

**Minutes from the Annual Business Meeting
Trade Winds Resort Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Southeastern Association for Community College Research was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at the Trade Winds Resort in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Kathryn Hornsby, President. The Secretary's report was given by Gwen Aldridge. Minutes of the mid-year and 2004 annual business meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Stephanie King, Treasurer, reported that the SACCR checking account balance was \$32,707.75 with conference expenses not yet paid. She reported that the SACCR money market account balance was \$10,013.72 as of June 30, 2005. Ned Lovell moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Jonnie Blair seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kathryn Hornsby called for old business, and there was none. In new business, the constitution and bylaws revision was brought up. Kathryn noted that Annabelle Lewis had done an excellent job in making suggested revisions to the bylaws and the constitution. It was announced that the proposed revisions had been posted on the SACCR website. The main proposed changes were noted. In the Constitution, in Article IV of the Finance Section, dates were changed for the organization's fiscal year. Under Article IV of the Elections Section, a statement was removed that no longer applies. The final proposed change was in Article VIII, on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. That change deals with the fact that the proposed amendments would not be mailed to the members, but rather posted on the SACCR website. Suggested changes to the By-Laws included the revision of Section 1: Members. Under Section 1.a, the statement "Student members shall not be able to hold an Association office or have voting privileges" was deleted. Section 1.B. on Emeritus Members was deleted. In Section 3, applications for membership shall be made to the treasurer, rather than the secretary. The dates for the membership year were changed. Under Organizational Structure, Section 1 on Officers, suggested changes included separating "elected" officers from other officers. Under Section E, an additional duty of providing "membership information to the Secretary" was added. Changes were further suggested under duties of the Treasurer on changing the dates for closing the Association's fiscal books and making report to the Board. A newly elected treasurer would take office at mid-year rather than at the conference as other elected officers would do. Other suggested changes included making the Webmaster an appointed position. The proposed changes were discussed. Ned Lovell made a motion that the amendments be accepted as posted on the website. Debbie Goodman seconded the motion. The membership unanimously approved.

The next item of business was presentation of the Edith Carter Service Award by Ned Lovell. Ned noted that the purpose of the award was to celebrate the past and to look forward to the future. He noted that Edie was present in 1971 when SACCR was founded. She has been the one and only newsletter editor. She is the historical memory for the organization, the power behind the scenes at SACCR. She is also the spirit of SACCR. Edie now has 34 years of service to the organization. Edie is always the first

one to arrive at the conference and the last one to leave. Ned noted that Edie's husband Fletcher has also made the conference trip 34 times. Ned said that we first recognized Edith Carter for outstanding service in 1998, but today we recognize other people who have also made outstanding contributions to the SACCR Organization. Ned stated the organization criteria and the purpose of the award. He gave out plaques to previous recipients, noting that the paper certificate given before failed to match the significance of the award. Pat Windham accepted a plaque from Ned as a recipient of the award in 2003. It was noted that Jim Howell's plaque would be mailed. A plaque was presented to Ned Lovell as a recipient of the award in 2004. Ned Lovell presented the 2005 Edith Carter Service Award plaque and lifetime membership in the organization to Randell Johnson. Ned then called Michael Quanty to the podium. He announced that Michael was one of the two recipients of the 2004 Edith Carter Service Award, but that Mike had been unable to attend the 2004 Conference to accept his award. Mike graciously accepted.

Debra West Risley then presented the Best Paper Awards. Debra announced that Dr. Charles Barnett from Itawamba Community College, Mississippi had been chosen to represent SACCR at the Southern Association for Institutional Research (SAIR) Conference with his paper: *Students' Algebra I Subject Area Testing Program (SATP) Scores as a Predictor of Placement in Postsecondary Mathematics*. She announced that Dr. Teresa Resch from Coosa Valley Technical College, Georgia had been chosen to represent SACCR at the American Educational Research (AERA) Conference with her paper: *Attrition, Completion, and Graduation Rates in Georgia Technical Colleges Before and After the Initiation of the Hope Grant*. Lastly, she announced that Dr. Nancy Rieves from Arkansas State University, Arkansas had been chosen to represent SACCR at the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) Forum with her paper: *An Analysis of Public Two-Year College Foundation Fund-Raising Activities*. She thanked everyone who had submitted papers this year and said that it had been a very close competition. She further expressed appreciation to the esteemed members of the 2005 Outstanding Paper Selection Committee: Jill Triplett (past president of SACCR) from Atlanta Technical College; Dr. Phil Bonfanti (former Outstanding Paper Award winner) from Mississippi State University; and Dr. Laura Berry (former Outstanding Paper Award winner) from North Arkansas College. She commented that it takes a significant amount of time and effort to read and appropriately critique these papers, and shared that this committee did so diligently, conscientiously, and enthusiastically. Debra then announced that the Executive Board approved a few changes and clarifications to the rules for Outstanding Paper Awards submissions. She covered the changes and announced that these changes will be posted on the SACCR website.

In the next item of business, Sue Minchew thanked the state coordinators who were vital in helping to advertise the conference. Sue presented a certificate to each of the state coordinators who was present at the conference. She then gave a State Attendance Award and \$100 check to Thomas Cleary, the state coordinator for Florida. Sue commented that Georgia came in second, Mississippi third, and Virginia fourth. She further commented that she would like for membership to be improved in the other states.

The next item of business was discussion of the 2006 Conference site by Jonnie Blair. Jonnie announced that the site hadn't yet been decided upon. He said that Richmond, VA is being considered and that Bruce Bartek had agreed to serve as Local Arrangements Chair if Virginia were chosen. He announced that a second possibility was Nashville, TN and that Ellen Weed would serve as Local Arrangements Chair in the event that Nashville was chosen. He said that the Board was leaning toward Nashville, but that a cost analysis would be done before a final decision was made. It was noted that SACCR could negotiate a contract with Tradewinds for two more sessions, two years apart. Membership was asked whether they would like to come back to St. Pete in 2007, and members clapped signifying approval.

In further business Debbie Goodman recognized the Conference Planning Team and others. She commented that it really takes a village to pull off a conference. She thanked board members, the state coordinators, the major session presenters, the roundtable presenters, the concurrent session presenters, and the facilitators. She thanked the hospitality team, the sponsors and the local arrangements team. She concluded by saying that it was a distinct honor and privilege to have Thomas Cleary on board. She presented Thomas with the SACCR frog. Kathryn Hornsby then presented a certificate to each of the officers and appointed board members. She thanked Debra West Risley, Gwen Aldridge, and Jonnie Blair who will be rotating off the board. She also thanked Don Kurtz for help with the data base and Marlene Taylor who has assisted with artwork for SACCR. New officers were announced by past president Jonnie Blair. He stated that the newly elected Program Chair is Thomas Cleary, Secretary is Deborah Burkes, and Member At Large is Larry Day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Gwen P. Aldridge, Secretary