

**SACAC General Membership Meeting Minutes
Super Conference 2017
San Antonio, TX
April 24, 2017**

The April 2017 General Membership Meeting for SACAC was held in San Antonio during the Super Conference, a joint conference with RMACAC and TACAC.

President Susan McCarter opened the meeting by thanking Conference Chair Jonathan Ferrell and acknowledging his tremendous talent for organizing conferences, particularly of the scope of this one.

Jonathan Ferrell thanked the presidential team and attendees for their trust and support. He expressed appreciation for Tela Thigpen's taking on the Mobile App for this conference and Zaire McCoy's work on Sponsorships/Exhibitors. Jonathan thanked Elizabeth Merritt, SACAC's Executive Assistant, and his colleagues at his institution for allowing him to take the time to plan this conference. Jonathan recognized Steve Frappier, whom we could have lost this year in an airport shooting in Florida.

Susan asked for approval of the last meeting minutes (NACAC 2016). Scott Chrysler made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Susan introduced Ryan Cassell and thanked him for his work this year as Treasurer. Ryan gave a brief report of SACAC finances: \$49,722.06 in checking and \$489,704.66 in our Raymond James investment account. Our conference income is in a different, joint account for the Super Conference right now and will be divided at the end of the conference among the three affiliates. Ryan explained that Erin Chadwick will be serving as our first Treasurer-Elect this year as she prepares to replace Ryan as Treasurer the following year, 2018-19.

Susan asked Brandi Smith, chair of Governance and Nominating Committee, to come forward to present SACAC Awards for 2017. Brandi recognized and thanked the Governance and Nominating committee for their work and explained that the process had been overhauled this year to become smoother and more transparent.

The 2017 Rising Star Award was given to Stephen Brown of the Get2College Center (Woodward Hines Education Foundation) in Jackson, Mississippi.

The Myron G. Burney Award had two recipients this year: Ashley Young of Drew Charter School in Atlanta, Georgia, and Yolanda Keith of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The President's Award for Excellence was given to Rick Clark of the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA.

The recipient of the 2017 Garrett Klein Award was Serge Desir of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

The William Starling Award was given to Mary Alice Katon of Davidson College Advising Corps, Davidson, NC.

The Larry West Award was awarded to Robert Barkley of Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

Susan McCarter thanked the current Board members for their service to SACAC this year and presented those rotating off this year a certificate of thanks: Sherry Brouillette, Ivy Brewer, Anita Alston, Jessica Sant, Phyllis Gill, and Lauren Sefton. Susan also thanked the Governance and Nominating Committee and chair Brandi Smith for their work this year.

Brandi asked the slate of incoming Board members to come forward:

- Carina Lindsey
- Claudia Jolivert
- Warren Quirett
- Arlene Outerbridge
- Erin Chadwick, Treasurer-Elect
- Jessica Sant, President-Elect

Susan asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded, and the slate of new officers was approved. Lee Ann Backlund was also recognized as the incoming Board Advisor, a role that is not voted upon by the SACAC membership.

Past President Lauren Sefton welcomed all of our First Timers to the conference. Lauren drew a winner from a contest among this group.

Susan shared the amazing pilot program that multiple members put together based on our new Strategic Plan. This Public School Advocacy plan began in the state of Georgia and will be rolled out in other states next year. Susan recognized those who had gotten this program off of the ground and expressed excitement about putting our Strategic Plan priorities into action.

President-Elect Connie Scrivens became President with the passing of the gavel and gave a recent history of SACAC accomplishments, created through the leadership efforts of presidents, board advisors, and chairs. She spoke of the important work we do and the kindness of those in the profession. Connie looks forward to another wonderful year of collaboration and professional development through SACAC.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded, and the meeting concluded at 1:12 PM.