

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLYMOUTH BLUFF ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Welcome **Pat Ainsworth, M.D.**
President

II. Business

In attendance were Dr. Pat Ainsworth, Mrs. Becky Tate Cade, Mrs. Renee Nick Flynt, Ms. Abby Claypool, Mrs. Jenny Parker Bourne, Ms. Tina Morgan, Mrs. Andrea Godwin Overby, Mrs. Irene Turner Guthrie, Mrs. Kelley Downs Streib, Mr. Vint Ferguson, Ms. Mary Margaret Roberts (Executive Director of Alumni Relations), Mrs. Cindy Adams Dunbar (via teleconference), Dr. Pam Cook Baker (via teleconference), Dr. Mitzi Chandler Green (via teleconference), and Dr. Ginny Thompson Grisard-Van Roey (via teleconference).

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Meeting of the Board of Directors on June 26, 2009 were approved as written.

Report on University and Foundation Funds

Ms. Roberts provided a report on budget transactions of University Fund 25 and MUW Foundation Restricted, Non-endowed Alumni Association Activities Fund as of 9/21/09.

Membership Update

Ms. Roberts provided an updated membership list as of 9/21/09. Discussion was held on encouragement of membership and understanding of membership calendar year and options of notifying current members as to when yearly funds are due.

Events Committee Report

(Mrs. Becky Tate Cade, Dr. Kim Triplett, Mr. Stephen Taylor, Mr. Vint Ferguson, Mrs. Jenny Parker Bourne, Ms. Mary Margaret Roberts)
A complete report was emailed following Events Committee teleconference. Upcoming events include the areas of Columbus (Sept. 29), Jackson (Oct. 15), and Atlanta. Brainstorming for additional events included athletic events, educational conferences, and Faculty Appreciation.

Awards Committee Report

(Dr. Ginny Thompson Grisard-Van Roey, Mr. Stephen Taylor, Ms. Abby Claypool, Mrs. Andrea Godwin Overby, Dr. Mitzi Chandler Green, Ms. Mary Margaret Roberts)

A complete report was emailed following Awards Committee teleconference. The following awards were chosen: Distinguished Achievement, Outstanding Recent Graduate, and Alumni Service Award. All award recipients will be recognized in the Hall of Fame (specific name of Hall of Fame to be determined). Dr. Limbert has offered areas in Welty Hall, Poindexter, and Whitfield Auditorium to display the awards.

Review of Policy Proposals

The following articles were approved as is without further discussion: *Article I* Membership: Membership Eligibility and Application, *Article I* Membership: Membership Benefits, *Article I* Membership: Membership Rights, *Article II* Election and Referendum: Election of Officers of the MUWAA Board of Directors, *Article III* Governance: Appeals to Board of Directors. The following articles were reviewed and approved as is: *Article I* Membership: Membership Meetings, *Article III* Governance: Eligibility Requirements for Directors of MUWAA Board. The following articles were approved with revisions: *Article II* Election and Referendum: Election of Directors of the MUWAA, *Article III* Governance: Executive Session of Board of Directors.

Upcoming Elections

The Nominating Committee is created by Ms. Mary Margaret Roberts and Mrs. Renee Nick Flynt. Ms. Tina Morgan was selected as Elections Chair with duties including designing the election process, tabulating ballots, and reporting results to the board and candidates. Dr. Mitzi Chandler Green will formulate orientation for new board members upon selection. Other members chosen for committee chairs include Mrs. Jenny Parker Bourne as chair of Recruitment/Retention for faculty and students as well as Mrs. Renee Nick Flynt as chair of Chapter Constituents for alumni.

Possible Travel and Insurance Programs

Programs and incentives will be available for all; discounts will be available for members of the association.

Name Change Update

Ms. Roberts reported that MUW's name change will be presented to IHL in November and the State Legislature in January 2010, pending any changes. All members should support the name change from an individual standpoint rather than from the board. Continue to encourage students, potential students, faculty, staff, alumni, and others to advocate for this change.

Winter Meeting Date

The Winter Board of Directors Meeting will be announced at a later date.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. followed by lunch with MUW Foundation Board Members and Alumni Office Staff with an Enrollment Presentation from Dr. Bucky Wesley, Vice President of Student Services .