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Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMUNAA)

Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Lt. Col. Gregory L. Clark Presiding. He called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken and recorded electronically by the Recording Secretary. A quorum was confirmed via the electronic participation report of the meeting.

Executive Board Members Present:

Angela Bledsoe, Leroy Bell, Justin Bruno, Greg Clark, Carolyn Collins, Carmen Cummings-Martin, Jean Downing, Cassie Farmer, Lenard Franklin, Regina Gardner, Nicole Jones, Derris King, Charles Lewis, Skip McClemore, Reginald Mitchell, Juanita Moore, James Moran, Akunna Olumba, Yolanda Pinkard, Artisha Polk, Van Russ, Keith Shannon, Pat Shaw, Mary Smith,

Other Committee Chairs Present:

Marion Gibbons, Doris Hicks, Jimmie McDaniel, Gioia Bufkin, Leila Walker

Invocation

Opening Prayer was done by Chaplain Keith Shannon.

Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with 1 announcement added to the good of the order for information purposes.

Recording Secretary's Report

Minutes were approved without any additional corrections.

President's Report

Action Item:

President Clark nominated Jimmie McDaniel to replace Brandon Hill as the new membership chair. It was moved and seconded to accept the nomination. The nomination was approved unanimously.

1st Vice President's Report

Dr. James Moran gave the Convention report. He gave an update of the site visit. He also discussed how the report details the convention schedule at a glance. Jean Downing asked transportation from the train to the hotel. Dr. Moran responded that they would have to discuss that interesting subject offline. The report was accepted for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report

Len Franklin gave an update on the Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer began recommending for action changing the contract with the Independent Contractor sunset by February.

The duty of the Treasurer is to make sure bills are paid on time, and bring to the attention of the board any potential shortfall issues.

The Committee will meet next week on Thursday, the Executive Board will take up the issue on Friday morning.

The three (3) recommendations of the Treasurer are as follows:
34:25 minutes

1) Independent Contractor:

Under the independent Contractor the NAA is financially not able to fulfill the current agreement. He recommends the committee readdress this line item from \$83,790.00, and have paid \$42,000 as of January, with a balance of \$41,790 going through June 30th.

Make changes to the current agreement to renegotiate. He wants to sunset the agreement at the end of February.

2) Cost of Association Activities versus the dues that we bring in

We as the Association look at the amount of money we pay for certain activities (e.g. Homecoming, FAMU Day at the Capitol, Florida Classic). We are providing way more in services than we have money coming in from the \$50.00 in dues.

3) \$25,000 Transfer from Life Membership Interest to Operating Account

To ask the board to authorize transfer of \$25,000 from the life membership interest earning account to put the NAA in a cash position to cover all of the liabilities that we currently owe.

Moved that we refer the three (3) above issues to the Budget & Finance Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer wants the discretion as to which bills are paid from the \$26K now available. The President will prioritize with the Treasurer and decide which one to pay.

The report was accepted without objection for informational purposes only.

Financial Secretary's Report

Juanita Moore presented the Financial Secretary's Report for informational purposes only. The report was accepted without objection. Deadline for Chapter Membership Reports is April 20, 2017.

Southern Region

Yolanda Pinkard gave the region report for informational purposes only. She will follow up on newly elected officers to update the Chapter Directory Forms.

Midwest Region

Derris King gave his report for informational purposes only.

Florida Region

Jean Downing gave his report for informational purposes only. Florida Region meeting will be February 25, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando, FL. FAMU BOT will conduct a town hall meeting at

Media and Technology Committee

Stephen Roberson gave a committee report for informational purposes concerning the new website and database. He submitted a timeline in his report.

Governmental Relations Committee

FAMU Day at the Capitol is April 6, 2017. There will be a \$10 registration and form for members. Meetings are on the 1st Monday of every month. Dr. Collins updated the committee on FAMU Day at the Capitol and the FAMU Legislative Issues. The BOG Meeting will be in Lakeland, FL on January 25-26, 2017. In March the FAMU BOT Meets and FAMU hosts the BOG meeting in March as well.

Budget & Finance Committee Report

Reginald Mitchell presented the report for the following action item:

Action Item #1: Membership Committee - Life Membership Plaques and Cards, and Alumni Cards and Pins Request of \$8,460.50

The executive Board unanimously approved the Membership Request.

Other Business

President's Focus Group Retreat Request of \$3,000.00

The Committee tabled the discussion of a travel budget request of \$3,000 to be held prior to the Florida Region Meeting for the next meeting due to cash flow issues.

New Business

We will have to analyze ongoing necessary expenditures in light of cash flow issues. We will take up this issue as a part of the Annual Budget Draft due on March 25, 2017 to the membership. Therefore, budget requests are due on February 25, 2017.

Fundraising Committee Report

Mary Smith gave her report for informational purposes only. She discussed the fundraising projects Text-To-Donate Rattler – Text to number 50555 and text the word “Rattler”. Mary will distribute a flyer with instructions.

Polk County wanted to donate back their proceeds from profit sharing.

History Book Committee Report

Dr. Walker gave the History Book Committee Report. Van Russ gave an update on the current status of getting the book to publication, the delays and opinion as to next steps.

Dr. James Moran gave the History Book Advisory Committee Report.

President Clark tabled the budget request until after the book has been edited and proofed by the Committee and Advisory Committee

Any Gala request will be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee.

President's Retreat

The president discussed arriving a day before the Florida Region meeting to have focus groups and strategic discussions.

Good of the Order

N/A

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.