

MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2008 BOARD MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI
UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
HOMECOMING 2008
(Approved June 28, 2008)

President Susan Puckett called the meeting to order. She welcomed the board members and all alumnae to the meeting. Jan McSpadden gave the Invocation prayer. Gus Argrett read the minutes from February's board meeting. Frances Hairston passed out the Treasurer's report. Both were accepted and approved.

Susan asked for committee reports to be given by their committee chairs.

Jennifer Katool gave the Cookbook report. She made a motion to transfer cookbook proceeds to the culinary scholarship to raise it to \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded and approved.

Neely Hunter made a suggestion to have the minutes and other reports, uploaded onto the website. The suggestion evolved into a motion. That motion was second and approved.

Susan thanked the thoughtful and creative efforts of the Public Relations and IT (Information Technology) committees in making the welcome Goody bags and their efforts during registration. The attention to detail of the ironed bag edges was appreciated. Neely Hunter thanked the sponsors for their contributions to the successful event. Gail Laws asked where contributions could be given. Neely and Del Oehms Hamilton were the contact people for further contributions. Del thanked Lydia Quarles, a "Golden Sponsor," for her considerable contributions the effort.

Susan also expressed thanks and appreciation to the administration in cooperating with our efforts during registration. Having a table outside was against school policy but Perry Sansing approved the table when it became an issue.

Jen Arrendale discussed chapter development. Alumnae in AR have been holding a state meeting and now they want to hold local meetings. Their enthusiasm is an example to us all.

Gail Laws informed the body that the Lowndes chapter has raised a total of \$100,000 for the "W."

Jimmie Moomaw is asking for submissions of local chapter activity for the newsletter. Thanks again to the PR and It committees.

Lillian Wade announced the Homecoming party would be at the Lee Home @9:00 p.m. on 7th ST. North.

Gail Laws gave an update on the Patsy McDaniel scholarship. As of today, it has \$18,494.16, \$3000.00 of which is from Julie Hussey.

Donette Lee introduced the members of the Bylaws committee who have been helping her (Alma Ellis, Kym Gore, Jan McSpadden, Jimmie Moomaw and Carolyn Mann). The changes to the bylaws will make them more contemporary and able to make quicker decisions. There will be 7 Officers and 9 Directors plus 2 appointed Directors – the Chair of the Past Presidents Committee and the Chair of the Local Chapter Presidents Committee. There will be some allowances to vote electronically. Del suggested that Publicity and Communications become two separate committees. Motion was made to separate the subcommittees was seconded and approved. Betty Lou Jones asked Donette to speak about the Directors’ position.

Directors will be voting members of the board. Three of the nine will be elected to a three-year term while the remaining six will serve one-year terms. Each director will be appointed to a standing committee to act as a liaison between the board and the committee. Lydia Quarles suggested it would be better to have all nine serve for three years for continuity. Neely suggested a provision that would cover the whole bylaws until unification with the other alumni association is achieved. Jennifer Arrendale agreed with the concept of continuity but believes directors should serve only one year to allow other alumni a chance to participate. Ricki Garrett brought up the subject of negotiations with the administration and time was going short in the day. The Bylaws and the Constitution were approved with the amendment that Directors would serve only one-year terms for this first year, then rotation will begin after the next election.

Betty Lou Jones read the list of the new board members. Nominations will be available from the floor but the individual will have to be present to accept the nomination. The board members are:

President:	Kym Gore 97’
President-Elect:	Anghaarad Teague 95’
Vice-President:	Lillian Wade 68’
Secretary:	Neely Woods Hunter 95’
Treasurer	Deborah Stockman Hodges 90’

Newly Elected MUWAEa Board of Directors for 2008-2009

Gus Argrett ‘02
Barbara Austin ‘63
Jane Dearing Dennis ‘80
Betty Ruth Henry Hawkins ‘75
Del Oehms Hamilton ‘84
Jenny Katool ‘78
Brenda Hardaway Lathan ‘77
Jimmie Meese Moomaw ‘58
Thomas “Mack” Spencer ‘97

Unification

Betty Lou Jones, Betty Ruth and Susan Puckett led the discussion with the body about meetings with the administration and the other alumni association. The community, faculty, and staff stated in the 2020 White Paper that they wanted this resolved. Judge Coloms' February decision allowed the other group to come back to negotiate. Work is being done to complete a six-document package: Affiliation, Bylaws, Settlement, Foundation, Budgeting, Policies and Procedures. Lydia Quarles made a motion to empower the negotiating team to continue with Unification. Motion seconded by Neely Hunter. Motion passed.

Betty Ruth made a substitute motion to give the body 15 days to look over the Affiliation agreement for feedback. Motion was carried.

Lydia Quarles made a motion that the board appoints a Negotiating Committee to do what needs to be done but not to act in place of the board. Motion Carried.

Del suggested a friendly amendment to make communications part of the last motion. Motion was approved.

Donette made a motion to allow the current Negotiating Committee to continue. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned.