

Region III Business Meeting
NCURA 2008 Annual Meeting
Washington Hilton, Washington, DC
November 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Region III Chair, Tony Ventimiglia (Auburn University) at 11:40 a.m.

Recognition of New Members and First Time Attendees

Tony Ventimiglia recognized all new members and first time attendees of the National meeting. Tony explained the pink flamingo and dolphin stickers and encouraged new members to visit the Region III hospitality suite.

Approval of Minutes

Cindy Hope (The University of Alabama), in the absence of Bruxanne Hein (Coastal Carolina University), presented the minutes from the May 2008 regional business meeting held in Isle of Palms, SC. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Submission of Treasurer's Report

Cathy Snyder (Vanderbilt University) presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2008. Cathy also reported that the Region III Executive Committee is researching investment opportunities, in collaboration with National and other regions, to help Region III both preserve and get the full benefit of its assets.

Regional Committee / Officer Introductions

Tony introduced the Regional Officers/Executive Committee members: Chairperson, Tony Ventimiglia (Auburn University); Treasurer, Cathy Snyder (Vanderbilt University); Secretary, Bruxanne Hein (Coastal Carolina University); Chair-Elect, Jill Frazier-Tincher (University of Miami); Treasurer-Elect, Cindy Hope (The University of Alabama).

Tony stated that committee reports are posted on the Region III website then recognized each committee chair and its members:

Membership & Awards – Chairperson: Lori Brown (University of Central Florida)
National meeting travel award recipient, Michael Sebastino (Virginia Military Institute) was also recognized.

Nominations and Elections – Chairperson: Beryline Temples (University of Central Arkansas)
The membership was reminded that nominations for Chair Elect and Region III National Board Member should be emailed to Beryline.

Hospitality – Chairperson: LaJuana Ellis (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Hospitality suite activities were described.

Site Selection – Chairperson: Michelle Powell (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Site selection for the 2010 Region III meeting is underway.

Regional Newsletter – Chairpersons: Laura Letbetter (Kennesaw State University) and Sam Gannon (Vanderbilt University Medical Center)

Volunteer Coordinator – Riddick Smiley (East Carolina University)

Regional Meeting

Jill Frazier-Tincher (University of Miami) Region III Chair-Elect and 2009 Regional Meeting Program Committee Chair introduced the members of the Program Committee: Cindy Hope (The University of Alabama), Maria Valero-Martinez (University of Miami), Mo Valentine (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences), Robyn Remotigue (Mississippi State University), Danielle McElwain (University of South Carolina), Greg Thompson (Florida State University), Riddick Smiley (East Carolina University) and Michelle Vazin (Vanderbilt University). Jill announced that the 2009 Region III meeting will be held at the Marriott Bay Point in Panama City, Florida,

May 3rd – 6th, which incorporates Cinco de Mayo rather than Mother's Day. The program committee is working on finalizing the program and securing presenters and plans to publish a preliminary program within a month. Jill shared information about the location including attractions and logistics.

National Committee Reports

Professional Development Committee (PDC) – Steven Etheredge (University of South Carolina)

Steven described various activities of the committee:

- The first NCURA Senior Executive Summit, which took place on the previous Saturday
- The educational programming survey that was distributed in September
- A new application process for selection of traveling workshop faculty
- A Request for Proposals for planning grants for the purpose of developing a Masters in Research Administration has been posted to NCURA website
- Future NCURA-TV offerings
- Emphasis on adult learning styles included in train-the-trainer programs

Financial Management – Kerry Peluso (Emory University)

Kerry announced that NCURA is financially healthy at the national level. Although affected by current economic conditions, adjustments are being made and the organization is doing well. To determine the level of current and planned regional programming potentially supported by the National office, a survey was conducted. Based on the potential for expanding regional programming, the committee is considering various options for how and where the programming should be supported (nationally and/or regionally) and from where the financial resources for this support should come. We can expect more information at a later date.

Nominating & Leadership Development (NLDC) – Pam Whitlock (University of North Carolina at Wilmington)

Pam, reporting in the absence of Harlan Sands (University of Alabama at Birmingham), stated that while the region has a representative on each national committee, we should be aware that the NLDC is recruiting and vetting nominations for national officers and board members at large. She also stated that with the election of David Richardson as national Vice President, he will not serve as chair of the NLDC. Instead, the current chair, Judy Fredenberg, will remain chair and Pam, Immediate Past President, will serve as vice-chair.

Pam also recognized the Region III members who are graduates of the Leadership Development Institute (LDI) class of 2008: Katherine Bir (The University of Alabama), Maria Valero-Martinez (University of Miami) and Jeanne Ware (New College of Florida). Tony Ventimiglia then announced the Region III members selected to participate in the LDI for 2009: Carolyn Elliott-Farino (Kennesaw State University) and Charna Howson (University of North Carolina at Greensboro). Tony also explained the significance of the program and Region III's history of excellent representation in the program.

National Board of Directors – Pat Green (Vanderbilt University)

Pat described the Peer Review program, stating that members of Region III are involved in the program and that it is going well. Tony presented Pat with a gift in recognition of Pat's service as Region III representative on the National Board, including his 2 year elected term plus completing the term of Pam Whitlock when she was elected as national Vice President.

Old Business

No old business was brought forward.

New Business

Tony Ventimiglia explained that there will be a revision to the Region III Bylaws, clarifying that the term for the Secretary position will begin on even numbered years.

Tony expressed a need for 3-4 volunteers to spearhead the region's fundraising project, in support of the American Red Cross. Tony requested that volunteers contact Riddick Smiley, Volunteer Coordinator, who will be responsible for forming the group.

Robyn Remotigue (Mississippi State University) announced that there is a table in the Exhibit Hall for the NCURA Neighborhoods and invited everyone to visit to receive more information, including a handout describing the Neighborhoods.

Tony Ventimiglia announced that this was Cathy Snyder's last Treasurer report and presented her with a gift certificate to express the Region's appreciation for her extraordinary service to the organization and, in particular, her role as his partner in planning and executing the 2008 Region III meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Hope