

AMSA Minutes February 25, 2016.

In attendance:

Anthony Troy Adams
Thomas Kersen
Brenda Gill
Lynn Woo
Jeneve Brooks
Linda Stringfellow
Charlie Coats
Ruben Gonzalez

Meeting started at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruben Gonzalez

I. Welcome

- Tom Kersen, A-MSA President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Tom indicated that the work for the conference needs to be divided among members as he was the person that did all the work for this conference.
- The Board members discussed the idea of having the Mid-Year meeting in a place that is centrally located to all board members

II. 2016-2017 AMSA Board Members changes

- A new Communications Director was appointed, Willette Brye, she was confirmed for this position as Brenda Gill is the President-Elect for the organization.
- The two Members-at-Large for Mississippi were also filled; they are:
Jamie Boyd from Mississippi State University and Caitlin Brookings from the University of Mississippi

III. Topics brought to the table

- Tom indicated that some organizations might be invited to participate in the AMSA conference without having to pay.
- Linda, asked in what capacity are these organizations participating?
- Tom replied that those individuals are from different community organizations which can enhance the public image of the AMSA organization.
- Brooks questioned the name of the organizations.
- Tom indicated that they will be ATF, Mississippi Humanities Council, etc.
- Linda indicated that there must be a limit on the number of individuals who will be allowed to participate without having to pay.
- It was agreed to allow only up to 8 individuals from different organizations without having to pay a fee to participate in the conference.
- It was voted that students presenting papers at the conference needed to pay a fee.
- Tom indicated that the upcoming conference of 2017 will mark the 50th year of this organization and that a special celebration ought to be done to commemorate this event.

IV. Papers and posters

- Jeneve who is the Chair for evaluating the undergraduate papers, prepared the Certificates to be awarded to the students. She will be the Chair for this year as well as for the upcoming conference in 2017.
- Annice Yarber is the person in charge for evaluating the graduate papers.

V. Monies allowed for papers and poster competition winners

Undergraduate papers

1st place = \$100 dollars

2nd place= 50 dollars

Graduate papers

1st place=\$200 dollars

2nd place= 100 dollars

Poster competition

\$100 dollars

VI. Other business

Dean Adams questions the idea of how to bring more money to the AMSA by means of increasing the Life-Time Membership.

Brenda Gill indicated that students who are presenters for this conference need to pay a fee. This suggestion received unanimous approval

VII. Treasurer's report

Lynn Woo handed out each member a photocopy of the Organization financial report

As of December 2015 the total fund balance is \$16, 720.29

As of February 24, 2016 the total fund balance is \$14, 072.96

This report also indicated that 63 individuals registered for this year's conference.

VIII. A-MSA Conference for 2017 will be at Jackson State University.

A. Theme: “_____”

B. Keynote Speaker: No one has been selected yet.

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- Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. on 9-11-2016