

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIANS
Executive Council Meeting
April 9, 2005

AAH President Marty Olliff called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. in Room 215, Whitley Hall, Troy University, Montgomery. The following members were in attendance: Sam Covington, Jim Day, Mary Hubbard, George Jennings, George Lauderbaugh, Larry McQuiston, and Marty Olliff. (Agenda at Tab A)

Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting on March 11, 2004, were approved pending minor changes to be determined by Marty Olliff. (Tab B)

The following temporary appointments were approved:

George Lauderbaugh, Higher Education

Gwen Patton, Public History

Jim Day, Secretary/Treasurer

Formal ratification will be requested at the 2006 annual meeting.

Marty Olliff introduced Dr. Joe Freedman of Alabama State University who informed the council of his ongoing teleconference project. Dr. Freedman requested that the AAH partner with him in promoting his framework for teleconferences, but the council determined to postpone any discussion of commitment. (Outline, Appended Materials, and Vitae at Tab C)

Jim Day presented an informal Treasurer's Report. The transfer of financial data and membership information with Burt Rieff is ongoing. As that transition progresses, emphasis will be on the organization's overall financial status and on confirmation of memberships. (Tab D)

George Jennings, Newsletter Editor, reminded the council that no Fall/Winter newsletter was mailed due to the postponement of the 2005 annual meeting. However, he will be soliciting updates from state institutions for inclusion in the Spring edition. Marty Olliff asked council members to provide a biographical sketch and photo to George. All submissions should be forwarded to **George.Jennings@archives.alabama.gov** no later than April 30.

Marty Olliff presented the following President's Report:

- a. The postponement of the 2005 annual meeting was necessitated by several factors—newsletter backlog, Homeland Security problems, Burt Rieff's resignation as Secretary/Treasurer, and ADAH construction delays. Therefore, the 2006 annual meeting will be scheduled for February 3-4 at ADAH. Debbie Pendleton and George Lauderbaugh will serve as site and program coordinators, respectively. Some discussion ensued concerning the following issues: programs should deal with a broader scope, i.e. historical content and methodology;

presentations should celebrate culture and diversity; some sessions should assume a workshop format; annual meetings should promote networking and ongoing conversations between K-12 and higher education.

- b. A recommendation for incorporation and tax-exempt status will be presented at the 2006 annual meeting. (Three Resolutions and Proposed Changes at Tab E)
- c. Larry Clayton declined to research/compile a history of the AAH; no other recommendations were made.
- d. The AAH continues to support the January version of the Alabama Social Science Course of Study even though faced with considerable political turmoil and fallout.
- e. The National Council on Higher Education has complementary purposes with the AAH, but serving as a state chapter of the NCHE seems impracticable.

Marty Olliff reminded council members of the two AAH awards—the Ramsay Award for significant contributions to teaching history in Alabama, and the Mae Ellis Moore Flynt Award for excellence in K-12 teaching (biennial). No chair was appointed for the Ramsay Award committee; George Lauderbaugh will chair the Flynt Award committee. (Flynt Award criteria at TabF)

Marty Olliff stated that the Nominating Committee must develop an entire slate for 2006. Recommendations should include nominees for higher education, public history, and secretary-treasurer (2005-2007; see above) as well as nominees for president, president-elect, K-12, community colleges, and newsletter editor (2006-2008). An assistant secretary may be appointed to assist with increasing administrative responsibilities. Mary Hubbard will chair the Nominating Committee.

George Jennings will consider developing an e-mail list for newsletter solicitations, and Marty Olliff will check with Burt Rieff concerning past procedures.

Marty Olliff asked if the AAH should change its website name due to Troy University's reconfiguration. The cost for a 10-year domain name is about \$80. Council members opted not to change but to wait for Troy's redesign.

Larry McQuiston attended a consortium at Auburn with Susan DuBose, and he suggested inclusion of a statewide list of spring/summer workshops in the next newsletter. Particular attention will be given to programs involving the Course of Study and Professional Development.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.