

CSGS Executive Committee Meeting February 13, 2025 at 1pm CST / 2pm EST

Officers Present: Jon Hakkila (President, University of Alabama Huntsville), Mary Farmer-Kaiser (Past President, University of Louisiana at Lafayette), Troy Terry (President-elect, University of North Georgia), Peter Harries (Treasurer), Julie Goodliffe (Secretary, University of North Carolina Charlotte)

Executive Committee Members Present: Irene Pittman Aiken (University of North Carolina Pembroke), Ruth Bahr (University of South Florida), André Denham (University of Alabama), Clay Gloster (North Carolina A&T University), Desi Hacker (Norfolk State University), Alan Itkin (Southern Methodist University), Annette Kluck (University of Mississippi), John Lopes (Clemson University), Aimée Surprenant (Virginia Tech University), John E. Smith (Tougaloo College)

2:06 call to order

Minutes

Approved with a correction.

Dallas

Registrations are up!

Schedule: Not much has changed. Troy getting ready to email presenters about bringing laptops, with reminders of date/time for their presentations. We need some details about the CGS talk, and the committee discussed asking for an open forum to navigate what's going on. We may need that session to be in the bigger space of the ballroom. We planned to ask Suzanne to talk about current events Friday morning in the Hughes-Trigg Auditorium.

Logistics

Shuttles/busses: Peter is still finalizing the details. There will be two busses constantly rotating through the route, maybe a 7-minute route, from the hotel to the venue. It will start at 7:30 am, to 9:30 am, then run 4:30-6 for the way back. Maybe it will loop at Meadows on the way back. This is just for Highlands.

Room configurations. We have five 3MT heats; Alan shared the map of the rooms. We'll have to give instructions not to clap between presentations, or maybe not at the end. The rooms share thin walls. Do we need a person at each door to coordinate when clapping is OK?

3MT judges: 14 people so far, and Alan is getting more names. Judges will be people in the media, advertising/comm folks.

Guidebook: Mary said things are fine, John says we're on target; got most of it up.

Sponsorship: 10 schools. Julie sent a fresh list that has 12 schools to Alan.

We have selected thesis winners and faculty award winners. It seems that we're in good shape for the meeting.

Note: Jon's opening welcome might be sobering, but it should also be as uplifting as possible. Remind everyone why we're here together. Make sure we push the networking, so people can help each other. "This is not gonna be my fluff speech."

The committee discussed current events.

3:05 adjourn.