

Presidents' Round Table  
National Council on Black Affairs  
Minutes of April 26, 2004 Meeting  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Call to Order**

President Janis Hadley of Husatonic Community College convened the Presidents' Round Table meeting on April 26, at 7:00AM in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Minneapolis Hilton.

**Greetings Introductions and Recognitions**

President Hadley, convener, greeted everyone and asked that attendee introduce themselves. After the introductions, President Jack Daniels, immediate past convener, was presented a crystal plaque award in recognition of his service and leadership as the past convener of the Round Table. Eileen Baccus was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service, support and leadership, with the understanding that she continues her connection with the Round Table.

**List of Attendees**

Ken Atwater, South Mountain CC; Eileen Baccus, Northwestern Connecticut CC; Sharon Blackman, Oakland CC; Wayne Branch, Clark College; Walter Bumphus, Louisiana C & T C System; Helen Carr, Contra Costa College; Mary Chapman, Des Moines Area CC; Vernon Crowley, Moraine Valley CC; Paula Cunningham, Lansing CC; Jack Daniels, Lincoln Land CC; Barbara Darby, Florida CC at Jacksonville; Ned Doffoney, Fresno City College; Myrtle Dorsey, Baton Rouge CC; Ron Field, Highland CC; Janis Hadley, Housatonic CC; Hortense Hinton, Northern Virginia CC; Marguerite Johnson, Delaware T & CC; Andrew Jones, The CC of Baltimore County; Grace Jones, Three Rivers CC; Robert Judson, Pasco-Hernando CC; Helen McAlpine, Calhoun CC; Debra McCurdy, Georgia Perimeter College; James Mitchell, Wallace CC; Mildred Ollee, Seattle Central CC; Clarence Porter; Preston Pulliams, Portland CC District; Margaret Montgomery-Richard, Louisiana Tech.; David Sam, North Harris College; Anthony Tardd, Northern Virginia CC; Stafford Thompson, Enterprise Ozark CC; Perry Ward, Lawson State CC; Wayne Watson, City Colleges of Chicago; Thelma White, Elizabeth CC; Carolyn Grubbs Williams, Bronx CC; James Williams, Modesto Junior College; Jennifer Wimbish, Cedar Valley College.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurer, Dr. Vernon Crowley, provided the Financial Report noting a balance on March 31, 2004 of \$30,398.89. The report noted \$14,850 in revenues covering the period October 1, 2003 through March, 2004. The expenditures from that same period totaled \$11, 029.51. Expenditures covered the costs associated with the most recent Lakin Institute. The Round Table is in a sound financial position.

### **2003 Lakin Institute, Fresno, CA October 13-17, 2004**

There were sixteen participants. The Roundtable thanked Dr. Ned Doffoney, Fresno City College, and his staff for hosting a successful meeting and Institute. They were excellent hosts and the Lakin Institute mentee evaluation ratings were high. Drs. Charles Taylor, Helen Carr and Wayne Branch received high praise for their roles as coordinators of the Institute.

### **2004 Lakin Institute, Birmingham, AL, October 11-15, 2004**

Dr. Perry Ward, Lawson State CC, announced that the seven African American presidents in Alabama are planning the Fall Round Table Lakin Institute and meeting. Hotel arrangements are underway and a round of tours is planned for Thursday and Friday. The tours, like the meeting in the state of Alabama will help us relive the history of the Civil Rights movement. Tours will include sites in Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma and other local areas of interest.

### **2005 Directory Discussion**

Dr. Kenneth Atwater, South Mountain CC, agreed to be responsible for an update of the Round Table Directory. He will provide information to the membership needed to accomplish the publication of an updated directory.

### **Round Table Updates**

Members were asked to notify the convener of any current changes in positions or location. See attached for changes received as of April, 2004.

A data-base list of Round Table members was circulated for corrections and additions.

### **Organizational Challenges and Participation**

The convener described the issues and concerns facing the organization. A major issue is the need to increase membership participation. A brief discussion occurred and the decision to hold a conference call was made. A major focus will be the strategic direction of the Round Table. The following agreed to participate in the conference call to discuss strategic directions: Eileen Baccus, Wayne Branch, Walter Bumphus, Helen Carr, Jack Daniels, Ned Doffoney, Janis Hadley, Grace S. Jones, Debra McCurdy, James Mitchell, Mildred Ollee, Prestin Pulliams, Stafford L. Thompson, Perry W. Ward, and Wayne Watson.

### **College Sharing**

Some of the presidents in attendance shared information about their colleges.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00AM in order to give Round Table members the opportunity to attend a special session at the AACC convention featuring President George W. Bush.

Submitted by Mildred W. Ollee, Secretary