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Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMUNAA)

Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Lt. Col. Gregory L. Clark Presiding. He called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Opening Prayer was done by Yolanda Pinkard.

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:

Gen. (Ret.) Leroy Bell; Angela Bledsoe; Lt. Col. Greg Clark; Dr. Carolyn Collins; Jean Downing; Cassie Farmer; Lenard Franklin; Regina Gardner; Derris King; Carmen Cummings-Martin; Reginald Mitchell, Esq.; Dr. James Moran; Akunna Olumba, Esq.; Yolanda Pinkard; Artisha Polk; Col. Robert Porter; Van Russ; Pat Shaw; and Mary Smith.

Other Committee Chairs Present:

Marion Gibbons; Doris Hicks; Charles Lewis; Jimmie McDaniel; and Leila Walker.

Agenda

The Agenda was amended to include the General Counsel Report and Governmental Relations.

Recording Secretary's Report

Minutes were approved without any additional corrections.

President's Report

The President mentioned that he was invited by the National Education Association (NEA) to a meeting in Dallas, TX to establish a National HBCU Summit Conference. The future conference will include HBCU Presidents; Alumni Leadership; University Leadership over 3 – 5 days.

The president also announced that Southern Region Member-At-Large James "Skip" McClemore has resigned. His resignation has been accepted and the Southern Region will select a replacement.

1st Vice President's Report

Dr. James Moran gave the Convention report update. Dr. Carolyn Collins asked about a hotel concern regarding an accountability system for the residents to prevent attrition issues. The report was accepted for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report

Len Franklin gave an update on the Treasurer's Report. There were discussions about financial reporting compliance with the NAA Bylaws as listed in the NAA Compliance Matrix. It was discussed that all Compliance Matrix Officers (i.e. Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and General Counsel will meet next week with the Regional Vice Presidents and Members-At-Large to discuss procedures for updating the Matrix and notifying chapters of their compliance status with the Matrix.

Post Script:

Subsequent to the meeting, the above-mentioned officers met, made changes to the e-mail communication and matrix chart, and the individual communication

Financial Secretary's Report

Juanita Moore was not present and on travel, but she presented the report.

3rd Vice President

Carolyn Collins requested that the 3rd Vice President be placed on the agenda sooner in her capacity as the 3rd Vice President and be allowed to give the Fundraising Committee Report out of respect to the title. The Corresponding Secretary explained that Committee reports come later in the order of the Committees on the agenda. The President will take this under advisement.

Budget and Finance Committee

Action Item: Reginald Mitchell presented the proposed FAMU NAA Budget for the Executive Board to consider and approve. A question was raised as to whether or not the University will actually take on fifty percent of the FAMU NAA Employee salary. There were concerns raised that this has not been finalized. Consequently, there was an amendment moved by unanimous consent to continue to cover 100% of the employee to prevent any disruption of services. The additional monies are to come from the Contributions to the University (\$49,805.00). The entire budget with the change was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Membership Recruitment Committee

Jimmie McDaniel presented the Committee Report. He discussed membership life pins distribution; membership dues return on investment, and the committee forwarded a proposal for a business/corporate membership level. The committee is communicating to subscribing life membership to complete dues. They also want a link on the website for new graduates. The report was presented for information purposes only.

Constitution and Bylaws

Artisha Polk gave the report and described the proposed amendments to the NAA Constitution and Bylaws. The Committee is also proposing policies for adoption including Risk Management

and Chapter Handbook. The currently proposed amendments have been shared to the Google Drive accessible to all Board Members. The report was presented for information purposes only.

Fundraising Committee

Mary Smith gave the report. GEICO Fundraiser is designed to increase the number of quotes. A flyer promoting the fundraiser will go out on Monday. Van Russ has assembled a chapter spreadsheet detailing calling to members. The SOS campaign is being promoted again. She is awaiting information from Dr. Hudson before requesting funds. The report was presented for information purposes only.

Governmental Relations

Dr. Carolyn Collins gave the report. She thanked Barbara Phippen Cohen and Carmen Cummings-Martin and her Committee for their efforts towards FAMU Day at the Capitol. She needs all Board Members to complete a registration form even if outside of the state. Alumni are needed to call legislators that they are connected to, especially in remote areas that have few alumni. She is trying to cover 67 counties. The event is April 6, 2017 at the Capitol and lunch will be at the Tookes Center on FAMU's campus.

The Presidential Selection process is also underway. The Alumni will be involved in the BOT process.

The NAA Legacy Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017. Past President's Tommy Mitchell and Dr. Carolyn Collins will be honored. She suggested that the FAMU NAA purchase a table for \$850.00. The Florida Conference of Black State Legislators are meeting and she suggested that the NAA buy a table at the Gala on April 7th as we usually do. The report was presented for information purposes only.

Risk Management

Reginald Mitchell mentioned that he chaired a committee of attorneys to review the Risk Management policies. The attorneys have completed their work. His special committee is going to refer their recommendations to the Bylaws Committee to make a final recommendation to the Executive Board. The report was presented for information purposes only.

Midwest Region

Derris King gave his report for informational purposes only. He mentioned that although information is sent to the Regional VPs, we should still send information out to the Chapters directly.

Northeast Region

General Bell gave the Northeast Region Report. The six (6) Chapters are working with limited contact with the New York Chapter. He is thankful for the information from the compliance matrix. He also looks forward to working with the Recruitment Committee. The NAA needs to determine which officer will determine which Chapter is inactive. He gave his report for informational purposes only.

Scholarship Committee

Doris Hicks asked board members to review the release DAA Nominations form as well as the Scholarship applications now available online.

History Book Committee Action Item: Referral of History Book Committee Recommendations to the History Book Advisory Committee

Dr. Leila Walker gave an update of efforts towards the History Book. Glyndell Pressley was selected to review the book in its entirety as a proof reader. They are awaiting comments from the Regional VPs and the Advisory Committee. The next steps were referred back to the History Book Advisory Committee. Additional Alumni with institutional memory will be added to the Committee. It was moved that we refer the matter of next steps to the advisory committee. The motion was seconded and passed. Angela Bledsoe recommended that the committee look into the Professional Historical Association.

New Business

N/A

Good of the Order

Carolyn Collins asked if we are going to do anything with the Legacy Banquet and the Black Brains Matter Conference. Marion Gibbons will take the lead on that. Doris Hicks stated that will be around the eternal flame on March 31, 2017. President Clark will seek to meet with the FAMU President on Sunday night about the Office of Alumni Affairs staff.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.