

**SACAC General Membership Meeting Minutes
2019 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA
April 8, 2019**

President Jessica Sant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to Atlanta. We hope you have enjoyed the sessions thus far and that the conference has been fruitful. Jessica asked for members to approve the minutes from our last meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved. We have approximately 150 local counselors and 300 first timers in attendance, and they were asked to stand and be recognized. We're excited to have you join us!

Treasurer Erin Chadwick reported \$389,401.33 in our checking account, and our reserve fund invested through Raymond James has over half a year of operating funds, as recommended.

Communications Chair Sean Kennedy came forward to report on our new Communications Liaisons in each state, who help contribute to the *Southern Scope* blog and our social media. GA, FL, AR, and SC have liaisons, and we still need liaisons in LA, MS, AL, and NC . Email communications@sacac.org if you are interested in volunteering in one of those roles.

Past President Connie Scrivens read a thank you statement from Bill Dingledine, a past president of SACAC. Bill was not able to make the trip but wanted to thank friends in the organization who contributed to a fund that has assisted with his medical bills and assisted technology.

Connie introduced Ramon Blakely, our NACAC representative from the Board of Directors and one of our own. Ramon recognized Nancy Beane, Past President of NACAC, who has been very supportive of him. Ramon thanked Jonathan Ferrell, our conference chair, who also serves on an ad hoc committee for NACAC.

NACAC is looking for ways to engage more members in the organization. They have been creating a new membership model, which will be described fully in a breakout session later today. The Department of Justice investigation has been going on for around two years, and NACAC hopes to call soon last year's Assembly Delegates to approve proposed changes that were not voted upon at the last NACAC conference.

How can NACAC bring more ideas to the table & more people to the table? They are looking at the NACAC conference schedule to accomplish these goals.

Ramon was very complimentary of SACAC and his time with us. Ramon recognized President Jessica Sant, who is completing her term at this conference. On behalf of NACAC, Ramon presented Jessica with a commemorative plaque.

Conference Chair Jonathan Ferrell recognized and thanked all of our Sponsors for the conference: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spelman University, SCAD Atlanta, College Board, Reach 16, Spark451, and Applerouth. Jonathan thanked the Georgia colleges and universities who contributed to a sponsorship for public school counselors to attend Local Counselor Day today: Georgia Tech, Emory University, Oglethorpe University, Georgia State University, Spelman College, Valdosta State University, University of Georgia, Agnes Scott College, and Georgia Southern University.

Jonathan shared house keeping details regarding parking, Counselor Participation Fund reimbursement, and hotel navigation. Jonathan thanked the excellent Hilton hotel staff, Elizabeth Merritt, the Presidential team, his colleagues at Pace Academy, and incoming Conference Chair Anita Alston. Anita came forward to offer her thanks to all who contributed to this year's conference and to announce future conference locations for SACAC:

- 2020: Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville, FL (April 19-21)
- 2021: Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC (April 18-20)
- 2022: Omni Orlando Resort at Champion Gate, Orlando, FL (April 3-5).

Those interested in volunteering next year can email Volunteer Coordinator Kaylee Joslin at volunteer@sacac.org.

President Jessica Sant recognized the outgoing SACAC Board members and thanked them for their service over the past three years: Pam Ambler, Bartley Sides, Rachel Kaney, Ivey Harrison, Joyce Mai, Connie Scrivens, Eric Stokes, Sheena Reed Hill, Christopher Briggs, Danielle Dyer, Jonathan Ferrell, and Bob Bouressa.

Governance and Nominating Chair Susan McCarter came forward to recognize those on her committee who worked many hours on the SACAC Board slate and awards: Connie Scrivens, Juan Acosta, Steven Albano, Pamela Bowie, Abey Dessie, Shawn Glover, Ed Graf, Shannon Grimsley, Amelia Johnson, DJ Meehan, and Liz McKenzie.

The 2019 award recipients were announced:

- Garrett Klein Award for Leadership: Christopher Briggs, Duke University
- William Starling Award for Mentorship: Zaire McCoy, Rollins College
- President's Award: Lauren Sefton, Rhodes College
- Myron G. Burney Award for Inclusion and Access: Sarbeth Fleming, The Westminster Schools
- Rising Star Award: Max Beilke, Centenary College
- Rising Star Award: Owen Knight, Tulane University
- Larry West Award: Neil Clark, The Walker School

Susan then presented the nominees for the 2019 slate of Board members:

Jonathan Ferrell (President-Elect), Pace Academy
 Katherine Buck, Auburn University
 Melissa Cline, Furman University
 Christy Conley, North Oconee High School
 Sarbeth Fleming, The Westminster Schools
 Stephen Brown, Get2College/Woodward Hines Education Foundation
 Caroline Morris, St. Johns Country Day School
 Sarbeth Fleming, The Westminster Schools
 Megan Rolf, Winthrop University
 Ashley Young, Charles R. Drew Charter School
 Ashley Armato, Palmer Trinity School.

A motion to approve the slate was made, seconded, and approved. Congratulations to our new Board members!

Jessica recognized outgoing Past President, Connie Scrivens, who has served in the presidential cycle for the past three years. Our Treasurer Erin Chadwick was also thanked for all of her service behind the scenes in SACAC. Jessica recognized Elizabeth Merritt, our Executive Assistant, and Jonathan Ferrell, our outgoing Conference Chair.

With no new business, Jessica gave a few closing remarks as outgoing President, charging us to take up the reigns of leadership in SACAC. Jessica introduced incoming President Ryan

Cassell. Ryan shared a fantastic fruit basket analogy and thanked his school and family for support.

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Merritt, Executive Assistant for SACAC