

MACRAO 95th Annual Business Meeting

November 16, 2023

Bellaire Community Food Pantry Presentation

Note: Prior to the meeting, Deedee Stakely, Conference Chair, presented the Bellaire Community Food Pantry with donated groceries, personal care items, and monetary donations. The representative thanked the membership for their donations and described the impact on the community.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Valerie Butterfield at 1:17 p.m. Butterfield acknowledged first-time attendees of the MACRAO conference and past presidents of MACRAO. She explained the voting procedures for member institutions with one vote per institution.

Housekeeping and Announcements

Deedee Stakely discussed remaining events at the 2023 conference and encouraged attendance. She thanked the Conference Planning Committee for their work on the annual conference.

Approval of minutes of the 2022 Annual Business Meeting

Brad Maki presented the minutes of the 2022 Annual Business Meeting. He called for a motion to approve the minutes. Kurt Kruschinska (Wayne State University) made a motion to approve the minutes. John Meldrum (Macomb Community College) seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement

Jonathan Kohns presented the Treasurer's Report for 2023. Kohns shared highlights from 2022 and accomplishments and goals for 2022 and 2023.

2022 highlights:

- \$199,177.02 total MACRAO assets
- \$195,277.02 in account balances
- \$14,998.00 budget surplus

Kohns noted that the 2022 budget surplus was used, in part, on support of the Conference app, continued LMS investment, and Annual Conference travel grants. Kohns noted \$100,000 of our savings was invested in Certificates of Deposit.

2023 highlights:

- \$192,999.37 total MACRAO assets (as of 10/31/23)
- Continued training of Mary Wesolek, MACRAO Treasurer-elect
- Anticipated balanced budget but with smaller surplus in 2023 than in 2022

Kohns thanked the membership for allowing him to serve the Board in his capacity as Treasurer.

Butterfield called for a motion to accept the 2023 Treasurer's Report. Colleen Kibin (Eastern Michigan University) made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Theresa Jacques (Michigan Technological University) seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Recognition of Committees

Lisa Emery recognized the 2023 MACRAO committees, especially those who stepped into a chair or co-chair role, and encouraged the membership to join committees. She also highlighted the new Veterans and Military Educators Committee and the partnership with MACAC to plan college fairs in Michigan. Emery concluded with highlights from the 2023 in-person events, advocacy efforts at the state and national levels, the monthly Lunch with MACRAO events, and the sessions the committees sponsored for the 2023 Annual Conference. She thanked the Conference Planning Committee for their hard work this year.

Honorary Memberships

Butterfield presented two individuals for honorary lifetime MACRAO membership: Christopher Marx (Davenport University) and Ron Hultman (Spring Arbor University). Butterfield read the letters of support for each individual. The membership gave warm applause to each individual. Marx accepted the award in person and thanked those who nominated him as well as those in attendance.

Invitation to the 2024 Conference

Stakely invited the membership to the 2024 Annual Conference to be held at the Bavarian Lodge in Frankenmuth November 20-22, 2024.

Election of Officers and Recognition of the Nominations Committee

Amy Wisniewski recognized the individuals on the 2023 Nominations Committee. She presented the nominations for the 2024 MACRAO Board of Directors and the 2024 Nominations Committee.

Nomination for President-Elect: Wisniewski presented Tricia Westergaard, Oakland University, for the position of President-Elect in 2024 and voting privileges on the Board of Directors for a term ending in 2026. Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, Wisniewski called for a motion to elect Westergaard. Tracy Guilick (Michigan State University) made a motion, and Carrie Bearss (St. Clair County Community College) seconded the motion. Wisniewski called for a vote and the motion passed.

Nominations Committee: Wisniewski presented the following individuals for membership on the Nominations Committee for a term ending in 2024:

- Kelley Holcomb, Washtenaw Community College
- Matt Norrod, Michigan Technological University

- Mariah Orzolek, Alma College

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, Wisniewski called for a motion to elect these individuals. Emily Clement (Delta College) made a motion, and Patti Mousseau (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor) seconded the motion. Wisniewski called for a vote, and the motion passed.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers

Butterfield recognized the outgoing officers of Jonathan Kohns, Treasurer (Spring Arbor University) and Amy Wisniewski, Past President (University of Detroit-Mercy).

Recognition of Outgoing President

Emery recognized Valerie Butterfield, outgoing President, for her service to MACRAO in 2023.

President-Elect Remarks

Emery shared thoughts about the organization's work in 2024. This includes development of a non-discrimination statement for MACRAO (as required by AACRAO, MACRAO's parent organization) with a proposal to adopt at next year's annual meeting. In early 2024, a Request for Proposals for a new conference location will be released for future annual conferences. She highlighted plans for professional development, online content, and opportunities for new professionals in 2024. Emery is planning a MACRAO dinner in Columbus, Ohio at the 2024 AACRAO Annual Conference and a "best of the best" session from the MACRAO conference to be repeated at the AACRAO conference. She said she would like to do outreach with higher education masters and doctoral programs around the state to involve their graduate students in the organization. Finally, Emery noted that the Louis College of Business was Michigan's only HBCU that closed in 2015 but plans to re-open in the near future as the Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design, and she wants to involve them in MACRAO.

Adjournment

Butterfield called for a motion to adjourn. Kurt Kruschinska (Wayne State University) made a motion to adjourn; Eric Haner (Ferris State University) seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Maki
Secretary, MACRAO
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor