

**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**October 3, 2004**  
**Portland, Oregon**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45AM.

President Rose Diaz thanked all who helped with the meeting, especially Kim Rogers, who provided overall coordination.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the last Business Meeting in Bethesda, Maryland.

**Secretary's Report (Campbell)**

Campbell reported that OHA was in very sound financial condition, with a projected year-end balance in reserves of \$90,000. The Endowment has reached \$124,000.

She indicated that the main two sources of revenue are from membership dues, which are down this year, and from attendance at the annual meetings. She encouraged those attending to join the association, recruit new members and invite colleagues to the meeting next year in Providence.

Campbell is working with Dickinson to renew the OHA contract. She hopes by next year to announce a new 3-year contract. Campbell thanked Dickinson College for its ongoing support and asked the membership to send letters to President William Durden.

Campbell encouraged the membership to call if they were having any problems with their membership, to send ideas and pictures for the OHA website and the Newsletter.

Finally, she thanked the Association for allowing her to serve them.

**President's Report**

Diaz reported on her goals for the year.

1. Council will be looking for ways to properly invest the monies in both the operating and endowment funds.
2. Diaz's primary goal of revitalizing the committee structure has been met. At each committee meeting during the conference, chairs and members were challenged to put forth two additional committee members and two projects for the coming year.
3. Council will move toward hiring an executive editor for publications and has approved the hiring of a website editor to help revitalize the current OHA website.
4. Support for program chairs and local arrangement chairs has been codified.
5. OHA awards have been given more prominence at the meeting with special presentations at the awards dinner.
6. Council, in coordination with the publications committee, will begin the search for a new editor for the Oral History Review.

Diaz reported on a meeting with the Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society to discuss the suspension of their Oral History Program. The meeting was well attended and those present, including many past presidents, encouraged OHS to consider finding funds to reinstate the program.

Diaz thanked the council, especially Charles Hardy, whose term has expired. Diaz had contacted all the past presidents and thanked them for their continued interest in OHA. She also thanked Madelyn Campbell, for all her work this past year.

### **2005 Annual Meeting (Sharpless)**

Sharpless announced the next annual meeting in Providence, RI, November 2-6. The theme would be Voices of Dissent, Voices of Hope. Pamela Dean and David Stricklin will be Program Co-chairs and Mehmed Ali and Linda Wood will serve as Local Arrangements Co-chairs. Sherna Gluck commented that the program should have an emphasis on regional presenters for special sessions.

### **Finance Committee**

The committee will spend the year looking at ways in which the Endowment Fund can be invested in a prudent way. In light of the OHA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they will consider a new Endowment solicitation.

### **Education Committee**

Amy Starescheski will chair the committee. She, along with several members appointed to the committee, will work to develop an education section of the website, serve on the awards committee, and will consider other initiatives such as reduced memberships for elementary and secondary school teachers.

### **International Committee**

Rina Benmayor met with the committee. She thanked OHA for its scholarship support for the International Oral History Association, which helped fund scholars from Africa and Turkey. The Call for Papers for the next meeting will be announced soon. The meeting will be held in Sydney, Australia, July 12-16, 2006. The committee will work to form panels for the Providence meeting.

### **Diversity Committee**

Alva Moore Stevenson, Chair, reported on her committee's goals. They will work to utilize the website and H-Oralhist more effectively, will reach out to state and regional associations, and will work more closely with program and local arrangements chairs.

## **Publications Committee**

Mary Kay Quinlan, Newsletter editor, announced the deadlines for the Newsletter (Nov. 1, March 1 and July 1) and encouraged members to send articles.

Jeff Charnley (H-Oralhist) reported that there are 1696 members, 812 postings so far this year, and 25 major threads of discussion. The search engine is a valuable resource. H-Oralhist will be looking for an international editor this year.

Valerie Yow, *Oral History Review* book editor, reported that the next issue of the OHR will be in the mail any day. They hope to have a new section with notices of new oral history collections available. Some of the upcoming themes are military history, memory and history, and civil rights.

Andy Dunar will be ending his term as editor, but Valerie Yow will continue as book editor and Doug Boyd will continue as media editor.

## **Digital Technology and New Media**

Cliff Kuhn reported that the committee will be crafting a call for submissions on oral history technology and new media. They hope to put samples on-line through the OHA website.

Members requested that the committee:

1. Consider ways to provide more AV in sessions.
2. Provide tech assistants in sessions.
3. Send the call for submissions to the membership directly.

## **Institutional Review Boards**

Linda Shopes and Don Ritchie asked council to send a letter to the OHRP. Sharpless and Rogers will draft a letter.

## **Scholarship Committee**

Mehmed Ali thanked his committee members Calinda Lee and Teresa Bergen. They awarded \$7000 to 24 recipients. He thanked Linda Wood and Brighton Hill Foundation for their support of teachers to the annual meeting. In the future, the Scholarship Committee will be comprised of a member of Council, a Program Chair and Chairs of the Diversity Committee, International Committee, Education committee.

## **Old Business**

Rina Benmayor requested submissions for the IOHA newsletter.

Mary Kay Quinlan requested pictures of Council and the Nominating Committee.

## **Elections**

Sharpless announced those elected.

Alphine Jefferson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Kathy Nasstrom - Council

Andy Dunar, Doug Boyd and Michael Frisch - Nominating Committee

There was concern noted regarding the lack of voter participation.

Diaz passed the gavel to new President, Kim Lacy Rogers.

## **New Business**

Dale Treleven requested that next year's program include surface transportation instructions.

Karen Harper requested that attendees make every effort to attend early morning sessions, including Sunday.

Alphine Jefferson announced that the 2006 annual meeting would be held in Little Rock, Arkansas. He asked for help in generating proposals. It will be the OHA's 40th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 AM.