

**MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Cochran Hall, Third Floor
Saturday, March 29, 2014

MINUTES

I., II. CALL TO ORDER AND PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

President Sherrie Cooper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. ROLL CALL

The roll was called. MUW Alumni Association Board Members present:

Cheryl “Sherrie” Jackson Cooper, President	Mary Libby Payne
Jenny Katool, President-Elect	Malinda Mabry-Scott
Troy Lewis, Treasurer	Gus Argrett
Wanda Ray, Secretary	Donna Marrero (by teleconference)
Elaine Evans, Immediate Past Co-President	Katy Pacelli
Andy Thaggard, Immediate Past Co-President	Amy Strickland Tate
Ruth Petty Jones, MUW Foundation President	Barbara Austin
Jane Dearing Dennis	Stephen Taylor (by teleconference)
Mitzi Chandler Green	Elizabeth Whittington
Dana Jackson	Wesley House Garrett, Parliamentarian
Dustin Thompson	

MUW Alumni Association Board Members absent:

Dr. Pat Ainsworth	David Ivey
Renee Nick Flynt	

Ex-officio Members of the MUW Alumni Association Board present:

Lyndsay Cumberland, Director of Alumni Relations

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dana Jackson moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved, and the motion carried.

V. ALUMNI OFFICE REPORT

Lyndsay Cumberland reported that the number of participants registered for Homecoming is 100 more than last year. She also reported that providing the option for alumni to join the Alumni Association during registration was a success, with 44 alumni opting to join. Lyndsay encouraged Board members to take MUWAA brochures and distribute them to as many people as possible.

VI. MUW AA OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Cooper called for reports from the Secretary and the Treasurer. Troy Lewis called attention to the printed Treasurer's Report in the packets and noted that the MUWAA Holding Account was merged into the MUWAA Activities Account as approved in an earlier meeting. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations Committee - President Cooper called on Andy Thaggard to give the report from the Nominations Committee. He reported that there were a number of strong candidates this year. President Cooper commended the Committee for their work.

Elections Committee - In the absence of Pat Ainsworth, chair of the committee, President Cooper called attention to the printed report and asked for questions.

Recruitment & Retention Committee - In the absence of Renee Flynt, chair of the committee, President Cooper made comments regarding the work of the committee during the year. The Committee has a plan of action for the coming year, and will report as the year progresses.

Finance Committee - Troy Lewis gave the report of the Finance Committee, and it was accepted as written.

Public Relations Committee - Amy Tate gave the report from the Public Relations Committee. President Cooper pointed out that the Committee has been very active during year, updating the website, preparing press releases, and developing brochures. The committee report was accepted as written.

Special Events Committee - Dana Jackson encouraged everyone to attend and participate in the silent auction. Over twenty items will also be available for on-line bidding as well. She commended her committee members and thanked the alumni office staff and those in the foundation office for their help.

Former Presidents Committee - Elaine Evans reported that she and Andy Thaggard wanted to make sure that the former presidents' meeting was reinstated each year on campus.

Bylaws Committee - Mary Libby Payne briefly reviewed recommendations from the Bylaws Committee. She explained the rationale of the Committee regarding each recommendation. The recommendations of the Bylaws Committee will be voted on by the Board under Unfinished Business.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Southern Grace Committee - Attention was called to the Southern Grace Committee report. Copies of the cookbook will be on sale at the Southern Grace dinner for the special price of \$15.

Scholarships and Awards Committee - Katy Pacelli pointed out that this year there were no nominations from some of the colleges for faculty awards; thus, since there were only two awards made, they each received \$500, rather than the customary \$250. This did not affect the overall budgeted amount of \$1,000. The report was accepted as written.

Strategy & Support Committee - Attention was called to the report of the Strategy & Support Committee. The report was accepted as written.

Chapters & Constituency Committee - Jane Dennis encouraged everyone to find a chapter in their respective area and be active in their chapter. The report was accepted as written. Mary Libby Payne suggested that a constituency group be formed of Golden Girls.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget - President Cooper called attention to the proposed budget. Troy Lewis directed attention to budget documents which were provided in meeting materials, and explained the proposed allocation of funds for the coming year. An annual allocation of \$500 for the Southern Grace function at Homecoming was removed, as this was a one-time expense. That same amount was added as an annual budget expense for the Long Blue Line Auction, thus adding \$500 to the Activities Fund but resulting in no change to the total budget amount proposed. Andy Thaggard moved that the proposed budget be approved as revised. The motion carried.

Bylaws - Proposed changes to the Bylaws were submitted in written form and considered for approval. Item I was discussed. Andy Thaggard moved that the Bylaws changes be approved as presented. The motion carried. President Cooper called attention to Item II of the Bylaws Committee report regarding the appropriate timeline for the Nominations Committee to deal effectively with nominations. This item will continue to be considered during the coming year.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting – Board Members were reminded that the Annual Meeting will follow the Board Meetings and pointed out that all written committee reports will be made available to the membership. In addition, verbal reports will be presented by Troy Lewis, Dana Jackson, and Katy Pacelli.

New Board Members - President Cooper introduced new board members for next year and welcomed them.

XI. OPEN FORUM

President Cooper welcomed guests to the meeting and asked for comments.

XII. PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

President Cooper declared the meeting adjourned and passed the gavel to incoming President Jenny Katool.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Ray, Secretary

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
INITIAL MEETING OF THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cochran Hall, Rose Room

Saturday, March 29, 2014

ROLL CALL, CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MUW Alumni Association Board Members present:

Sherrie Cooper (Immediate Past President)	Stephen Taylor (teleconference)
Gus Argrett	Elizabeth Whittington
Jenny Katool (President)	Katherine Benson
Katy Pacelli	Brandy Burnette
Mary Libby Payne	Chris Halbrooks (teleconference)
Amy Tate	Carrie Pate
Barbara Austin	Malinda Mabry-Scott
Troy Lewis	Ruth Jones
Wanda Ray	

MUW Alumni Association Board Members absent:

David Ivey
Donna Marrero

Ex-officio Members of the MUW Alumni Association Board present:

Lyndsay Cumberland, Director of Alumni Relations

President Jenny Katool called the meeting to order and called for adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted with *approval of the parliamentarian* added after the call to order.

APPROVAL OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Wesley Garrett was nominated for parliamentarian and was unanimously elected.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Katool called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Malinda Mabry-Scott was nominated for the office and was unanimously approved.

Katy Pacelli was nominated for the office of Secretary and was unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following people were nominated to serve on the committee: Rebecca Rogers, Stephen Taylor, Linda Ross Aldy, Del Hamilton, Jane Dearing Dennis, Amy J. Johnson, and Alma Turner. Sherrie Cooper will chair the committee as past president of the Association. There was a motion to close the nominations, and the motion carried. The vote was taken by written ballot with instructions to vote for

four. Those joining the meeting by teleconference were instructed to text their votes to a specific member of the Board. After the ballots were counted, the following received the highest number of votes: Rebecca Rogers, Linda Ross Aldy, Amy Johnson, and Alma Turner.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Katool asked for approval of proposed committee appointments with the addition of Shasta Dodd as chair of the Elections Committee. Katy Canion moved that the committee list be approved as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING COMMENTS

President Katool announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Ray,

2013-2014 Secretary