

**SACAC in Arlington, VA**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2012**

Vern called the April 2012 General Membership Meeting to order. Vern recognized Phil Kimrey and Phyllis Gill, who both serve on the NACAC Board, as well as Nancy Beane, who just rotated off of the NACAC Board.

Vern introduced Bill Dingleline, who has made a wonderful recovery after a serious cycling accident, which kept him from joining us at NACAC in New Orleans. Bill thanked the SACAC membership for well wishes and prayers during his time of recovery. He announced our 2012 award winners:

**Rising Star Award:** Jonathan Earnest, University of South Florida;

**President's Award:** Jennifer Thibodeaux from Baton Rouge;

**Garrett Klein Award:** Claudia Goldbach, Girls Preparatory School, Chattanooga, TN;

**Bill Starling Award:** Neil Clark, Walker School, Marietta, GA

**Larry West Award:** John "Buck" Rogers, McCallie School, Chattanooga, TN.

Congratulations to each of you!

**SACAC Slate of Officers:** Brandi Lyndall (Education Services Foundation), Connie Scrivens (University of South Carolina), Joyce Mai (NC State University), Laura Leftwich (Brother Martin High School), Debra Landesberg (My College Resource), Rachel McCoy (Roswell High School), Jonathan Ferrell (Millsaps College), Laura Martin—Treasurer (Agnes Scott College), and Deanna Voss—President-Elect (University of Miami).

Vern introduced Lauren Sefton, Conference Chair, and thanked her for a tremendous effort towards a great conference. Lauren thanked all of the people who volunteered and presented, including Vicki Englehart, who worked on the sessions, and Ashley Thomas, our hotel liaison. Lauren informed members about check out, recycling name badges & bags, and other last-day details. Polo shirts and conference pins will be sold today. Next year's conference in Memphis will also require lots of SACAC volunteers; yellow volunteer forms were available on the breakfast tables and registration tables.

Vern began the business meeting portion of the program. Scott Chrysler made a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes, and Sam Moss seconded. The motion passed. Dee Voss, current Treasurer, gave a budget report, indicating that the organization is fiscally stable. We moved to QuickBooks online this year, so that Elizabeth Merritt, Executive Assistant, can handle all incoming monies, and the Treasurer can handle all outgoing monies. We have \$148,991.64 in our checking account right now and \$252,477.42 in our Raymond James investment account. A balance sheet showing assets and liabilities was available on the breakfast tables. Total assets are \$401,469.16. Dee will be turning over the books to Laura Martin in the coming weeks, as Laura becomes our Treasurer.

Vern recognized our outgoing Board members: Debbie Carrington (Delegate and Human Relations Co-Chair), Stacy Lightfoot (Delegate and Human Relations Co-Chair), Joe Montgomery (Delegate and Membership Co-Chair), Jessica Morales (Delegate and Communications Co-Chair), Karen Svetlay (Delegate and State & Area Initiatives Co-Chair), Deanna Voss (Treasurer), Brandi Smith (Delegate and Professional Development Chair), and Bill Dingledine (Past President and Chief Delegate).

Jack Whelan, Professional Development Co-Chair, announced the next Dry Run (2013 & 2014) location: University of Miami. Jack encouraged members to continue to support and enjoy our summer programs: Dry Run, Summer Seminar, Sweet Tea Tour, and SAIL.

Vern recognized the First Timers Grant Recipients, to whom conference attendance was awarded from an Imagine Grant from NACAC: Stacey Sowell (Shaw University, Raleigh, NC), Alexander Levy (Sci Academy, New Orleans, LA), Brandon Lay (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA), Ashley Holmes (Soulsville Charter School, Memphis, TN), and Lauren Hitt (International High School, New Orleans, LA). Lauren Hitt's school was also the recipient of Project Reach this year.

Vern presented the slate of officers, and the motion was made, seconded, and voted upon with approval. Vern thanked SACAC for their support and professional development over the years. The gavel was passed to Vicki Englehart, our new President.

Vicki made remarks about our Southern affiliate and how special we are due to our diversity, our outreach to students through programs like Mini Camp Colleges, and our sharing of knowledge and collaboration with each other. She shared that Counselor Participation Fund brought her to her first conference years ago, and she has since had many mentors and made many friends in SACAC.

Ryan Riggs from Episcopal School in Jacksonville, FL, came forward to thank SACAC for its outpouring of support after the recent tragedy at his school.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 9:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Merritt, Executive Assistant