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Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMUNAA)

Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Ret. Col. Gregory L. Clark Presiding

Roll Call

Roll Call was not taken, but was recorded electronically by the Recording Secretary. A quorum was confirmed via the electronic participation report of the meeting.

Executive Board Members Participating: 20

Greg Clark (Col. Ret.), President; Leroy Bell (Gen. Ret.), Northeast Region Vice President; Dr. Carolyn Collins, Past President; Jean Downing, FL Regional Vice President; Cassie Farmer, NE Region Member-At-Large; Lenard Franklin, Treasurer; Regina Gardner, NAA Fiscal Operations Director (Non-Voting); Nicole Jones, Esq., 2nd Vice President; Skip McClemore, Southern Region Member-At-Large; Reginald Mitchell, Esq., Recording Secretary; Thomas Mitchell, Immediate Past President; Juanita Moore, Financial Secretary; Dr. James Moran, 1st Vice President; Akunna Olumba, General Counsel; Yolanda Pinkard, Southern Region Member-At-Large; Artisha Polk, Corresponding Secretary; Robert Porter (Col. Ret.), Sergeant-At-Arms; Van Russ, Far West Region Member-At-Large; Pat Shaw, Florida Region Member-At-Large; and Mary Smith, 3rd Vice President.

Other Committee Chairs, Officers and Guests Participating: 5

Gioia Bufkin, Audit Committee Chair, Marion Gibbons, Student Recruitment Committee Chair; Doris Hicks, Scholarship and Financial Aid Committee Chair; Charles Lewis, Convention Committee Chair; and Stephen Roberson, Media and Technology Committee Chair.

Invocation

Opening Prayer was done by 1st Vice President James L. Moran.

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda was the History Book update, guidance on President's Meeting and Convention update. The New Jersey Chapter Fundraiser was placed in the Good of the Order. The agenda was moved, seconded and adopted by majority vote.

President's Report

FL Region Rep Patricia Pat Shaw; Southern Region Rep Jefferey Simmons, Sr., NE Region Rep Cassie Farmer, Midwest Region Rep Tracey Payne-Tellis; Far West Region Rep Gioia Bufkin; and Juanita Moore, Financial Secretary. The Chair remains Brandon Hill. This is the newly approved Committee Roster that replaces the prior roster entirely. These reps were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Len Franklin presented the Treasurer's Report for informational purposes only. The Budget & Finance Committee will address a \$30,000 under budget issue. Mr. Franklin answered a few questions. The report was accepted without objection.

Financial Secretary's Report

Juanita Moore presented the Financial Secretary's Report for informational purposes only. The report was accepted without objection.

Northeast Region Report

General Bell presented the Northeast Region Report for informational purposes only. The report was accepted without objection.

Budget & Finance Committee Report

Reginald Mitchell presented the report. There were 3 actions items: The History Book Committee and Media, & Technology Committee Online Database.

Action Item #1: History Book Committee

It was motioned and seconded to amend the History Book Committee to an amount of \$16,200. The amended budget of \$16,200 was approved unanimously.

Action Item #2: Financial Aid & Scholarship Committee Scholarship to Harriet Jordan \$4,362.06

Motion to award a scholarship to Harriet Jordan \$4,362.06 from the Million Dollar Campaign. The requirements of the Scholarship require that she be enrolled, and she was at the time that she matriculated, but is now not enrolled. These funds are to pay for the semester that she was enrolled. Dr. William Hudson, FAMU VPSA sent written certification to the Chair that she met all other requirements. It was moved, seconded (Nicole Jones) and passed by majority vote to approve the budget and waive the requirement that she be currently enrolled. Gen. Leroy Bell opposed the motion.

Action Item #3: Media & Technology Committee Online Database \$7,000

The Media & Technology Committee wants to increase their online database budget from \$3,000 to \$7,000 for an annual appropriation to purchase software. The Committee wants to raise the money through individual sponsorships. They would like to raise the money by the Florida Classic. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve up to \$7,000 for the online database minus any funds raised by the Media and Technology Committee.

Fundraising Committee

Mary Smith presented the Fundraising Committee Report for informational purposes only. She gave an update on the SOS Scholarship and encourages further donations. There will be a FAMU Homecoming Halftime Text to Donate Fundraising Event at the football game.

Doris Hicks suggested that we invest in lockable boxes for donations.

Action Item #1: 2017 Acura TLX Car Raffle

There will also be a raffle at the Annual Convention to purchase a \$20 ticket and possibly win a 2017 Acura TLX car. We will get 30% of proceeds. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to participate in the project.

Time and Place Committee Report

Dr. James Moran and Charles Lewis gave an update for informational purposes. Convention Registration (\$350 with a \$25 Early Registration Discount. The first 50 people are eligible for the early bird discount. It increases to \$400 after the initial registration period) and Hotel Reservations will open up at 1:00 on Friday after homecoming convocation. Executive Board Members will receive a coupon code, which is not part of the 1st 50 registrants, to get \$25 discount. This coupon expires in 2 weeks and is only for 1 registration. Hotel rooms are only available for 2 per person.

The Committee asks that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee draft a regulation dealing with Fundraising proposals by Chapters at the National Convention. There is a goal to prevent conflicts with the National Convention.

Action Item #1: Motion to approve the New Jersey Chapter Fundraiser Raffle 1 Hotel Room for the Convention and not allow other Chapters to conduct similar fundraisers for this convention.

It was moved, seconded, and passed by majority vote to approve the New Jersey Chapter Fundraiser. General Bell voted no on the motion.

History Book Committee Report

Van Russ presented the report for informational purposes only. They have plans to sell the book throughout the week beginning tomorrow night at the reception. President Clark reported that the books are not ready. The printer will mock up 4 books to ensure that we are satisfied with the final product. There was much further discussion about the next steps for the book.

Chapter President's Call

President Clark will have an Executive Council call with the Executive Board and Chapter Presidents. He wants reports on SOS, Scholarships, Convention, Constitution and Bylaws, Treasurer's Report, Budget & Finance since Convention, History Book, Fundraising, Membership, IRS 990, & Regional VPs, prohibition of Campaign Electioneering, non-partisan voter registration, Black Brains Matter, and Online Membership Software.

Handbook on Operations

Nichole Phillips will work with Committees to pull that together. Wants to bring in Risk Management to bring that to fruition. He hopes to launch that by the end of January. Chapter presidents need to understand protocol so that they do not operate outside of the NAA.

Student Recruitment and Education Committee

Marion Gibbons presented a report for informational purposes. She wants people to recommend members. VP recommendations are being solicited for regional representation. She will get offline with the Budget & Finance Committee about funding.

Media and Technology Committee

Stephen Roberson gave a report that with the new software, we will be able to provide e-mail addresses to chapters through the NAA. He also discussed their past inability to spend money on the website. Carolyn Collins asked if we can get out information and build up the website at minimal cost. Stephen mentioned that if Executive Board Members need to get information on the website need to e-mail him at contact@famunaa.org and copy the corresponding secretary at corsecretary@famunaa.org.

FAMU Homecoming

20 seats will be set aside for FAMU Homecoming Convocation. An e-mail went out about Check presentation at halftime. We should wear our green blazers if we have them.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.