

Minutes
Virginia Chapter of the Society of Research Administrators
Monday, May 19, 2008
Tidewater Community College
Virginia Beach, Virginia Campus

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President Annemarie Delgado called the meeting to order on May 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were President-elect Sharon Boyd, Secretary Kate Ferguson, and approximately 50 conference participants.

Officers' Reports

The Treasurer's Report was prepared and read by Treasurer Audree Hughes. The balance as of May 19, 2008 was \$2,536.82. Kate Ferguson facilitated the membership's reading of the minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting; minutes were approved, with corrections, by a show of hands.

Outgoing officers Annemarie Delgado, Sharon Boyd, and Kate Ferguson were acknowledged with appreciation gifts. Sharon announced that Catherine Thompson (University of Virginia, will take over the chapter list serve, and Mike Ludwig (William and Mary) will handle the Chapter webpage.

Meeting Scholarship

Sharon announced that Ms. LaVonne Teagarden, Dept of Neurology, Virginia Commonwealth University was the recipient of the Herbert Chermiside Fellowship. This scholarship supported her attendance at the Southern Section meeting at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, which was being held concurrently with the VA Chapter meeting. LaVonne will talk about her Southern Section meeting experience at the Winter VA-SRA meeting.

Committee Reports and Old Business:

Nominations Committee: Kobby Hoffman announced the recommended 2009-2010 slate of officers including: Sharon Boyd (University of Virginia), President; Kate Ferguson (Old Dominion University), President-elect; Cindy Corbett (William and Mary), Secretary. Audree Hughes (Eastern Virginia Medical School) will continue in the position of Treasurer. The membership approved the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

Meetings Committee: Sharon Boyd thanked Susan Meslang and the Tidewater Community College staff for hosting the meeting and expressed appreciation to the Program Committee for providing an interesting and informative slate of presenters. As a follow-up to the previously proposed joint meeting with the North Carolina Chapter of SRA, N.C. has not responded to most recent contact attempts. So this was tabled for the present.

Sharon reviewed the locations of the upcoming chapter meetings: Winter 2008-09: Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; Summer 2009: Old Dominion University, Norfolk; Winter 2009-10: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg. Spring/Summer 2010: George Mason University, Fairfax. She requested suggestions for future meeting sites, and encouraged everyone to complete meeting evaluations.

By-laws Committee: Kobby Hoffman provided handouts on the SRA International Virginia Chapter By-laws and reviewed Article IV addressing membership. She noted Article 4.3, "Members of the Chapter in good standing, having previously attended a Virginia SRA Chapter meeting and having an active email address on the VA-SRA Listserve or equivalent VA-SRA membership list 30 days before the meeting, shall be eligible to vote and participate in Chapter business meetings and functions." The membership approved the change by voice vote; there were no "no" votes or abstentions.

New Business

Annemarie announced that travel fellowship applications for the 2008 SRA International meeting will be due July 16, 2008. A flyer announcing the SRA International meeting at National Harbor, Maryland (Oct 9-13, 2008) was in the packet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate P. Ferguson, Secretary