

SEAHO
Governing Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 1996
Grove Park Inn, Asheville

*Twenty six members of the Governing Council were present:

Connie Carson	Paul Jahr	Mel Miller	Ed Grandpre
Tim Coley	Wayne VanSluys	Tom Miles	Cindy Cassens
Al Barnes	Branan Woodham	Steve Baxley	Phil Riordan
Glenn Allen	Lorinda Krhut	Vickie Hawkins	Tierza Watts
Gary Kimble	David Rettig	Lina Cottingham	Philip Cortese
Gretchen Koehler Shepley	Debbie Ferrell	RuthAnn Howard	Julie McMahon
Shannon Staten	Verna Howell		

*Connie welcomed everyone to the conference and to the meeting. She gave new members of the council SEAHO Service Pins.

*Connie gave a brief conference program update and noted that attendees at the pre-conferences will be high.

*Steve Baxley gave an update as we enter the conference. Special thanks were made to the Program Steering Committee and all of his staff who have helped him in his efforts as Host. Many people of the Host committee will be running around over the next few days making sure everything is going well.

*Shannon Staten gave a SEAHO97 Report. The Kentucky Association of Housing Officers has already spent a lot of time preparing for the conference. Everything with the Seelbach is going well and the group is enthusiastic about providing a great conference experience.

*The bid for SEAHO98 will be presented at the Thursday Business meeting by the Georgia Housing Officers. The conference site will be in Savannah.

*Connie stated that Lisa Padalino has left the Housing field. Sue Beebe is standing in as co-chair for the Placement Committee this next year with Cathy Akens.

*ACUHO-I'95 was great fun in Las Cruces, NM. SEAHO won the volleyball tournament. Connie recognized the continued support of WEB by providing the reception for SEAHO and sponsoring the volleyball team. Connie reported that The Foundation Board for ACUHO is searching for board members. Anyone interested should contact Bernie Pleskoff this week.

*There was discussion concerning selecting spotlight programs to fill the slots at ACUHO-I. The group felt a consensus that calling them the Best of The Rest is misleading. Gary Kimble suggested that a name change on the spotlight be passed on to the ACUHO-I programming committee.

*Chuck Colby is here this week to represent SWACUHO and to highlight ACUHO-I'96 in Rhode Island this July.

*Shannon passed out the minutes from the Annual Business Meeting last year. Any comments or changes should be given to her tomorrow. She also reminded everyone that she will need the names of anyone receiving awards or grants to be placed with the minutes for this year's meeting.

Branan Woodham gave the Treasurer Report. He didn't have a handout yet. He will for the Business Meeting on Thursday. He did say there is a balance of \$82,355 of total funds: \$48,000 in Reserve, \$36,000 in Administrative Funds, and \$8,355 in operating budget. He does have the checkbook with him, so if anyone needs reimbursements, see him.

*Gretchen Koehler-Shepley reported that the deadline for the next SEAHO Report has passed. She plans to have the deadline next year be later. She proposed the add a ½ page rate for Ads and to increase the full page rate. There is a discount shown to those who have booths at the conference. She stated that the production cost of the Report is high due to the number of pages we have. There was some discussion of having Gretchen put together a recommended package deal for associates (conferences + AD + other support). This is something the Associate Committee might look at.

Gary Kimble motioned to increase the full page AD cost to \$125.00 and to add a ½ page rate for \$90.00 with no discount at this time. This would start with the summer issue. The motion was seconded by Tierza Watts. Motion passed 16/0/0.

*Phil Riordan had no report at this time.

*State Reports:

Alabama, Glen Allen: The Alabama Association is looking at a bid for SEAHO'99 or 2000.

Florida, Philip Cortese: Not much new going on in the state. The RA conference will be at the University of Florida, SAACURH No Frills was at Florida State. The state meeting is coming up and will be at Nova Scotia.

Georgia, Tim Coley: The professional conference will be at GSW College. The RA conference was at Berry College, there were 400+ there. The RHA meeting will be at Scott College.

Kentucky, Ruth Ann Harney Howard: The RHA Conference was in January at Morehead State. The state is preparing for next year. KAHO annual meeting in October will be at Western Kentucky University.

Louisiana: No report

Mississippi, Lorinda Krhut: The RA/RHA conference was this past weekend.

North Carolina, Tierza Watts: The Executive Board Meeting was in December. There will be a Strategic Planning meeting of the organization in April. The group is looking for a multicultural chairperson. The NCRHA was at UNC Charlotte in early February, 125 attended.

South Carolina, Mel Miller: Winthrop hosted the State Conference. The RHA/RA conference was at Clemson last weekend.

Tennessee, Debbie Ferrell: The RA/RHA meeting was snowed out in February. It has been rescheduled for this weekend.

Virginia, Lina Cottingham: The midyear professional meeting is always held at Wintergreen. There were 200+ there this year. The RA conference was earlier in the month at William Mary College with 275+ attending. The Fall'96 meeting will be held at JMU. Dave Schrage is the new VA State Representative.

*Committee / Task Force reports:

Graduate Issues, Julie McMahon: Julie distributed a handout. The committee will be hosting a social during the Associate's Reception on Wednesday. ProAm is strong and well.

Educational Programs, Al Barnes: The publications are ready for the conference. New projects will be to develop a program to present what the committee has done, and developing booklets on "how to program", "tips on Booking a speaker" etc.

Placement, Tierza Watts: Placement will be set up in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Room. Kentucky has agreed to take home the boxes, etc. and store them for next year.

Membership, Tom Miles: Tom passed around the agenda for the Newcomer's Meeting On Wednesday. He recommended the committee be called the Membership Services Committee and that it encompass the Involvement Fair, the Pro Am Tour and the Newcomer's events.

Human Relations Committee: tabled report. Dawn Blanford will chair next year.

Research and Information, Ed Grandpre: Ed distributed a handout about this year's accomplishments. He made a motion to redistribute the research grant funds, beginning with the 1996-1997 fiscal period, to create two different grant programs:

1. The first, consisting of \$1,000.00 for four \$250.00 grants, will be administered by the Research and Information Committee to support research, including self-studies of housing organizations using ACUHO-I standards.
2. The second, consisting of \$1,000 for four \$250.00 grants, will be administered by the Educational Programs Committee to support new program development.

Paul Jahr seconded the motion. Ed explained the committee is ready for this step. There is a difference between the R&I and the Educational Programs committees that needs to be recognized. Motion passed 16/0/0.

Awards and Recognition Committee, Gary Kimble: Recipients have been chosen for each award. Gary will have the list available after they have been awarded. Gary did mention the graduate scholarships and the problem with meeting the criteria for that award. It is difficult to find those who qualify. It can be discussed more at the May meeting.

Nominations and Elections, Vickie Hawkins: Vickie passed around the information handout for the Governing Council nominations. There is an excellent slate.

Leadership Task Force, Cindy Cassens: Cindy shared the results of all the surveys the task force has been conducting. She asked everyone to read through them and give her any feedback. She proposed the Associate Task Force become a standing committee.

Fiscal Affairs Task Force, Tim Coley: Tim asked the questions of what is the expectation of the HOST for surplus money? And How do the committee chairs get their money? It was decided to further discuss this area at the May meeting.

Associate Task Force, Shannon Staten: Shannon recommended the term Exhibitors be changed to Associates for all future references. It was agreed. There will be a motion at the Business meeting recommending the task force become a standing committee.

Technology and Information Task Force, Wayne Van Sluys: Wayne is designing the web page for SEAHO. He needs ideas of what to put on it. That project is evolving.

*1996-97 Committee Recruitment, Involvement, and recognition, Paul Jahr: The 96-97 committees are ready to roll. Committee Chairs should be at the Involvement Fair and ready to talk about their charge. Paul made a motion that the committee or task force be able to nominate future chairs. Verna Howell seconded the motion. Motion passed: 16/0/0.

*Paul asked that everyone leaving their office/position this conference return their manual to him.

E Thayne King, SWACUHO President, is here for the conference. Meet him and make him feel welcome.

*The group decided to table discussion about '96-'97 Governing Council Operating Funds and the meeting schedule for 1996 until the Thursday afternoon meeting for the new Council.

*Paul distributed the constitutional changes that will be presented on Thursday.

*Connie reviewed the meal agendas for the conference and read off the Head Table seating.

*Connie passed out the annual report form and asked everyone to return it by March 15th.

*Paul asked the state representatives to send him an update on state's plans, functions, etc. He also reported the certificates for SEAHO Service Award will be distributed at the State Caucus Meetings on Thursday.

Meeting Adjourned.