

OACAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BUSINESS MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

McCann Center, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY

- I. **Call to Order** – President Ryan Sullivan called the Meeting to order at 4:49pm.

Members viewed a video of OACAC Past Presidents' highlighting 20 years.

- II. **Quorum** – VP for Membership Katy So confirmed that a quorum was present.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** from Oct 4, 2012 Denver Membership Meeting
Motion passed.

- IV. **President Report – Ryan Sullivan**

- Thanked Marist College for hosting OACAC 2013.
- This year's conference has an attendance record of 1048 members.
- Introduce members of the Executive Board; many starting new terms.
- Noted Executive Board meeting on previous Sunday, July 7th and Strategic Planning session on Monday, July 8th.

- V. **President-Elect Report – Ffiona Rees**

- OACAC 2014 to be held in Tampa, FL, hosted by the University of South Florida, Eckerd College, and the University of Tampa.
- 2014 Conference will be first time 3 institutions have joined together to host.
- Attendance expected to mirror 2013 conference, with 1,000 attendees expected.

- VI. **Past-President Report – Raymond Marx**

- Presented the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award to Frieda Dietrich.
- Recognized members present at the meeting who completed their term of service on the Executive Board: Kathleen Shultz, Sheri Neal, and John Evans.
- Also recognized Sean McElroy and Trevor Sturgeon who also completed their terms on the Board (not attending conference)
- Noted Board openings for 2014:
 - President Elect
 - VP for Membership
 - VP for Government Relations
 - 2 Delegates

VII. **Vice-President Reports**

Finance Report – Sam Fleischmann

- Thanked Trevor for his good service and stewardship of OACAC's finances as well as the members of the finance committee.
- Shared 2012 Financial Report, which reflected a reserve of \$316,000.
- OACAC is fiscally in good shape, with 100% of our operating costs in reserve.

Government Relations – Laila Alamuddin

- Seeking volunteers for the government relations committee

Membership Report – Katy So

- OACAC currently has 1639 members, a 28% increase over last year.
- 44% of current members are new since last year's conference.
- Breakdown: 61% colleges/universities, 33% high schools, 9% individuals, 6% organizations
- Biggest gain in membership was among high school members (last year 26%; this year 33%).
- Membership represents 96 different countries, with the largest groups from the United States, China and Canada.
- Noted new membership application process introduced in 2012. Very effective and only 15 applicants needed additional vetting; of them, 14 were accepted for membership. The remaining applicant was denied, as they did not fit the policies and practices of OACAC membership.
- For 2014, will produce a member directory on-line (pdf).
- Also for 2014, plans to increase secondary school memberships – both international and national
- Finally, encouraged US-based members to designate OACAC as their affiliate of record (for NACAC membership).

Professional Development – Joan Liu

- Recognized OACAC Scholars attending this year's conference.
- For 2014, scholar nomination process will be updated and expand outreach to counselors for participation.
- Thanked PD Committee for their work on the pre-conference workshops, all of which were filled to capacity; will look into expanding the enrollment and possibly number of workshops for OACAC 2014.
- Seeking new members to join the PD Committee

VIII. **Report from NACAC - Katy Murphy, President-Elect**

- Commission Report on Student Recruitment is available on NACAC's website

- Admissions Practices Committee is preparing proposals for consideration and vote at the upcoming NACAC Conference in Toronto.
- Noted the meeting and discussion of the Commission report with the OACAC Executive Board earlier in the week.
- Highlighted NACAC's initiatives to assist affiliates with support of counselor professional development
- Encouraged members to apply for Imagine Grants in November.
- Bethany Blue Chirico, Director of Conference & Meetings for NACAC, was recognized.
- Also recognized was David Allen, OACAC's representative to the NACAC Executive Board and Eddie West, Director of International Initiatives at NACAC.

IX. Toronto NACAC Conference Update - LAC Co-Chairs David Zutautas and Marie Vivas

- OACAC members were reminded to obtain necessary visas asap to ensure attendance at the conference and that US citizens do need a passport as well.
- Noted need for volunteers at the conference, especially from the OACAC members who will be attending, as our affiliate is the 'host' this year.
- A large number of Canadian counselors are expected to attend.
- NACAC/NCAA Committee is being established, led by Rosa Moreno. Initial gathering was held that morning and the committee would schedule a meeting during the Conference in Toronto.

X. New Business

- Members raised the issue of adding a new demographic to the conference categories for registration – that of “retired professionals.” These individuals are currently listed as ‘other’ in the conference attendee list.
- Members further suggested that retirees could list their former institutional affiliation (i.e. ‘X College, Retired’) and that this would not count against the current limit of only 2 college/university registrants for the conference. (And the member must be identified as retired in his/her OACAC profile.)
- The Executive Board agreed to consider this request at their next meeting, prior to the NACAC Conference in Toronto.

XI. The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Schweser
OACAC Executive Assistant

