

**WRHC Business meeting (held at the NCHC in Phoenix, Oct. 21, 2011)**  
**Minutes**

1. Martha Bradley called the meeting to order at 8:03am.
2. Introduction: WRHC meeting attendees introduced themselves.
3. Vote and approval of March 2011 minutes: successful.
4. Discussion and approval of the registration fees proposed by Rosalie Otero for the upcoming 2011 WRHC conference in Albuquerque. Fees will remain the same as they have been for 3 years now (students will pay \$150 for early registration and \$175 for late registration; faculty will pay \$175 for early registration and \$200 for late registration). Discussion focused on whether the fees might need to change or whether they might be too prohibitive. Others asked whether the WRHC has the funds to support students attending the conference. Other than the WRHC's paying for the registration fees for *Scribendi* winners, the WRHC, says Scott, does not have the funds to support other students on a yearly basis, because it is uncertain every year whether the annual conference will have proceeds to give to the organization.
5. Otero discussed the upcoming WRHC 2011 conference. All of the current conference information is on the conference website, which is also posted on the wrhc website ([www.wrhc.nau.edu](http://www.wrhc.nau.edu)). The dates for the conference are 12-14 April, 2011, and the conference will be held at the Hotel Albuquerque, a landmark hotel. William duBuys will be the keynote speaker. The conference will welcome both presentations by Honors students as well as professional papers by Honors faculty/staff. The deadline for the proposals is January 13, 2012, with some questioning whether this deadline is too early. Otero will consider a later date for the deadline. In the meantime, the deadline for late proposals will be Feb. 3, 2012. (NB: Otero has now stated [Oct 26, email communication] that the new deadline for proposals is January 23 and the deadline for late proposals is February 6, 2012.) The hotel rate will be \$109. Gary Laursen from Alaska recommended that Otero work with her upper-administration staff (e.g., provosts) to create a cache of funds that could be used to help pay for students' registration costs.
6. Scott made a brief mention of the 2013 conference being hosted at NAU in Flagstaff.
7. Scott addressed the revived Grand Canyon Semester, which will take place next fall, 2012, at NAU. Scott will post the Grand Canyon Semester information on NAU's website as well as on the WRHC website.
8. Two students gave an update about *Scribendi*. There have been approximately 500 submissions. The magazine has disbanded with the cover art contest. They have also changed the category titled "creative non-fiction" to just "non-fiction." There was also discussion about how the application-for-internship process works. "Scribendi continues to offer the possibility of a position on the editorial staff of the magazine to students at other colleges in the WRHC. It is envisioned that students who want to take advantage of this opportunity would come to UNM under the auspices of the National Student Exchange" (Harris). Finally, *Scribendi*

- has entertained an on-line version of the magazine but hasn't made any commitment in this area yet.
9. Scott gave a financial report, stating that the organization is healthy and that \$4615 will be added to the account, thanks to the WRHC conference this past spring, hosted by Martha Bradley and the Univ. of Utah, made money. There is one late WRHC membership fee pending for 75 dollars. Also, the organization had enough money to make a contribution to the NCHC "Winterim Amazon" semester, for students from the western region to help pay for expenses during this experience.
  10. Badenhausen made a brief report about the regional service-learning project that was discussed and organized during this past WRHC business meeting in Utah. The project involves a blog site where WRHC members can add information about their respective honors program service learning projects. Patricia MacCorquodale also mentioned that the Univ. of Arizona has started an "alternate break" program that now occurs at the end of each semester, which her students and faculty have been organizing and promoting.
  11. Members shared their and their students' contributions to the NCHC conference for this year.
  12. Scott reiterated that she will be updating the listserv for the organization and that she will be sending out emails soon about potential contributions that honors programs may want to make to the WRHC website.
  13. Meeting adjourned at 9am.