

Business Meeting
Sinclair Community College
69th Annual OCA Conference
October 1, 2005

Meeting was called to the order at 12:40 by President Jeff Tyus.

Minutes corrected for the spelling of two names. Motion to accept the corrected minutes by Karen Evans, second by Candice Thomas Maddox. PASSED.

Jeff Tyus: Shared with us that the mayor of Dayton had sent a proclamation welcoming all OCA conference participants to Dayton and wished everyone a good conference. Jeff then welcomed new and old members and students to the conference. He referred to the Lisa Wallace's class study and noted that their group suggested OCA serve our students better. As a result there is more focus on student attendance and involvement this year.

Announcement: Matthew Smith invited all participants to meet Richard West and Lynn Turner on October 20, 2005, at Wittenberg University.

Richard Hendrickson: The next issue of *OCA Communications*, the OCA newsletter, will be out in January. He invited everyone to read the newsletter on our website and to provide feedback.

Jeff Tyus shared the executive committee's ideas for opening the positions for representatives to include graduate and undergraduate students. We are going to have new area on our website for posting position announcements. He encouraged referring graduates to these announcements as a way to keep our graduates in Ohio rather see them relocate to other states. Colleges can send information to him, and he will forward them to the web administrator. He also reminded people about Ohio Accomplishments on our website as a way to post information about our colleagues' activities.

Sheida Shirvani: Invited people to stay active and to pay their dues. She reminded people about the executive committee positions coming open next year and encouraged participants to send nomination forms to her. Financially, OCA is in a fine situation but retaining members is important. The application will be made more readable to avoid confusion. However, people who present at the conference must be members.

Jason Wrench: Accepted appointment as the new *Journal* co-editor. He reported that a double issue of the *Journal* will be available on December 1, 2005. Submission deadline for the next issue is February 15, 2006. This coincides with the NCA paper deadline.

Old Business: none

New Business:

The 2006 conference theme is "Scholarship Begins at Home: Ohio's Impact on the Discipline."

Jeff announced the decision of the Executive Committee regarding paneled sessions in lieu of a keynote speaker. He asked for audience feedback and for assistance

locating experts in various areas of the discipline. In addition to the list prepared by the executive committee, the audience added Pedagogies.

Jeff shared the study by Lisa Wallace with the audience and asked if they had new ideas to share with the Executive Committee for improving OCA performance. The following tips were suggested:

- Tips on mentoring
- Hit hunter
- Internship developments for students
- An advisory board for students
- Possibilities of paying students to travel to the Executive Committee meeting
- Columbus State has state of art technology for video conferencing with students
- Use the model of NCA to attract graduate students to the conference
- Online registration
- Have colleges and universities sponsor programs and pay to put them on the program

Awards: Candice Thomas Maddox presented the following awards on behalf of OCA:

First place undergraduate paper winner was Amy Housely, Kent State University

First place graduate paper winner was Nicole Focio, Ohio University-Athens

Outstanding Undergraduate Student: Heite Porter, Ohio University-Eastern
(presented by Sahra Mahan-Hays)

Outstanding Graduate Student: Carol Savery, University of Akron (presented by David Ritchy)

Outstanding Organization Chapter Club: Ohio University-Eastern Organization
(presented by Jason Wrench)

The winner of dinner for early registration went to Sylvia Wirsing-Bryant