

Preliminary Minutes
NCURA Region VI Business Meeting
November 9, 1999
Washington Hilton & Towers
Washington, D.C.

Call to Order

The Region VI business meeting was called to order by Chair Carol Zuiches in the Exhibit Hall of the Washington Hilton and Towers. There were approximately 90 members of Region VI present.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the regional business meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho were posted on the regional website and printed for those in attendance at this meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes. Terry Manns motioned to approve the minutes and Mary Husemoller seconded and the minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was made available to the membership and showed a balance of \$20,302 in the checking account and \$13,062 in the regional investment account. The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mary Husemoller and was seconded by John Case and the treasurer's report was approved.

Region VI Investments:

Treasurer Hal Gollos reported to the membership that \$13,000 of Region VI funds has been invested in various mutual funds and money market funds. The following is a breakdown of the investments and the amount invested in each. The ticker symbol is also listed:

Mutual Funds:

Alliance Premiere Growth Fund Class A (APGAX)

Purchase: 52.879 shares @ \$31.96/share = \$1,690

Prudential Stock Index Fund (PDSIX)

Purchase: 59.029 shares @ \$28.63/share = \$1,690

Strong Government Securities Fund (STVSX)

Purchase: 648.094 shares @ \$10.23/share = \$6,630

Target Money Market Fund (No Ticker Symbol)

Purchase: 2,990 shares @ \$1.00 each = \$2,990

National Committee Reports

Finance and Budget

Treasurer Hal Gollos gave his report on the brief Finance and Budget (F&B) Committee meeting held on Saturday, November 6. He reported that the Finance & Budget and the Publications Committees met virtually instead of traveling to Nashville to attend the committee meetings in June. By meeting virtually these two committees saved NCURA approximately \$16,000 in travel costs. Hal reported that the committee looked at budgeted expenses vs. actual for FY 99 and through cost savings realized through virtual committee

meetings to the success of the teleconferences it looks as if NCURA will end the year with a net income approximately four times higher than what was budgeted.

It was also reported that the current chair of the Finance and Budget Committee, John Fini, was asked to serve as chair for two more months until the results of new governance election is announced.

Nominating Committee

Mary Nunn was not at this meeting however Carol Zuiches gave the report that Regina White from the University of Vermont was elected President-Elect.

Membership Committee

Georgette Sakumoto from the University of Hawaii gave her report on the Membership Committee. She said the new member reception was kept in the evening as the turnout seemed better at that time. Georgette also mentioned that new member Shoshannah Katz from UCLA won a free registration to our regional meeting in Seattle in 2000.

There were 4 winners of the Catherine Core Minority Travel Award to this years national meeting. Those winners were:

Carmen Morales, Colorado State University
Dimitra Lyons, Baylor University
Chris Crowell, Middle Tennessee State University
Rupert Giroux, Nova Southeastern University, Florida

Another item Georgette mentioned was the membership will be sending out a survey to identify minority members and ask them to fill out a survey indicating if they are active in NCURA activities and if not, why. She asked the regional membership to please fill this out if they receive it.

Publications Committee

It was reported by the Publications Committee that there is a first draft of a publication policy for the newsletter. Also, there is a micrograph in progress and that John Case is doing that on Finance.

Professional Development Committee

Our representative to the PDC, Paula Burkhart, University of Oregon, reported that the PDC met in Nashville over the summer. She asked everyone to please review the proposed by-laws changes and to attend the business breakfast. Paula mentioned there are three video conferences scheduled to take place over the next 6 - 7 months. Those conferences are:
January 25, 2000, "The Ins and Outs of Contract Language"
March 7, 2000, "Indirect Costs for the Lay Audience"
May 18, 2000, "Hot Topics, The Best of the Best"

There will be an additional video conference put on by NCURA/Office of Integrity Research on March 24, 2000 titled "Making the Right Moves in Handling Research Misconduct Allegations".

There was a question about whether or not these video conferences could be taped and the answer was yes, however these conferences were meant to be interactive. Chris Hansen, UC Irvine, explained that the misconduct conference will more than likely be 5 1/2 hours so

that may be a little too long for someone to watch a videotape. An institution could buy the tape from NCURA which may be less expensive than taping it themselves.

Paula Burkhart then mentioned the "Helen Carrier" seminar University of Oregon had put on. 141 people signed up and they actually had to turn people away. Some of the sessions they had was a hands on NSF FastLane workshop, Budget preparation development and searching the world wide web for sponsors which was also hands on. Paula then encouraged the regional members to apply for the "Helen Carrier" grants.

Region VI Travel Award Winners

Geri Walker is the chair of the Travel Awards Committee and gave a report on the committee and the travel awards winner for the regional meeting. Geri recognized the committee members who were Olivia Armstrong, and last year's winners Joan Root and Tim Godsil. Geri introduced Joi Dudley from California State University, Dominguez Hills and Lillian Rivera, University of Southern California as this years winners of the travel award to the national meeting.

Web Committee

It was mentioned that Dan Nordquist at Washington State University is the Region VI webmaster and our web page will remain at WSU for the time being. Region VI's listserv is maintained by Neil Maxwell at the University of California, Berkeley.

National ERA Committee

Before we moved on to new business Erin Lindsay gave a report on the National ERA Committee. She mentioned that the ERA Cookbook was completed. Also everyone's membership profile is on the NCURA website and Erin encouraged everyone to view their profile and update it if necessary

New Business

Financial Research Administration Conference

John Case mentioned that there is a Financial Research Administration Conference in the month of May in Nashville, TN. This conference is part of NCURA's outreach program for the financial people. He mentioned there is a flyer in the program packet and asked everyone to please pass it around.

Spring Meeting 2000 site

Carol mentioned that the regional meeting will be held at Cavanaugh's hotel in Seattle April 16 - 18. Region VI is responsible for the site and registration this year and Region VII is responsible for the program. Room rate is \$119.

Regional Survey

Terry Manns reported on the regional survey. He said that 200 surveys were sent out and he has received 40 in return. Terry asked members to please fill out the survey and return it to him. When the surveys are completed the data will be put into an ACCESS database and manipulated.

National By-Laws Change

Carol reported on the by-laws change and talked about how the Board will be put together. Mo Ghali expressed his concern about where the power will lie and stated that the governing

board will hold all of the power over the organization. Mo would like language added that the chairs of each region be added to the governing board. Joyce Freedman mentioned that the participation of the region will expand under the new governance structure.

There was a lively discussion of concerns and effect to the region of the proposed by-laws change. Participants in this discussion were Mo Ghali, Joyce Freedman, Pat Byers, John Case and Mary Husemoller. Mo asked for a motion that Region VI ask that the language be added to the by-laws change that regional chairs be members of the governing board. This was to be presented at the national business breakfast. Alice Martini-Doyle seconded. A vote was taken and the results were 26 aye, 16 nay and 19 abstained.

Respectively Submitted,

Hal Gollos
Secretary/Treasurer, Region VI