

WRHC Business Meeting: April 2, 2011
Park City, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Duncan Harris. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Susan Jacobsen asked that item 9 be corrected to read, "WRHC conference was recently hosted in Southern California, but it should be noted that it was very expensive to host it there." Motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Paul Strom and seconded by Susan Jacobsen. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Martha Bradley and seconded by Beth Goia to wish Anne Scott well and thank her for all of her efforts on behalf of WRHC. Motion passed unanimously.

Duncan gave the financial report. Membership declined from 105 to 100 members, perhaps as a result of the increase in dues to \$75. The current balance is \$23,767.28. Six Scribendi Awards will be distributed at \$250 each.

Website information: A hand out illustrating the Western Regional Honors Council website (hosted by Northern Arizona University) was distributed. Duncan encouraged submissions in the following new categories: Best Practices in Honors, State Honors Councils, State Honors Symposia and Conferences, and Regional Service-Learning Projects.

Richard Badenhausen reported on a new intra college service project which will include 6-7 institutions. Twenty five people participated in a planning meeting yesterday to discuss this project. The umbrella theme will be "education." Mechanisms for communications will include Facebook and other social media. Outreach will involve the regional WRHC website and email distribution list. A presentation on this project is anticipated at the 2012 WRHC in Albuquerque.

Martha Bradley gave a conference report on the 2011 WRHC. A total of 24 colleges and universities participated including 265 registrants. She expects that the revenue from the conference will be approximately \$5500. Washington State University was thanked for the conference notes that were provided after the 2009 WRHC.

Leslie Donovan gave the Scribendi report. This is the 25th Anniversary of Scribendi. Seven staff members were able to attend the conference. A total of 50 students' work from 22 institutions is included in the 2011 edition. She encouraged faculty to nominate students from their campuses to be part of a visiting staff exchange for Scribendi through the National Student Exchange. Participants will pay the tuition rate at their home institution; a two semester commitment would be required. "Music" and "film" are two new categories for the magazine. There is a possibility of adding cash awards for these two categories while deleting the cash prize for cover design of the magazine. Several in attendance encouraged Scribendi to consider an "interdisciplinary" category for future publications with a "collaboration" prize. The Submission deadline for next year's magazine is midnight on October 19, 2011.

A motion was made by Jim McKusick and seconded by Ginny Atkinson to award 7 prizes at \$250 each next year. A friendly amendment by Jim added that the Scribendi staff has the

discretion over final categories for next year and seconded by Martha Bradley. Original motion passed unanimously.

Leslie Donovan reported that the 2012 WRHC will be hosted by the University of New Mexico and held at the Hotel Albuquerque from April 12-14, 2012. The theme is “Between Earth and Sky...Imagining the Future.” Transportation from the airport will be provided by the hotel. Registration fees will be presented for approval at the WRHC business meeting at NCHC in Phoenix.

It was announced that Northern Arizona University will host the WRHC in 2013 in Flagstaff. There were no additional items of business.

A plaque in honor of his service to the WRHC and Honors in general was presented to Duncan Harris by the incoming president – Martha Bradley. The WRHC Executive Council will include Rosalie Otero – Vice President; Anne Scott – Executive Secretary and Treasurer; Duncan Harris – former president; and Susan Jacobsen – member-at-large.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Libby Walker, Washington State University