

**MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PLYMOUTH BLUFF CONFERENCE CENTER  
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011  
1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

MUW Alumni Association Board members present were Ruth Jones, Gus Argrett, Tina Morgan, Dana Jackson, Andy Thaggard, Becky Cade, Lillian Wade, Emily Garner, Anne Franklin Lamar, Dustin Thompson, Del Hamilton, Wanda Ray, Malinda Mabry-Scott, Deborah Hodges, Stephen Taylor, Renee Flynt, Kim Triplett, Shirley Spain, Erin Gioia, Elaine Evans, Mary Ann Petro, Sherrie Cooper, Andrea Overby, Mary Libby Payne, and Irene Guthrie. MUW staff members present were Allegra Brigham, Andrea Stevens, Macaulay Whitaker, and Mary Margaret Roberts.

MUW Alumni Association Board members absent from the meeting were Abby Claypool, Kimberly Griffin, Dawn Woo, Ginny Grisard-Van Roey, Jan Walker, Pat Ainsworth, and Mitzi Green.

Emily Garner, co-president, and Andrea Overby, co-president, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the Board. Ms. Garner informed attendees that a confirmation of the voting results approving the merger of the two Associations were submitted to the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office Friday, July 8, 2011. Ms. Overby also welcomed members of the Board and asked that the united Board approve the affiliation agreement between MUW and the MUW Alumni Association. Becky Cade made a motion to approve said agreement. Andy Thaggard seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Overby also noted an affiliation agreement between the MUW Alumni Association and the MUW Foundation is in progress as well as a conflict of interest document. Both of these items will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Ms. Garner reviewed upcoming dates of importance. The annual luncheon for MUW faculty members will be held Tuesday, August 16, 2011, and sponsored by the MUW Alumni Association. The fall meeting of the Board will take place the morning of Friday, October 21, 2011, followed by a luncheon with the MUW Foundation Board and the Welty Gala dinner. During Homecoming weekend, the Board will meet Friday, April 20, 2012, followed by the annual meeting of the MUW Alumni Association Saturday afternoon, April 21, 2012.

President Brigham gave a University update and noted that the faculty and staff will receive small raises this fiscal year after several years with no raises. The renovations of Poindexter Hall are well underway as well as the street and drainage improvement project, and fire suppression work in Jones and Kincannon. Admissions applications and acceptances are greater than last year, however numbers will not be firm until students are actually enrolled. The State Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Directors will soon announce the members of the presidential search committee. The committee plans a listening session on campus at the end of August as part of the search process. As more information is available, it will be posted on the

MUW and IHL websites throughout the search process. President Brigham ended her remarks by stating MUW is a great institution that has changed with the times. She then asked alumni to embrace MUW and support the University by recruiting students, providing generous financial support, and speaking positively about our alma mater.

Andrea Stevens from the Office of Development provided the Board with an overall fundraising overview and thanked the Board members for their support and encouraged them to encourage other alumni to give back to the University by making gifts to the MUW Foundation.

Ms. Garner discussed the strategic plan outlined during the two-day retreat. The plan focuses on supporting MUW by recruiting students, supporting the University financially, and promoting MUW positively. The two co-presidents, Emily Garner and Andrea Overby, along with the two past presidents, Mitzi Green and Lillian Wade, will work on finalizing the strategic plan for submission to the Board.

Mary Margaret Roberts from the Office of Alumni Relations asked members of the Board to review a proposed membership drive, proposed guidelines for alumni groups, and a proposed outline for alumni awards. The membership drive is an outline of a suggested outreach plan, and the proposed guidelines for alumni groups and alumni awards are the operating procedures the University requests the Association adopt in line with common alumni practice. Ms. Roberts also reviewed the financial resources available to the Association. The University has allocated \$25,000 for expenses associated with the Association during the 2011-2012 year. These funds may be committed only by a University employee in the Office of Alumni Relations. The funds have been designated for the year to support printing, postage, a luncheon for the faculty, an event for graduating seniors, supplies for Board meetings, meals for meetings of the Board, an insurance policy premium covering directors and officers of the Board, and promotional materials. The current balance of the MUW Foundation's Alumni Association Activities Fund, a restricted, non-endowed fund, is \$3,423.04. Donors wishing to support the Association may make gifts to the Foundation designated for this fund, and these funds may be used to support special projects as designated by the Alumni Association Board. It should be noted that the cost of any awards, such as the alumni awards, must come from this fund.

Ms. Garner gave an overview of the committee structure including the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Recruitment and Retention Committee, the Chapters/Constituency Groups Committee, the Special Events Committee, the Finance Committee, the Public Relations Committee, the Former Presidents Committee, and the Young Alumni Committee, a special committee. Committee appointments will be made for the fall meeting.

Ms. Overby asked the Board to approve the appointment of Del Hamilton as parliamentarian for the Board for the 2011-2012 year. Ms. Cade made a motion to approve this appointment. Mr. Thaggard seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Overby also asked the Board to allow for the casting of votes electronically. Ms. Cade made a motion to approve casting votes electronically. Dustin Thompson seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business, Ms. Cade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Jones seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.