

Minutes of the Summer 2009 Board Meeting of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association—Held Saturday, July 11 at 1:00pm at the Wesley Foundation in Columbus, Mississippi

1. The call to order was made by President Anghaarad Teague.
2. The invocation was given by Kimberly Griffin.
3. The membership voted to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented with amendments.
4. The minutes of the 2009 Spring Board Meeting and the minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting were read by Neely Hunter. The membership voted to approve the minutes as read.
5. Deborah Hodges presented the Treasurer's report, stating that the association has \$15,000 in the bank and that the MUW Foundation has failed to respond to two requests for information on the association's accounts that are held within the Foundation. Angh Teague reported on her own unsuccessful attempts to get information on the accounts from Perry Sansing and Gary Bause.
6. Angh Teague reported on Wanda Ray's attempts to get information from the Foundation about the Patsy McDaniel scholarship and the possibility that there was a shortfall this year in the scholarship. The members voted to cover the shortfall if it is found to still exist and agreed to send out an e-mail to association members asking for donations for this purpose.
7. It was decided that the best way to determine the length of directors' terms would be to draw names from a hat for one, two, or three-year terms. The results of the drawing were as follows:

Ricki Garrett	Class of 2010
Jane Dennis	Class of 2010
Barbara Austin	Class of 2010
Jimmie Moomaw	Class of 2011
Dell Oems Hamilton	Class of 2011
Lenore Griffin	Class of 2011
Kimberly Griffin	Class of 2012
Gus Argrett	Class of 2012
Mack Spencer	Class of 2012

8. Angh called for nominations from the floor for the selection of a new nominating committee. Lydia Quarles, Betty Lou Jones, Kimberly Griffin, and Mack Spencer were nominated and were approved by acclamation.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Betty Lou Jones reported that the Ways and Means Committee will pursue 501c3 designation of the association as a charitable organization. She also stated that the committee would consider membership dues and contributions as well as various ways in which the association can support the university.

- b. Jane Dennis presented the Chapter Development report, stating that there are 10 chapters in Mississippi, 22 outside the state and 4 e-chapters. A packet of chapter building materials is being developed as well as a list of alumni.
 - c. For the Public Relations Committee, Mack Spencer discussed the potential use of social media, recruitment articles, and news releases on alumni and their activities.
 - d. Neely Hunter reported on the activities of the Technology and Information Committee, including using social media to get association news out to the membership and keeping our website up-to-date. She recommended on behalf of the committee that the association purchase Wild Apricot services for \$70 per month to manage membership information. This expenditure was approved by the board.
 - e. Lenore Griffin presented the Elections Committee report, stating that the 2009 election went very smoothly for the most part. She said that the committee was looking at ways to simplify the election process for 2010.
 - f. Lydia Quarles reported that a list of needed changes and clarifications to the existing documents is being compiled by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
 - g. Lillian Wade discussed the Special Events Committee's plans for the upcoming welcome back party, faculty party, Welty Weekend, and Homecoming.
 - h. Gus Argrett reported on the Cookbook Committee's current account balance and book inventory. The board agreed to table discussion of the Culinary Arts scholarship pending the need for further research into its status.
10. Several thank you notes to the association were read aloud.
 11. Lillian Wade announced that there were forms available for Alumni Achievement award nominations.
 12. Betty Lou Jones reported that the Past Presidents Committee was looking into needs that the faculty has that the association can help with.
 13. Betty Lou Jones announced that Barbara White would work on a faculty appreciation letter writing campaign.
 14. Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara White
Secretary, MFAeA