

BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2018
ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Fosheim, Brendan McConville, La Wanda Blakeney, Valentin Bogdan, Jeremy Grall, Kristian Klefstad, Ivan Elezovic, Julia Mortyakova, Terry McRoberts, Bruce Whisler

GUEST: William Pelto, CMS Executive Director, Alessandra Tiraterra

President Karen Fosheim called the meeting to order.

Secretary La Wanda Blakeney read the minutes of the 2017 Executive Committee meeting and amended them as follows:

The 2018 conference is the 39th annual conference of the Southern Chapter, NOT the 40th.

She also presented the Treasurer's report, which was amended as follows:

In his budget report of the 2017 conference, Gary Nash, former Treasurer, listed \$8,223.37 as the closing balance of the Southern Chapter. However, members accepted the budget total of \$7,588.37, presented by Mary Murk, bookkeeper in the national office.

While briefly summarizing the Chapter's current financial condition, the Treasurer announced that Albany State has graciously provided snacks and beverages throughout the conference and Friday lunch to all attendees for no cost. The President's institution, Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, also furnished *gratis* the conference booklets, name badges, and concert programs, enabling the Chapter to save considerable funds. However, the number of attendees for this year has declined—35, as opposed to 63 from last year. Other expenses are also greater than in previous years. The Chapter made two student awards for a total of \$500, and the keynote speaker (\$1,300) and Sphinx, Inc., (\$1,700) expenses cost \$3,000.

President Fosheim announced that the 2019 conference will be held in Orlando at the University of Central Florida. The 2020 meeting will probably be at Belmont University, and Puerto Rico may be the site in 2021. In order to attract more attendees and non-CMS personnel, members discussed the possibility of holding mega-conferences with other chapters or associations at both 2020 and 2021 conferences. President Fosheim stated that we don't know the common topic for next year. However, beginning in the fall of 2019, the common topic will be the same for two years—the first to define the issues and the next to follow up on what needs to be done.

President Fosheim said that the call for proposals and notifications of acceptance for the 2019 conference will be sent earlier. Director Pelto suggested that the call for proposals should also state that

if a member doesn't receive an acknowledgement of the proposal, that person should notify the national office.

Members discussed on-site registration fees for students. Terry McRoberts made a motion that the fee be set at \$30 (instead of \$50 on the national website), which was seconded by Kristian Klefstad and passed unanimously.

Instead of adopting a policy for no-show presenters, members agreed that each case should be handled individually, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

President Fosheim announced that Julián Brijaldo, a graduate student at University of Miami, will receive both student awards for the best presentation and the best composition.

In an attempt to communicate more efficiently among members, President Fosheim said the Chapter will revitalize its Facebook page, and notes of acknowledgement will be sent to conference presenters and composers.

Since the national office will no longer provide funds for the President to attend the national conference, Kristian Klefstad made a motion for the Chapter to pay the President \$750, with the understanding that this amount may be renewed each year, depending on the Chapter's financial circumstances. Valentin Bogdan seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

President Fosheim thanked the Executive Committee members who are rotating off for their service, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

La Wanda Blakeney, Secretary-Treasurer