

**Minutes**  
**The Presidents' Round Table**  
Saturday, October 16, 2004, at 11:00 a.m.  
Hilton Garden Inn, Birmingham-Lakeshore,  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Members Present:** Eileen Baccus, Wayne Branch, Helen Carr, Doug Chambers, Ned Doffoney, Janis Hadley, Andrew Jones, Helen McAlpine, Debra McCurdy, Anthony Molina, James Mitchell, Charles Taylor, Perry Ward, Jennifer Wimbish.

**Opening of the Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Janis Hadley, President of Housatonic Community College and Convener of the Presidents' Round Table. The minutes from the Presidents' Round Table meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. The report revealed a balance on September 30, 2004, of \$28,012.32. The balance on March 31, 2004, was \$30,398.89. The revenue from April 1 - September 30, 2004, was \$6,300. Expenditures for various items totaled \$8,686.57. For details of the report see the attached Financial Report submitted by Dr. Vernon O. Crawley

**Agenda Items:** The following agenda items were discussed the noted decisions were made:

Representation to the National Council on Black Affairs (NCBAA): It was mentioned that we need someone to serve as the representative of the Round Table to the NCBAA. After discussion it was agreed that Dr. Charles Taylor will be the Round Table's representative to the NCBAA.

Dr. Wayne Branch and Dr. Helen Carr reported six critical challenges of the Thomas Lakin Institute that will be discussed by a sub-group at the November, 2004, AACC Commission meeting. The group will make recommendations on solutions at the next meeting of the Round Table that will be in Boston. Sub-committee members are as follows: Chair: Dr. Helen Carr. Members: Dr. Ned Doffoney, Dr. Andrew Jones, Dr. Jack Daniels, Dr. Eileen Baucus, Dr. Tony Molina and Dr. Helen McAlpine.

Challenges for the Thomas Lakin Institute:

- Difficulty in securing presenters for the Institute
- Leadership and direction for the next Institute
- Eligibility of Mentees
- Methods to get more presidents involved
- Consideration of change to a bi-annual Institute
- Consideration of leadership and support for the Institute. Discussion focused on hiring someone to support the Institute and the possibility of securing supporting grants.

**Note: The group will also discuss and make recommendation on future location sites for the Institute. Consideration will be given to having the Institute connected to the ACCT Board meeting that many Presidents attend as noted in the recent membership survey.**

A discussion on official organizational documents led to the agreement by Dr. Baccus to work with Dr. Hadley on gathering and making available to the organization various written documents needed to guide the organization.

After discussion of various locations for the 2005 Lakin Institution, including a discussion of having the Institute in Bermuda (Sponsored by Dr. Charles Green), a decision was made to have the Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, hosted by Dr. Ron Wright, president of Cincinnati State Technical & Community College. The group acknowledged and thanked Dr. Green for his interest in hosting the Institute. Various member Presidents mentioned state regulations that would prohibit the spending of institution dollars on the institute if held in Bermuda. Additionally, some Presidents have asked that the Institute be held the week leading to, or preceding, various meetings that many Presidents attend, e.g. AACC Convention, and ACCT Board Meeting.

Dr. Baccus will develop a report based on the recent membership survey and will share it with the membership.

The group also agreed that we will give a gift to Esther Watstein and Camilla Costantini from Dr. Hadley's office for their continued support of the Lakin Institute and the Presidents' Round Table. It was also agreed that Esther Watstein will be asked to develop a written procedures manual for the Lakin Institute. She will be paid an amount, based on amount of work required, that will be determined by Dr. Hadley.

A discussion on African-American male leadership led to the future agenda item for the Round Table on "Male Leadership in Higher Education," and "Strategies to Promote Student Success for African-American Male Students." It was suggested that these topics also be placed on the agenda of a future NCBAA meeting.

**Information:** It was noted that a member of the Round Table must also be a member of the National Council on Black Affairs Association (NCBAA).

October 21, 2004, is the last date to get information to Dr. Ken Atwater for the new 2005 Round Table Directory.

The Presidents shared the previous year's opportunities and challenges.

All present noted a special thanks to the Presidents of Alabama for hosting the Institute in such a spectacular manner. Special thanks were also extended to Dr. Perry Ward and his staff for the fine job in providing leadership for this year's Lakin site coordination.

**Minutes Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Wimbish  
President of Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, Texas**