

AAH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, ADAH, MARCH 11, 2004.

[Note: Many thanks to Debbie and George for hosting the meeting]

Attending: Debbie Pendleton, George Jennings, Mary Hubbard, Gwen Patton, Sam Covington, Marty Olliff.

Meeting began at 10:30 with more detailed agenda and introductions all around.

Short discussion of duties of officers and council members, followed by a round-robin discussion of the recent history and role of the AAH.

Council agreed to allow Marty to investigate incorporating the AAH and securing federal tax-exempt/non-profit status.

Debbie noted that recent focus on K-12 and on Alabama history emerged from composition of exec council.

Marty suggested holding a program session on the history of the AAH and noted that Larry Clayton was a potential presenter. [Sam?] suggested that whomever creates a short history of the AAH provide it for the org. to use as a recruiting brochure. Council agreed to investigate possibility of making a brochure.

Debbie noted that the AAH has NO archives.

Pursuant to this same discussion, Gwen suggested the AAH host a "meet and greet" for journalists, beginning in Montgomery.

ACTION ITEMS:

--Marty to report on incorporation and tax-exempt status (report is supposed to be delivered by Friday, March 26, but I need more time) --Debbie will contact past presidents for any appropriate records to include in an archives.

--Marty will contact Larry Clayton about an AAH history.

--Gwen and Marty will begin work on the meet-and-greet

COMMITTEES

Nominating: Marty, as pres., appointed himself as chair of Nominating Committee and will seek at least 2 other members. Council wants to ensure that a Univ. Rep. is on the committee. Committee to find slate for the following offices: Sect-Treas.; Senior Coll Rep.; Public Hist. Rep. Current office holders will be asked if they wish to continue in office.

Time & Place: Mary Hubbard chair by Constitutional appointment. Committee charged with selecting appropriate sites for meetings 2005-2009 (or as many as possible), alternating between

meetings in Mtgy-Bham core of state and "outlying" sites. Marty specifically charged Mary with acting as liaison between Host Committee and Program Committee, and to NOT repeat boneheaded errors Marty made this past year re: selecting and paying for keynote speaker.

Program Committee: Sam agreed to be on Program Committee, but not as chair. Marty to contact George Lauderbach of Jax State to serve as possible chair (I believe Debbie suggested him). Marty will contact Walter Gowan of Alex City to serve, too. Marty suggested that programs for next two years try to focus away from K-12 and Alabama history, and will pass those suggestions to the committee.

Recruitment & Attendance (aka: Membership): No appointment made, but chair and member volunteers will be sought. See also conversation about brochure and journalist "meet-and-greet" above. Marty asked exec council reps to focus on recruitment of members from their specific areas, with the idea the what tempts members from one area might not be the same thing that tempts members from others. Also, council agreed to do an "each one reach one" initiative, asking all members to recruit and bring to the annual meeting one of their colleagues. Marty noted that we are not looking for a blockbuster project but a sustainable way of doing this business that gives small but consistent results.

Consequent discussion: Mary, et al., noted that we do the same basic job in AL that the National Council on History Education does at its level. She (they?) suggested that we work more closely with the NCHE, particularly in order to imitate their successful programs and to integrate our activities and theirs for mutual support. Debbie noted that Jim Garrison (her husband) is the NCHE membership chair in AL.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Marty to recruit members for Nominating, Program, and Membership Committees.
- Marty to call for each-one-reach-one in his Pres. Column in the AAH Newsletter --Mary will become an active liaison between AAH and NCHE --Council reps to consider strategies for recruitment in their own areas

K-12 Course of Study Business

The Eagle Forum and allies of CoS task force member Hugh McInnish have politicized needlessly consideration by the State BoE of the newly-proposed Social Science Course of Study. They object to the CoS's global focus and inclusion of a position statement on multiculturalism. This is their absolute right, but they have taken an adversarial approach by demanding to speak at the Mar 8 working session of the BoE. They will not stop if only their most minor objections are included in this CoS. They will continue their assaults at the text-book selection level and on future Courses of Study.

The AAH supports via a resolution passed at the Feb. meeting the January Draft of the CoS. I'm afraid we will have to take up the political cudgel as historians, educators, and as an organization.

ACTION ITEMS:

--Debbie will become the first chair of the 2010 Course of Study Committee to begin work with the Task Force and Susan DuBose so the AAH is not caught flatfooted when this comes up again.

--Debbie will keep the Exec Council informed about this attack on the current CoS and issue action alerts if/when they are needed.

We adjourned approximately at 1:30.