## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

## **NACAC** in Baltimore

## **September 24, 2009**

Jean Jordan, President of SACAC, welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Sam Moss on winning the Margaret E. Addis Service to NACAC Award! Jean announced that a number of people are taking on new Board responsibilities:

Buck Rogers & Joe Montgomery will be in charge of Membership;

Rusty Allen & Jessica Morales will be in charge of Technology;

Tricia Davis & Brent Shropshire will be in charge of State and Area Initiatives;

Brandi Smith will work with Vicki Englehart on Professional Development;

Terrance Dixon and Debbie Carrington will look for Sponsorships and Grants;

Sam Moss will head up the new Past Presidents Advisory Council.

Karen Svetlay will co-chair Government Relations with Patty Montague.

Stacy Lightfoot will work with Vern Granger on Human Relations.

Woody O'Cain will chair the Fiscal Oversight Committee.

Elizabeth Costello will chair Drive-In Workshops.

We are working with MemberClicks to create our new website and will send out a broadcast email to let you know when the new site it up. At that point, you will be able to renew your membership and others will be able to join online. Please contact Elizabeth Merritt, Executive Assistant, if you need information that you are unable to access, and she will be glad to help.

Treasurer Dee Voss gave a financial report. We ended the 08-09 year in the black and will be moving \$35,000 into our Raymond James investment account, after which the account will total \$170,000. We have \$202,276 total assets right now. There were budget reports in the back of the room for those who were interested. We are hoping to use interest earned on the Raymond James account to increase Counselor Participation Fund and other grant monies each year.

Chief Delegate/Past President Ed Graf announced that SACAC pins are available from Patty Montague for a \$5 or more donation to the Counselor Participation Fund. We are one of the largest affiliates (in number of NACAC members), and we have 23 Delegates to the Assembly of NACAC. There are not many large issues on the voting agenda. There is a slight change to the SPGP as suggested by SACAC. Reducing the size of Assembly will likely be discussed, as 260 Delegates total is a large number, for financial and practical reasons. Ed had the Delegates stand for the members to see their representatives. Ed discussed the NACAC candidates for President and Board of Directors, on whom the Delegates will be voting. Phyllis Gill, one of our own, is a candidate for Board of Directors and received a hearty round of applause.

Ed announced that we recently signed a contract to hold a joint conference with PACAC in 2012 in the Washington, DC, area (Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City). The hotel is very convenient to Reagan National Airport, and we expect a great turnout with the two affiliates together. The NACAC conference in 2011 will be in New Orleans, and Ed, as a native, made a request for volunteers to help with registration, bag stuffing, and the like. He'll be calling you!

Susan McCarter, Conference Chair, got us excited about the April conference in Jacksonville. Our social will be at a beautiful club that overlooks the St. John's River. Look for a broadcast email in the next two weeks for information regarding hotel arrangements (\$169 per night). The schedule will be almost identical to last year's schedule, and we will post conference information on the new website as soon as it's up. Steve Soud, local arrangement chair, expressed his enthusiasm for SACAC's coming to town. This is Susan's last conference, and Lauren Sefton will be taking over from her for the 2011 conference.

President-Elect Bill Dingledine made a request for session proposals. We are hoping for 75 top notch sessions at the April conference. The deadline for these is October 1, so don't delay! Please share your wealth of knowledge with others. The form for proposals is posted on the current website. Even if you do not plan to present, you may submit a great idea to Bill.

Government Relations chair Patty Montague challenged us to support the Pathways to College act, which NACAC helped write. This bill has sponsors in both the House and the Senate. Go by the NACAC booth, which allows you to email your senators and congressmen on the spot. The affiliate with the best participation will be publicly recognized.

We are going to start doing some state legislative days. Georgia will have a legislative day sometime during the week of Feb 1-5. You can get some advocacy training, meet with your legislators, and make a difference.

Human Relations Chair Vern Granger spoke about the Mini Camp Colleges that SACAC provides. These allow us to help the students in our region learn about the college process. We will again have six Camp Colleges this year, just before National College Fairs and our April conference:

Atlanta, January 23;
Miami, February 20;
Tampa, February 27;
Charlotte, March 20;
Jacksonville, April 17;

and Nashville, April 24.

Vern will be sending out a broadcast email to request volunteers for the Mini Camp Colleges. He thanked this past year's volunteers and gave his new email address for those who wish to help (Verngranger@utk.edu).

Professional Development Chair Vicki Englehart discussed our upcoming summer programs:

The Sweet Tea Tour, chaired by Ryan Riggs and Ivy Brewer, will be a North Carolina tour this year. Please act quickly when the broadcast email arrives regarding sign-ups for the tour, as it fills up fast.

Summer Seminar, chaired by Claudia Goldbach and Jack Whelan will be hosted by Vanderbilt University on June 16-19, 2010.

Dry Run, chaired by Alicia Kornowa and Serge Desir, will be hosted by the University of South Florida (Tampa) in late July/early August.

The new SAIL institute—Succeed Achieve Inspire & Lead—will run in conjunction with Dry Run for middle managers in Admissions.

Drive-In Workshops will be held in every state this year; those dates and cities will be posted on the new website.

Jean asked for a motion to approve the April 2009 minutes from the conference in Raleigh. The motion was seconded and voted on by the membership. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Merritt, Executive Assistant