

**MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall
Saturday, March 28, 2015
11:30 a.m.
MINUTES**

I.
MUWAA President Jenny Katool called the meeting to order.

II.
MUWAA President Jenny Katool welcomed everyone.

III.
MUWAA President Jenny Katool asked everyone to refer to their hand-outs and review last year's minutes. Beverly Koch Jones moved that we suspend with the reading of the minutes and approve as presented. Lenore Shield Griffin seconded. The motion carried.

IV.
MUWAA President Jenny Katool presented the MUWAA President's Report that highlighted the work of the Board of Directors for the 2014 – 2015 year.

The Nominations Committee, chaired by Immediate Past President, Sherrie Cooper and the Elections committee, chaired by Sue Freeman, conducted a successful nominations and elections process. The nominations committee has written policies and procedures for nominations and a timeline for elections that will be presented to the Board at the summer meeting.

The Bylaws Committee was chaired by David Ivey. Bylaws changes worth noting are:
To serve on the Board of Directors, a member must be a voting member of the Association for two years. The secretary and treasurer can be re-elected to serve a maximum of two consecutive years. Any member of the Association who pays dues after December 31 but before being appointed shall be eligible to serve on a committee.

Policies and Procedures changes: Alums can receive each Alumni Achievement Award one time in their lifetime. Board members are not eligible to receive an Alumni Achievement Award and only active members may make nominations.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee, chaired by Courtney Murtaugh successfully facilitated the awarding of the Alumni Achievement Awards, scholarships, and the faculty grants. They also hosted the New Faculty Lunch and the 100th Night ceremony for graduating seniors.

Katy Pacelli chaired the Chapters and Constituency Committee. A Chapter Development Workshop was hosted by this committee. We had 30 participants from 12 different chapters in attendance, who were able to hear University updates and attend workshops.

Katherine Benson, chaired the Special Events Committee. Along with her committee the Long Blue Line online and silent auction raised over \$7000.

The Finance Committee presented a budget for the coming year that has been approved by the Board. We endowed the Legacy Scholarship with an initial contribution of \$19,000. With additional donations the balance is approximately \$25,000. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of The W car tags will be

used to award the Legacy scholarship as we continue to raise funds and it becomes self-sustaining.

The Public Relations Committee was chaired by Elizabeth Whittington. She and her committee wrote press releases and articles for social media highlighting the activities of the Association.

Past Presidents Committee, chaired by Emily Garner, hosted a Luncheon for the Past Presidents. It was held in conjunction with Welty Weekend.

The Southern Grace Committee was chaired by Gus Argrett. From the Southern Grace Restricted Account, a \$2000 contribution was made to the Culinary Arts Advisory Board Scholarship.

This past year, active membership in the Alumni Association was increased by 65 members.

MUWAA President Jenny Katool encouraged alums to visit the website at longblueline.muw.edu where our Association documents can be found. Also, check The W's website to keep up with campus activities. She thanked Dr. Borsig and Lyndsay Cumberland for their constant support to the Association.

V.

Mary Lib Frances and Mary Elizabeth Williams were recognized as Past Presidents of the Association. They were not able to join us but their past president's pins will be given to them at a later time. MUWAA President Jenny Katool thanked them for their service and continued support to the University.

VI.

MUWAA President Jenny Katool recognized the 2014 – 2015 MUWAA Board of Directors. The Directors whose terms were expiring were presented with a token of appreciation. Those present were: Gus Argrett, Ruth Jones, Katy Pacelli, and Mary Libby Payne and Sherrie Cooper. David Ivey is completing his service but was not present.

VII.

MUWAA President Jenny Katool presented and installed the slate of officers and directors who were elected to serve.

Directors Elected to Serve the 2015 – 2018 Term:

Sunshine Bradshaw Burgess, Class of 1998

Sue Simmons Freeman, Class of 1980

Kristi Hipp Mosley, Class of 1999

Courtney Ballard Murtaugh, Class of 1978

Erica Williams Woodard, Class of 1991

Board of Directors Officers Elected to Serve the 2015 – 2016 Term:

Sue Simmons Freeman, Secretary

Malinda Mabry-Scott, Treasurer

President-Elect for the 2015-2016 Term:

Deborah Stockman Hodges, Class of 1990

President for the 2015-2016 Term:

Amy Strickland Tate, Class of 1997

VII.

Open Forum-There were no comments.

VIII.

MUWAA President Jenny Katool asked Amy Tate to come forward. She ceremoniously passed the gavel to her. Amy Tate then presented Jenny Katool with a Past President's Pin.

Amy Tate gave her Incoming President's Remarks; some highlights included:

- Amy encouraged us to capitalize on our connections and encourage our fellow alumni to become active members of the Alumni Association to ensure that tomorrow's students have the same experience we had as students.
- Amy shared that our active membership is 5% of our living alumni, this year we would like to double that to 10%, which is still below the national average.

XIV.

As there was no further business, Amy Tate adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

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