

**SACAC General Membership Meeting Minutes
NACAC 2018 in Salt Lake City
September 27, 2018**

President Jessica Sant opened the meeting by welcoming our members to Salt Lake City. A motion was made to **approve the minutes** from our last General Membership Meeting (April 2018 in New Orleans). The motion was seconded and approved.

We commend our member institutions who are allowing students impacted from **Hurricane Florence** some flexibility in application deadlines. We will seek ways to help North Carolina and South Carolina when the floodwaters finally recede.

Jessica recognized Brandi Smith, Steve Frappier, and Marie Blgham for **ACCEPT's NACAC award**—congratulations! The SACAC Board was then recognized and thanked.

Conference Chair Jonathan Ferrell is transitioning out and is currently training Anita Alston, who will take over as Conference Chair next year. We will be in the Hilton in downtown Atlanta in April of 2019. Be sure you have renewed your membership so that you will receive emails announcing information about the upcoming conference. October 15 is the conference session proposal deadline. The conference is only as good as the sessions we present, so please consider submitting a proposal! Session proposals are read blindly, and presenters are capped at two selected sessions.

Treasurer Erin Chadwick gave a **budget report**. We have \$245,011.29 in our checking account, and our Raymond James investment accounts are currently at \$502,079.73—more than one year's budget, as recommended.

Professional Development Co-Chairs Arlene Outerbridge and Eric Stokes announced that the Sweet Tea Tour will be in Georgia and Alabama, June 10-18, 2019. Dry Run for new and nearly new college admission professionals will be held at Tulane University for 2019 (July 20-24) and 2020. Arlene and Eric would like to create some tracks at Dry Run to accommodate those with differing levels of experience. Committee chairs under Professional Development were recognized and thanked for their service.

Member Relations Co-Chair Amy Clines gave an update on membership, reminding everyone to renew memberships. Our memberships run September 1 to August 31 each year. This year, we would like to launch a membership campaign, increasing our efforts to reach public school counselors by letting them know what we have to offer. We are seeking membership ideas; please let Amy and Co-Chair Ivey Harrison know your input at memberrelations@sacac.org. If you are not receiving emails, be sure you have not opted out by contacting Elizabeth Merritt at info@sacac.org.

Grants Co-Chairs Claudia Jolivert and Ebonee Mahone-Todman announced that Extend the Dream Scholarships will now be named Horizon Awards—and students will also be able to identify a counselor who has helped them in the process for an award. The timeline for the scholarships has changed a bit; look for information at the beginning of October. Horizon Award Co-Chairs Melissa Cline and Kristin Odom have done a wonderful job reimagining the scholarships. Volunteer readers have traditionally served for just one year, but the new plan is for readers to participate for three years for consistency.

Jessica shared that SACAC is in a unique position due to its membership size and geographic size. We would like to see more **state leadership**; Jessica encouraged members to get involved at the state level. *We are still seeking a volunteer coordinator, state communications chairs, blog contributors (the Southern Scope newsletter and our blog will now be combined), Sweet Tea Co-Chair, Extend the Dream professional grant committee members, and Horizon Award committee members (readers).*

Governance & Nominating Chair Susan McCarter explained the nomination process a bit. Under Brandi Smith's leadership a few years ago, we created a streamlined process. Anyone can nominate a SACAC member for a Board position, and self nominations are accepted.

Nancy Beane gave a **NACAC update**, first welcoming SACAC to the 2018 NACAC conference. NACAC Board members will not attend the affiliates' conferences this year as a cost savings measure. Nancy thanked the leadership of SACAC and how their work strengthens both SACAC and NACAC. Nancy shared that being SACAC President was more demanding than being NACAC President due to the assistance NACAC staff is able to give. An ad hoc committee is looking at governance restructuring and includes two of our members—Jonathan Ferrell and Richard Powell. The ad hoc committee is examining the election process, standing committees vs. ad hoc committees, the role and function of the Assembly, the Affiliate Presidents Council, and the Board of Directors.

Increasing financial stability for the future of NACAC and focusing on inclusion, access, and cultural fluency issues are key. Nancy mentioned several related sessions available during the conference. Improving respect and dialogue among NACAC members is one of Nancy's concerns; she perceives a continuing divide between independent counselors and other members and wants us to move past it. Transparency and active listening are important.

The US Department of Justice is conducting an investigation into NACAC's Statement of Principles of Good Practice. NACAC is cooperating fully with the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

NACAC has been working for over a year to create a new membership model that is easier to understand. The primary change is that there would be a flat fee for institutions that would include all professional staff members. Motions and amendments at the Assembly on Saturday will include the details. Nancy implored SACAC members to attend the NACAC membership meeting to have their voices heard through the vote. Nancy offered to answer any questions and even gave her cell number for texts or calls. SACAC members who are not Delegates can attend Assembly to view the process.

New e-learning courses are available on the NACAC website. Imagine Grants receive about \$100,000 in requests, but NACAC is unable to fund all of them. NACAC is seeking ways to increase giving and hoping to raise \$10,000 onsite during the conference. Text 56512 to give online with a credit card. Rise and Shine Yoga Friday morning will benefit the Imagine Grant.

Jessica Sant thanked Nancy Beane for her incredible service to SACAC and NACAC, and Linda Schultz from Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, SC, brought greetings and an update from our colleague and past president Bill Dingleline.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Merritt, SACAC Executive Assistant

