Also, Kym Gore indicates that the MUW Foundation is acting unilaterally in freezing Association access since the SC mandate has not been issued.

Kym Gore announces that the association no longer has the offer of \$12500 from Dr. Limbert. Question arises about the Recruiting Pilot Program and whether it can still be carried out. Past President Betty Lou Jones suggests that PR Chair (and Program Chair) Cheryl Cooper write Admissions Director Bucky and to ask for a status update.

Brenda Lathan & Bridget Pieschel indicated that the W's individual colleges are beginning to recruit separately from the general admissions office.

Kym Gore gives legal update: Motion for rehearing was filed December 4. Cal Mayo responded within 7 day window. The mandate has not been issued. The two points in the motion were 1) that the Court reviewed the original evidence which is outside their standard of review, 2) also the ruling gave President's carte blanche to overtake Foundations and other independent affiliated entities. Former Supreme Court Justice Kay Cobb indicates that it could be under review for clarification or correction without actually granting motion to rehear.

The Association is prepared to move forward on the 501c3 with the current name and to act "as if" assuming it'll be approved but before the receipt of the determination letter. Betty Lou Jones indicates the MS statute about listing organizations seeking charitable status are on the website.

Kym Gore calls for committee reports and moving into committee works.

VP and Special Events Chair Lillian Wade updates on the Special Events Committee stating if the Association wants to do a large event for Homecoming spaces available are limited (Lee Home is booked, Country Club is booked). Events thus far on the official HC schedule are slowly being released - Zouave, Historic Buildings Tour, Culinary Arts Dinner, etc. Mary Helen Hicks indicated that the Alumni Office is to release the official schedule this coming week.

Lillian Wade postponed the Events discussion to allow Lynne Curtis to update on the University name change committee status. Kym Gore asked about the time table - why the rush if they're not introducing to the Legislature until 2010. General concern is that it'll be slipped in as a rider on another bill.

Neely Hunter gave instructions for Committee Reports & working into committees.

Bev Jones gave a plug for the Alumnae Achievement Awards reminding members to nominate alums.

Betty Lou Jones is planning a Legislative Reception for February 17, 10-12a, Capitol Rotunda with another organization and needs guidance to work out the relationship b/t that organization and the Association.

At 11:40am meeting broke into committees and worked through lunch to reconvene at 1:30pm.

Kym Gore calls for committee reports: non-action should be a brief report, focus should be on items needing action.

Donette Lee provided Bylaws committee report: name change must be written into the constitution and ratified at the April Business Meeting (could be rejected and we'd have to rename).

Neely Hunter moved to have committees submit proposed P&Ps by March 1 - for consideration at April meeting. Motion seconded. During discussion clarification was sought and Lillian offered worksheets for the committee chairs as well as former P&P manuals. Unanimously approved.

Bev Jones presented Alumnae Awards report. Del moved to approve up to \$300 for the purchase of the awards. Expenses to cover distribution of the forms are association expenses.

An official Membership report was not given, but a discussion about existing and potential membership categories covered suggestions for offering a complementary or lifetime membership to Past Presidents. It was decided that the Honorary membership category covers many potential new categories and that most Past Presidents fall under the pre-1979 clause. No action was taken to change or expand categories. A motion to begin the new membership drive February 2 was offered. A friendly amendment was proposed to allow new members activating after February 2 to have up to 14 months of active membership – from February 2, 2009 until April 30, 2010. The amended motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Bev Jones indicated that in her letter to the Past Presidents regarding Achievement Awards she'd encourage them to activate as members.

Betty Lou Jones presented the Legislative Committee report. Original point of the committee was to assist the University with Legislative issues. That has changed. Current delineations prevent us from lobbying but not other groups. One other such group has been formed, but is separate from this association.

Lillian Wade presented Special Events report. Committee is planning an event at Homecoming on Friday night as well as a visibility table for the weekend. Del Hamilton moved to authorize the collection of funds to be used for these events and to post the collection mechanism on our website. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A brief discussion of Chapter Development ensued about the need for chapters to have an official agreement with the national association. The subject was tabled until a later date.

Del Hamilton presented the Tech Committee report. She expressed the need to upgrade the association subscription on Formsite.com to the next level – this upgrade would be from \$19.95/month to \$49.95/month or a yearly fee of \$499. A motion to approve this upgrade was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. Del also indicated that she has been paying the current \$19.95/monthly fee for this subscription for the past 10 months. It was moved that Del be reimbursed for this expense; motion seconded and unanimously approved.

Susan Puckett gave Nominating Committee report. The Nominating Committee used exclusively the names recommended by the membership. There were some issues in communicating the opening of the suggestions period as well as contacting those recommended. It was hard to identify committee members who are not currently board members. The Committee agreed on guidelines prior to reviewing the recommendations: diversity (gender, race, variety of opinions), overall composition would not please everyone; continuity. Presented slate for upcoming elections:

VP - Neely Woods Hunter  
TR - Deborah Hodges  
Sec - Barbara White  
Jane Dennis

Kim Griffin  
Barbara Austin  
Mack Spenser  
Jimmie Moomaw

Lenore Griffin  
Del Hamilton  
Gus Argrett  
Ricki Garrett

Lillian Wade moved to accept the slate. Seconded by Neely. Discussion opened. Only topic of discussion was the rotation of the board terms – Susan Puckett indicated that the nominating committee had discussed the terms but had not made final determinations. The motion to accept the slate was unanimously approved.

Jimmie Moomaw proposed the creation of a Ways & Means Committee to manage financial concerns regarding fundraising proposals and concepts, sponsorship levels and other topics regarding the use and distribution of Association funds. A motion to accept this committee creation was offered, seconded and unanimously approved.

Donette Lee moved to create a proposal mechanism for the finance committee to approve companies wishing to promote their businesses while contributing to the Association. Seconded and unanimously approved as a function of the new Ways and Means Committee.

Jimmie Moomaw moved the Association purchase a Spectator ad for Homecoming events. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Based on the previous review of association name change considerations, Neely Hunter moved to change the name of the MUWAE to Mississippi's First Alumnae Association. Seconded. Discussion. Approved with one nay.

Neely Hunter passed incoming President Anghaarad Teague's Visioning forms to the group and asked them to complete before leaving.

Motion to adjourn offered , seconded, and unanimously approved.

## E-mail Notification

Monday, February 2, 2009

President Kym Gore informed the Board that the Mississippi Supreme Court issued the following ruling on January 29, 2009:

*Motion for rehearing filed by appellee is denied. Graves, P.J., and Chandler, J., would grant. Lamar, J., not participating.*

This ruling gave the Association 14-21 days to comply with the ruling (association name change) before the mandate was handed down.

APPROVED

# Conference Call – Board Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2009  
8pm EST

President Kym Gore called the meeting to order.

Present on the call were:

Gus Argrett – joined at 8:36pm  
Amy Davis  
Jane Dennis  
Kym Gore  
Del Hamilton

BR Hawkins  
Deborah Hodges – joined at  
8:31pm  
Neely Hunter  
Beverly Jones  
Jenny Katool

Donette Lee  
Jimmie Moomaw  
Susan Puckett  
Lillian Wade

Quorum was established with 12 members present at the beginning of the call at 8pm and 14 present by 8:36pm.

Discussion opened regarding a previous motion made via email. Those present decided that the previous discussion, motion, second and votes would be abandoned due to failure to adhere to proper procedure and a new discussion opened.

As a first order of business, Neely Hunter, Elections Chair, indicated that in creating the draft versions of the Elections Ballot an issue arose regarding how to handle staggering the terms of the incoming board members. Susan Puckett, Nominating Committee Chair, stated that the Nominating Committee had determined the terms they recommended for each nominee on the slate. Neely further stated that no mechanism had been put in place for deciding the terms of the floor nominees and the process for the Nominating Committee to choose the terms was somewhat arbitrary. Del Hamilton moved to shift the responsibility of choosing the terms to the incoming board as their first order of business. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 8-3 with 1 abstention. [12 were present at the time of vote]

As a second order of business, the new elections process was discussed at length regarding timelines for registration, voting, and certification. Jimmie Moomaw moved to extend the Voter Registration deadline from February 2 to February 12 – the current deadline for Floor Nominees to activate their memberships in the association. Motion was seconded by Jane Dennis. BR Hawkins moved to Amend the motion to extend the deadline for electronic voting to February 12 and the deadline for in person voting to April 19. Amendment to the motion was seconded. Discussion of the amended motion opened and continued for an extended period of time. Del Hamilton called the question. The Amended Motion was denied by a non-majority vote of 7-7 [14 were present at the time of vote].

The original motion to extend the voter registration deadline to February 12 was unanimously approved with 14 present for voting.

The third order of business was how the Association handles member contact information and under what circumstances and with whom it can be shared. Donette Lee moved to make member contact information of activated members available to board members upon request for use in association business. The motion was seconded and carried by a majority vote of 9-4. [13 people remained on the call]

# Electronic Notification

Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
10:47pm EST

Secretary and Elections Chair Neely Hunter notified the board via email of the preliminary elections results as presented by Lynn & Fortune, LLC.

*Elected to office by a majority of ballots cast and scheduled for installation at Mississippi's First Alumnae Association Annual Spring Membership Business Meeting on Saturday, April 18, are:*

**PRESIDENT:** *Anghaarad Teague (elected VP 2007)*  
**PRESIDENT-ELECT:** *Lillian Harris Wade (elected VP 2008)*  
**IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT:** *Kym Golden Gore (elected PE 2007)*  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** *Neely Woods Hunter*  
**TREASURER:** *Deborah Stockman Hodges*  
**SECRETARY:** *Barbara White*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** *Augustus "Gus" Argrett*  
*Barbara Austin*  
*Jane Dearing Dennis*  
*Ricki Raynor Garrett*  
*Kimberly Griffin*  
*Lenore Shields Griffin*  
*Del Oehms Hamilton*  
*Jimmie Meese Moomaw*  
*Thomas "Mack" Spencer*  
**APPOINTED DIRECTORSHIPS:** *{to be appointed by President Anghaarad Teague}*  
*Parliamentarian (Lydia Quarles)*  
*Past Presidents' Representative (Bev Jones)*  
*Chapter Presidents' Representative (Josephine Tierce)*

*Elections results submitted to Mississippi's First Alumnae Association President Kym Golden Gore and Secretary Neely Woods Hunter and certified by Rebecca J. Fortune, Esq, Monday, March 23, 2009.*

## Conference Call – Board Discussion

Sunday, March 22, 2009

The board met via conference call to discuss the plans for MUW's Homecoming scheduled for April 17-19.

Treasurer Deborah Hodges reported money raised for the Visibility/Homecoming Fund at approximately \$2000 thus far.

Vice President & Events Chair Lillian Wade indicated that she needed \$1600-\$1800 to cover the costs of a catered event on Friday, \$200-\$300 for a new banner, and \$150 for Karaoke.

Bev Jones stated that she'd already purchased (as a private contribution) AeA logo magnets and post-cards. She indicated that replenishing our stock of enamel pins would be ~\$600 and reordering bags with our logo would be up to ~\$1000.

It was reiterated that any expenses over \$500 had to be approved by the board unless covered by the special fund.

Jenny Katool reported that the *Southern Grace* cookbook fund had ~\$5000 currently.

## Email – Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

President Kym Gore notified the board that the association could order 300 enamel pins for \$1.58/each (same price as last year) for the visibility table, but the total of \$645 would require board authorization.

Del Hamilton moved that the board authorize the expenditure. Neely Hunter seconded the motion. The purchase was authorized by a majority vote of 14 board members.

## Email – Board Meeting

Monday, March 30, 2009

President Kym Gore notified the board that the association could order 250 bags for a total of \$636.06 for the visibility table, but would need board approval for the expenditure. Visibility Committee Chair Bev Jones, working with *Southern Grace* Committee Chair Jenny Katool and PR Chair Sherrie Cooper designed a bag that would carry both the AeA logo and the *Southern Grace* logo. Jenny indicated that funds from cookbook sales were to be used for scholarships and to further alumnae association goals.

Lillian Wade moved that the board authorize the purchase of the bags with funds from *Southern Grace* sales.

Neely Hunter seconded the motion. The purchase was authorized by a majority vote of 13 board members.