

Alabama Association of Historians

General Membership Business Meeting

Doubletree Hilton, Birmingham, Alabama

April 14, 2018

Present: Kayla Scott, John Gurner, Kevin Hall, Carrie Barske, Marty Olliff, Brian Dempsey, Wesley Garmon, Hannah Garmon, Brian Murphy, Sarah Harbin

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Marty Olliff, whose first order of business was to express his hope for a bright future for AAH as a new slate of officers come aboard. Mention was made of the advantages and disadvantages of meeting concurrently with the Alabama Historical Association, but no decisions were made regarding the 2019 meeting.

Dr. Olliff stated that minutes from the 2017 meeting were unavailable.

Dr. Olliff then called for a reaffirmation of the constitutional amendment from the 2014 membership meeting (see attached.) Dr. Olliff asked for a motion on this matter, and motion was made by Dr. Carrie Barske to accept this amendment. John Gurner seconded this motion. The motion was then voted on, and approved unanimously.

The following members were nominated for election as officers of AAH by the nominating committee:

President: Carrie Barske, 2018-2020

VP / President Elect: Brian Dempsey, 2018-2020

Secretary: Kayla Scott, 2018-2019 (one-year elected term in lieu of appointment, eligible for re-election in 2019)

Treasurer: John Gurner, 2018-2019 (one-year elected term in lieu of appointment, eligible for re-election in 2019)

Community College Representative: Blake Wilhelm, 2018-2020

Public History Representative: Wesley Garmon, 2018-2020

Dr. Olliff asked for other nominations, but none were made. Dr. Olliff called for a vote, and this slate of officers were approved unanimously by vote of the members present.

The officer positions that will be open for election in 2019 will be Secretary, Treasurer, University Representative, and K-12 Representative.

Dr. Olliff suggested the need for PR in AAH's future, and suggested press releases as one means of getting the association's name to the public.

Dr. Olliff recognized three outgoing/past officers for Exceptional Service to AAH: Richard Shellhammer, former President; Jeff Gentsch, outgoing Secretary/Treasurer; and Sam Covington, outgoing Community College Representative. Dr. Olliff will be mailing certificates of appreciation to each of these members.

This year's David Warren Bowen Award was given to Leilani K. Harris of Troy University for the paper "The Atlanta Jewish Community: Exceptionalism in the Era of the Holocaust."

Dr. Olliff noted that Dr. Barske will need to appoint a Time and Place Committee to determine the date and location of the next AAH meeting. The President-Elect and two other members will be on that committee, and which will be selected at a later time.

Dr. Olliff then suggested that the new officers of AAH consider building a new website. He further suggested that AAH use Jacquelyn Kirkland as an independent contractor to design the website, which would cost an estimated \$500. Dr. Olliff also noted that the treasury is in good shape at this time.

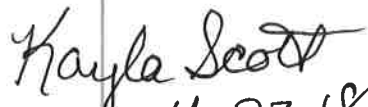
Dr. Olliff stated that there was no old business, no treasurer's report, and no announcements.

New business: an Executive Council Meeting will be needed in the future.

Dr. Olliff called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Dr. Barske with a second given by Wesley Garmon. Meeting was adjourned.



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RE-AFFIRMATION: AMENDMENTS TO THE AAH CONSTITUTION, 2014

To divide the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer into two offices:

Legend: Deletion in ~~strikeout~~, additions in red and underlined.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Sec A. The Executive Officers of the Association shall include a President, President -elect, and ~~Secretary/Treasurer~~ Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. B. The Executive Council shall consist of the executive officers, four elected members, and the immediate past president.

Sec. C. The Executive Council may appoint an Assistant Secretary if such position is needed.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. A. All executive officers and the four members of the Executive Council shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association by majority vote of the members present. The President, President-elect, and two elected council members shall be elected in even-numbered years. The ~~Secretary/Treasurer~~ Secretary, Treasurer, and two elected council members shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

Sec. B. The Executive Council shall fill all unexpected vacancies on a temporary basis until the next annual meeting.

Sec. C. A Nominating Committee shall nominate one person for each office to be filled. Other persons may be nominated from the floor.

ARTICLE VI: POWERS AND DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Sec. A. The President shall preside over all business meetings of the Association, call and preside over meetings of the Executive Council, appoint such committees as may be authorized, and otherwise direct the affairs of the Association.

Sec. B. The President-elect will assume the duties of president if that officer becomes incapacitated or vacates the office, act as chairperson of the time and place committee, and assist the President and Executive Council as requested in directing the affairs of the Association.

Sec. C: ~~Secretary/Treasurer Paragraph 1: The Secretary/Treasurer~~ The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Association and the Executive Council, conduct general correspondence, send notices concerning meetings, dues, and other appropriate matters to all members, and maintain file of the same.

Sec. D: ~~Paragraph 2: The Secretary/Treasurer~~ Treasurer shall also receive all monies due and payable to the Association, pay all approved Association bills, keeping a complete, accurate, and up-to-date record of the same. An interim financial report must be made at each annual meeting and a complete annual report at the end of each fiscal year.

Sec. ~~D-E:~~ The Executive Council shall be responsible for all Association activities except those activities specifically provided for in the Constitution and by members at official meetings.