

**SACAC General Membership Meeting Minutes
NACAC in Boston
September 14, 2017**

President Connie Scrivens welcome over four hundred SACAC members to our General Membership Meeting during the NACAC conference. Some of our members were unable to attend due to Hurricane Irma damage and travel issues; Connie urged attendees to donate to the American Red Cross.

Members of NACAC committees were recognized and thanked for their service to the national organization:

Chad Bryant, National College Fairs
Rick Clark, Government Relations
Vicki Englehart Thompson, Governance & Nominating
Scott Verzyl, National Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Connie asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April's General Membership Meeting in San Antonio. The motion was seconded and approved by vote.

We have no By Law changes to vote upon today but are working on a few improvements that will be voted on at the April 2018 conference.

Please catch up on SACAC news with the latest edition of *Southern Scope*, released on Monday of this week.

SACAC has been working on its budget for 2017-18. Our projected expenses initially outweighed projected income, so the Board took the opportunity to examine our budget in relation to our mission and strategic plan. Drink tickets for this meetings were eliminated in lieu of cutting student scholarships and professional grant funding. Treasurer Ryan Cassell has done an excellent job of keeping SACAC on track.

Dues Increase: Effective 2018-19, SACAC dues will increase from \$35 to \$45. Connie thanked Member Relations co-chairs Ivey Harrison and Bob Stewart for their research; our membership fees were low in comparison to other affiliates of our size, and we realized that we have not increased membership fees in over ten years.

Budget Report: Treasurer Ryan Cassell gave a budget report. We are in a position of good fiscal health. We have \$106,837.93 in our checking account and \$482,855.82 in Raymond James investment accounts (around \$506,000 total). Last April, the membership voted on a new position—Treasurer-Elect. Erin Chadwick has begun these responsibilities and will take over from Ryan in April, when he rotates off of the Board. We will increase Counselor Participation Fund grants by \$3000 this year. Extend the Dream grants will increase by \$3000. Public School Counselor Advocacy will now have a \$2000 budget. All of these reflect our mission and strategic priorities.

Conference Update: Conference Chair Jonathan Ferrell thanked the membership for their support and for their attendance at the Super Conference last April. Our 2018 conference is in

New Orleans at the New Orleans Marriott on Canal Street. Session proposals are due October 15, and registration for the conference will open in December; watch for an email. Be sure to renew your SACAC membership if you have not already done so that you will continue to receive our emails. The hotel rate is \$199, and you will be able to book a hotel room after registering for the conference. If you have questions about the conference, you may email annual-conference@sacac.org. If you'd like a co-presenter to submit a proposal with you, please email Jessica Sant at presidentelect@sacac.org. If you'd like to volunteer, please email Volunteer Coordinator LaSean Price at lprice16@gsu.edu. We are seeking the next Conference Chair, so please apply if you are interested; applications are due September 22. Speak with Jonathan Ferrell (annualconference@sacac.org), Susan McCarter (pastpresident@sacac.org), or Lauren Sefton (seftonl@rhodes.edu) if you would like insight into what it takes to be SACAC's Conference Chair.

Governance and Nominating Update: Past Past President Lauren Sefton, Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, gave us an update on SACAC Board elections and awards for 2018. Lauren thanked the committee members for their work and three-year commitment. Last year, SACAC asked for applications from nominees to create a more standardized, equitable process. Please think of someone to recommend for a Board position and an award; anyone can nominate for either of these, and self-nominations are welcome. The applications will be available on the SACAC website after the NACAC conference (Governance and Nominating page at <http://www.sacac.org/about-sacac/committees/governance-and-nominating/>). Contact Lauren Sefton with questions at seftonl@rhodes.edu or Susan McCarter, Chair-Elect of Governance and Nominating, at mccarter@gps.edu. These are due January 22.

Connie introduced committee chairs to give brief updates.

Government Relations: Pam Ambler and Bartley Sides did some myth busters:

- Is Government Relations just synonymous with Legislative Days? No—we work on Government Relations throughout the year.
- I'm not comfortable talking about policy or politics; is GovRel really for me? It's all about advocacy and storytelling!
- I don't know anyone in my state; I'm new to SACAC. How do I get involved? Check out our website, email govrel@sacac.org, or talk with Bartley or Pam. There is a booth at NACAC, manned by NACAC Government Relations committee members, as well.
- I spent all of my professional development budget on Ubers in Boston. How can I afford to attend Legislative Days? Funding is available!

Inclusion, Access, and Success: Sheena Reed and Catherine Box thanked those who hosted and volunteered at Mini Camp Colleges this past year. Our *Guide to Undocumented Students* is available on SACAC's website at <http://www.sacac.org/about-sacac/committees/inclusion-access-success/>. We have twelve camp college programs scheduled for 2017-18. If you are interested in hosting or organizing a mini camp, please complete an application; we'd love to increase the number of these events. The majority of the events this year will be co-hosted by Community Based Organizations.

SACAC is now using the G-Suite, a wonderful opportunity to share materials. If you have any PowerPoints you've used in the past, we'd love to share them with our members.

Inclusion, Access, and Success is seeking state-level leadership to better serve those in each of our states. If you are interested in taking on one of these leadership positions, please complete the Google form on the committee page. For information, please email Catherine and Sheena at access@sacac.org.

We will be sending a message out to members with all of our new email addresses (@sacac.org).

National College Fairs: Sonya Fleck and Christopher Briggs shared that we have the most NACAC fairs of any affiliate, and we are launching a STEM fair for the first time in 2018. We are always looking for volunteers to support the fair committees; you can reach us at NCF@sacac.org. Chris thanked those who have served faithfully and explained that funding is available to support these fairs—for student transportation, advertising to students, etc.

Grants Committee: Nicole Cook and Claudia Jolivert feel privileged to be able to give money away to support SACAC members in their professional development and efforts to assist students. The Counselor Participation Fund provides funding for attendance at the annual conference and our summer programs. Extend the Dream grants assist professionals, while Extend the Dream scholarships fund \$1000 scholarships for students in our region. The Transfer Grant supports our members who work in transfer admissions. Nicole thanked chairs of these programs.

Communications Committee: Rachel Kaney and Katie Elsasser explained that members are indeed opening *Southern Scope*, our quarterly newsletter co-chaired by Bryan Rutledge and Rachel West) which shares current information about members and our profession. Katie asked members to submit blogs for publication on our website (communications@sacac.org) and thanked Jeff Schiffman and Tara Nelan for their work on SACAC's social media.

Member Relations: Ivey Harrison and Bob Stewart explained that their committee has begun steering new programs and revitalizing existing programs such as volunteering and mentoring. We have a one-page flier on the SACAC website (<http://www.sacac.org/knowledge-center/governance-forms-policies-procedures/>), which can be printed and distributed to counselors you visit during the year. We have over 1045 members who have renewed, and we reached around 1900 members at our peak last year. Our Board will be reaching out to those who haven't renewed to increase our membership numbers. We have ten percent public school counselors and would love to increase that number. memberrelations@sacac.org.

Advancement Committee: Zaire McCoy shared that we have changed the name Sponsorship Committee to Advancement Committee. We are seeking sponsors for the Annual Conference, Mini Camp Colleges, Summer Seminar, Dry Run, and other SACAC programs. Even healthy organizations need sponsors to enhance and increase professional development opportunities.

Professional Development: Arlene Outerbridge and Eric Stokes have a number of programs under their care—webinars, Dry Run, SAIL, Summer Seminar, and Sweet Tea Tour. Eric asked chairs in attendance to stand for recognition. Our Sweet Tea Tour will occur June 10-18 in North and Central Florida. If you are interested in co-chairing, applications are due tomorrow. We will soon be sending out a call for new Summer Seminar chairs; be on the lookout for an email announcement that includes a link to the application. We are in the middle of a call for bids for Summer Seminar. Dry Run was at Emory this year and will be hosted at Emory for

2018 as well (two year cycle). Be on the lookout for a call for bid proposals for Dry Run for 2019-20. Please encourage those in middle management on your college/university campus to participate in our SAIL program.

State & Area Initiatives: Julianna Staples and Warren Quirett explained what “state & area initiatives” means. The largest program under this committee is Drive-In Workshops; we had the largest number ever last year (eleven workshops—more than one in each of our nine states). We are still seeking a Drive-In Coordinator for SC, and we welcome volunteers in each state: warren.quirett@gmail.com and julianna.staples@vanderbilt.edu.

Admission Practices: Danielle Stagers explained that the AP committee’s goal is to prevent rather than police infractions. They work with the national AP committee to make sure that all of our members are in compliance with the Statement of Principles of Good Practice. This is done through presentations during the conference and Dry Run, as well as writing relevant articles and case studies in *Southern Scope*. Danielle and co-chair Bob Bouressa are glad to evaluate possible policy changes on your campus to be sure you will remain in compliance: admission-practices@sacac.org. Danielle recognized those who served on the steering committee for NACAC’s SPGP revisions, on which Delegates will vote on Saturday. When a member school has a violation, the chairs help schools understand the violation and the intentions behind the SPGP.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting ended at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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