

Presidents' Round Table
National Council on Black Affairs
Minutes of October 17-18, 2003 Meeting
Fresno, California

CALL TO ORDER

President Janis Hadley of Housatonic Community College convened the Presidents' Round Table meeting on October 17 at 11:40AM in Fresno, California.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of April 6, 2003 were approved as written.

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Dr. Wayne Branch, Clark Community College, WA; Dr. R. Eileen Baccus, Northwestern Ct. CC; Dr. Ned Doffoney, Fresno City College; Dr. Jerome Hunter, North Orange Community College District-Annaheim Campus; Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick, Gateway Community College; Dr. Charles H. Mitchell, Seattle Community Colleges; Mildred W. Ollee, Seattle Central Community College; Dr. Helen B. Carr, Contra Costa College; Dr. Charles Taylor, Peralta Community College; Gordon F. May, Oakland Community College-Highland Lakes Campus; Janis M. Hadley, Housatonic Community College; Marguerite M. Johnson, Delaware Technical and Community College-Terry Campus.

TREASURERS REPORT

A financial report, submitted by the treasurer, Dr. Vernon Crawley noted a balance of \$26,578.40 as of September 30, 2003. The report noted revenue and expenditures. A motion to approve was passed. A discussion of the Lakin Institute expenses and potential revenue occurred.

THE LAKIN INSTITUTE FOR MENTORED LEADERSHIP 2003 REPORT

The Round Table thanked Dr. Ned Doffoney and his staff of Fresno City College for hosting a successful Lakin Institute and the Presidents' Round Table meeting. The hospitality was excellent and the support was effective and efficient. The sightseeing trip and dinner at Yosemite Park was noted as being exceptional. Special thanks were given to the Institute coordinators Drs. Charles Taylor and Helen Carr who filled in on site for coordinator, Dr. Wayne Branch.

Feedback from the participants' evaluations will serve to assist future planning. Additional feedback resulted in several recommendations, including: provide additional information to the biography of Dr. Tom Lakin using the information provided by Dr. Doffoney at the institute banquet; including the amended bio in future Presidents' Round Table Lakin Institute materials. Drs. Doffoney and Carr will work on developing the information.

It was suggested that media coverage can be gained by writing an article or press release for the *College Times* and other publications highlighting the Lakin Institute's unique opportunity provided for, and by, African Americans.

Achieving enrollment to a twenty participant minimum was a challenge this year due to the budget reduction and the subsequent restrictions on travel in many states. Despite the difficulty, final enrollment of the 2003 Lakin Institute was 16. The schools that sent participants were thanked for supporting developing leaders/mentees and the Round Table, especially during these difficult times. Cancellation was discussed but it was thought best to avoid breaking the continuity after a nine-year consistent history. Issue of participation rates, value added and expenses will be discussed at the April meeting.

The fall 2004 meeting of the Round Table is October 14-16, 2004; and the Lakin Institute is October 11-15, 2004, both in Birmingham, Alabama.

UPDATES

Presidents' Round Table spring meeting is Monday, April 26, 2004, 7:00AM-8:30AM at the AACC Convention.

The web page was updated to include the list of new officers, new appointments and retirements, the Presidents Round Table 2003 Directory, spring '03 minutes of the Presidents' Round Table meeting, and August 28, 2003 issue of *Black Issues in Higher Education* that carries a special report about community colleges. (*A Port of Entry- Education Advocates Say Many Students Would Not Enter Higher Education Were It Not For Community Colleges*). The membership expressed special thanks to Homer Franklin, retired president, for his continued and long service as Webmaster for the Round Table.

National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA)-NCBAA has updated the mission statement and it can be found on the website.

American Association Community Colleges Board and Commissions- Dr. Eileen Baccus provided an update on the issues handled by the Board and Commissions especially as they relate to access, diversity, diversifying faculty, nursing credentials and leadership development. We are well represented on the commissions and councils of AACC.

AACC was awarded a W.K.Kellogg grant of \$1.9 million in May 2003 to develop new community college leaders. The two-year grant, *Leading Forward*, will support the planning stages of a comprehensive national leadership development program to address the leadership gap. This program is part of a continuum that AACC has developed over a three year period. The first Future Leaders Institute took place this summer, July 20-24, 2003, in Philadelphia. Dr. Eileen Baccus and Dr. Jack Daniels were asked to pursue further information about the opportunity for collaborative efforts of Lakin Institute and this project with president Jesus "Jess" Carreon and president-elect Henry Shannon. PR can play an active role in filling the vacuum by providing leaders for the future and working with the Future Leaders Institute.

The Association of Community College Trustees - The Round Table acknowledged and thanked ACCT and Dr. Narcisa A. Polonia, Consultant, for continued support of the Lakin Institute and the Round Table.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION TOPICS

MEDIA COVERAGE

Media coverage is one of the goals of the organization. The efforts of past convener Jack Daniels resulted in the coverage in *Black Issues in Higher Education* featuring a picture and article about Janis Hadley and Housatonic as a prototype. She gained permission to use this as a marketing piece. Thank you to Jack Daniels for his service and dedication. Media coverage will continue to be a goal, with focus on *Essence*, *Ebony*, *Savoy* and others. All were encouraged to attend the first conference of *Black Issues in Higher Education* on June 17-19, 2004. Charles Mitchell will explore the content and opportunity to affect the agenda with the editor and publisher Mr. Frank Matthews.

ORGANIZATIONS/ENTITIES REQUESTING PRESIDENTS' ROUND TABLE MAILING LIST

Search firms or other agencies requesting lists should be given the permission. They can be referred to the website.

SPONSORSHIPS

A discussion ensued about the potential of securing sponsorship of the Lakin Institute. An example of such sponsorship was the College Dot.com (Dr. Dianne Schnindler) in 2002. We should continue to seek sponsorship from search firms and other businesses.

2004 LAKIN INSTITUTE FOR MENTORED LEADERSHIP

The dates and locations are established for two years to assist members and presenters in their planning. Members were asked to mark their calendars for 2004 and 2005. The 2004 institute is October 11-15, 2004 in Birmingham, Alabama; and the 2005 dates are October 17-21, 2005 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Drs. Wayne Branch and Charles Taylor agreed to serve as coordinators for the Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership in 2004. Dr. Branch agreed to handle the program. Dr. Janis Hadley will work with Dr. Perry Ward at Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama, on the on-site responsibilities.

Members expressed a strong conviction that selecting a location must include the following considerations: different regions of the country; and flexibility that allows the Round Table to link their fall activities with other national meetings. Further discussion on location selection is scheduled for the spring meeting of AACC.

ORGANIZATION NEED FOR MORE INVOLVEMENT

Ways to increase active involvement of more members in the organization was discussed and it was determined that the Round Table: (1) Has the need for active member involvement; (2) Conduct a survey to obtain information from the membership; (3) Hold a social event to bring us together; (4) Hold a meeting to revisit the mission, purpose and goals of the Presidents' Round Table; and (5) Identify methods of increasing membership and involvement.

Some Roundtable members expressed confusion about the dates of the Roundtable meeting and that of the Institute. Greater attention will be given to clarifying the two separate events and dates in future communications. There is, however, overlap in attendance at the two activities. NCBA leaders will be asked to avoid holding their meetings on the same dates or too close to the Lakin Institute and Round Table. We clearly want to support both organizations, given that the Presidents' Round Table is an affiliate of NCBA.

DISPLAY OF ORGANIZATION'S OFFICIAL NAME

The official name of the organization is Presidents' Round Table. The full name is Presidents' Round Table, National Council on Black American Affairs, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges.

PRESIDENTS AND CHANCELLOR POSITION CHANGES

The following changes were noted:

Jack Daniels – President, Lincoln Land Community College (since 2002)

Sylvester McKay - President of Baltimore City Community College (since 2002)

R. Wayne Branch – President, Clark College, Vancouver, WA (mid-August, 2003)

From The Community College of Baltimore County-Essex

Charlie D. Roberts, Jr. – retiring, Pres. of Jackson State Community College, Jan. 2004

Shirley R. Pippins – President, Suny-Suffolk, Sept. 2003

Rufus Glasper – permanent Chancellor, Maricopa Community College District

Craig Washington – President of Olive Harvey College (Lakin Alumnus) (August 1, 2003)

Doris Givens – Los Angeles City College, Interim President, (Sept. 2003)

Dr. R. Bromery – temporary president of Roxbury CC, Mass retired.
Dr. Terrence A. Gomes – President of Roxbury CC, Mass.

PRESIDENTS' ROUND TABLE MEMBER SHARING

Members present shared best practices and new strategies that proved successful, or not very successful. Suggestions, future plans and current challenges were discussed. Members reaffirmed the value of this part of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.