

Alabama Association of Historians

Executive Council Meeting

Jacksonville State University

February 20, 2016.

Present: Rich Shellhammer, Jeff Gentsch, Carolyn Barske, Sam Covington, John Jackson

Meeting called to order by Jeff Gentsch who's first order of business was to ask for any addendums to the last meetings minutes.

Gentsch asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting with changes. Sam Covington made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion received a second from Rich Shellhammer and approved unanimously by those present.

Gentsch then deferred to President Shellhammer for any business that he felt needed to be addressed. Shellhammer then stated that his only business was in asking Carolyn Barske to become President-Elect. He stated that Barske agreed to accept the position. Shellhammer stated that Barske would be someone who could evaluate the concurrent session with the Alabama Historical Association and lead the AAH in either direction that is taken.

Gentsch stated that in reference to the concurrent meeting with AHA, that the organization would have to begin thinking of replacing him as the Treasurer and John Jackson as Secretary as both officers were in their second year in their respective positions. Jackson stated that he could continue in his current position as did Sam Covington who is the Representative for Community Colleges. Gentsch remarked that there are a number of positions within the organization that would need to be examined to determine which need new members appointed. Shellhammer stated that the executive committee needed to look into a replacement of the Representative for Public History as part of the effort to fill the members of the committee.

Gentsch stated that with the donation from the Jacksonville State's History Department he would be able to make a \$1,300.00 - \$1,400.00 deposit which would make up for the losses associated with the cost of the 2015 meeting.

Sam Covington stated that the concurrent meeting with the AHA might give the AAH the opportunity to recruit more members. He likened the opportunity to the previous concurrent meeting that took place at the 300th anniversary of the founding of Mobile. He felt that possibly more graduate students and public historians would become interested in the AAH due, in part, to the joint meeting. Shellhammer cited the lack of funding for participation in professional organizations at the K-12 level as a barrier for increased membership.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Jackson with a second by Covington. Meeting was adjourned.