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Mississippi Historical Society Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting March 5, 2020

The annual business meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at Delta State University in Cleveland.

Charles Westmoreland, president, Mississippi Historical Society (MHS), called the meeting to order and presided. William “Brother” Rogers, secretary-treasurer, acted as secretary for the meeting. Emma McRaney, assistant to the director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), recorded the minutes.

The following business was transacted:

I. The president called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

II. The president suggested that the minutes of the March 2, 2019, annual meeting be approved as distributed. A motion to approve the minutes by acclamation was made by Elbert Hilliard, seconded by Kathryn Green, and unanimously approved.

III. Rogers presented the financial report for the Society and gave an additional update on the Society’s investments.

IV. Page Ogden gave a brief update on the work of the Finance/Investment Committee. The president expressed his gratitude for the committee’s work.

V. The president expressed his appreciation for the work of the Local Arrangements Committee. Dr. Rolando Herts, Lisa Miller, Emily Jones, and Kelli Davis Carr were instrumental in planning and coordinating the annual meeting.

VI. The president expressed his appreciation to the Program Committee. Stephanie Rolph chaired the committee and thanked her

peers for their dedication in organizing an outstanding program.

VII. The president thanked the annual meeting sponsors: Cleveland State Bank, Delta State University Foundation, Elbert Hilliard, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Humanities Council, and Neysa's Fireside Shop.

VIII. The president recognized and expressed appreciation for the following individuals who were completing their terms of service on the board of directors: Toby Bates, Will Bowlin, Erin Kempker, Marks "Mc" Sokolosky-Wixon, Deanne Stephens, and Page Ogden.

IX. Rogers gave an update on the publications of the Journal of Mississippi History. He stated that a new issue, Fall/Winter 2019, will be published soon and that the Spring/Summer 2020 issue will be published before year's end, marking the first time in a number of years that the calendar year will match the year on the current issue.

X. Rogers gave a report from the Publications Committee on behalf of John Marszalek. He stated that a new Heritage of Mississippi Series book, *Colonial Mississippi: A Borrowed Land* by Christian Pinnen and Charles Weeks, will be published in 2021.

XI. Katie Molpus, editor of Mississippi History Now, gave a brief update on the website. She stated that a new article had been published on March 2, and MHN's social media presence was continuing to grow.

XII. Rogers gave an update on National History Day, stating that the contest will be held on March 28. He also announced that MDAH is the official sponsor for Mississippi History Day.

XIII. Rogers gave a brief update and overview of the future meeting sites of the annual meeting. The 2021 annual meeting will be held in Jackson, and the 2022 annual meeting will be held in Hattiesburg. Every other meeting will now be held in Jackson.

XIV. Rogers presented resolutions of condolence for Claire Hilliard, Kenneth McCarty, and David Sansing. On a motion by Dierdre Payne,

seconded by Ogden, the board voted unanimously approve the resolutions.

XV. Will Bowlin, chair, Nominations Committee, reported that the committee recommended the following slate of officers and board members:

Officers for the term 2020–2021

President—Marshall Bennett, Former State Treasurer of Mississippi

Vice President (president elect)—Stephanie Rolph, Associate Professor of History, Millsaps College

Secretary-Treasurer—Brother Rogers, Director of Programs and Communication Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Charles Westmoreland will serve as immediate past president.

The following six individuals are nominated to serve three-year terms on the Society's Board of Directors (2020–2023):

La Shon F. Brooks, Chief of Staff and Legislative Liaison, Mississippi Valley State University

Kelly Cantrell, Instructor, East Mississippi Community College

Ryan Schilling, Instructor, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

Rebecca Tuuri, Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

Jen Waller, Director, Coahoma County Higher Education Center/Cutrer Mansion, Clarksdale

Marcus D. Ward, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Alcorn State University

The president moved that the aforementioned slate of nominees be accepted by acclamation. On a motion by Payne, seconded by Ogden, the nominees were unanimously approved.

XVI. Rogers provided an update on the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. He announced that Mississippi Distilled: Prohibition, Piety, and Politics will be a new temporary exhibit at the Two Mississippi Museums and opening later in the month.

XVII. There being no further business to come before the board, the

meeting was adjourned by the president.

Charles Westmoreland, President
William "Brother" Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer

BANK BALANCES

As of December 31, 2019

Trustmark National Bank

MHS Operating Account	39,125.48
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BancorpSouth Bank

Mississippi History NOW	
Money Market Account	12,162.02

Origin Bank

Heritage of Mississippi Series	
Money Market Account	25,311.95

Fidelity Investments

Elbert R. Hilliard Oral History Award	4,923.98
Halsell Prize Endowment	9,734.74
John K. Bettersworth Award Fund	5,101.40
William E. Atkinson Mississippi	
Civil War History Award Endowment	12,986.95
Heritage of Mississippi Series	37,659.74
MHS Operating Account	8,680.05
Certificate of Deposit	
Unrestricted	13,340.01
Certificate of Deposit	
Life Membership	52,621.01
Certificate of Deposit	
Adine Wallace Endowment	16,806.03
Certificate of Deposit	
Frank Everett Award	4,178.09
Certificate of Deposit	
Unrestricted	5,904.67
Certificate of Deposit	

Glover Moore Prize	12,309.76
TOTAL	260,845.88
Restricted	141,174.66
Unrestricted	119,671.22
Total	260,845.88

**Mississippi Historical Society
RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE**

WHEREAS, Dr. David Sansing departed this life on July 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greenville, Sansing served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Sansing then earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi College, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi.

WHEREAS, Sansing spent his career sharing Mississippi history with others, writing over a dozen books and textbooks on various aspects of the state's history; and

WHEREAS, Sansing began teaching at the University of Mississippi in 1970 and was named the university's Teacher of the Year in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Sansing aimed to bring history to life, often inviting guests like James Meredith to talk to his classes and engage with students; and

WHEREAS, Sansing was a longtime member of the Society, and served as president in 1987;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mississippi Historical Society, assembled on March 5, 2020, in Cleveland, mourns the death of Dr. David Sansing and expresses its sympathy to his family.

**Mississippi Historical Society
RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE**

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth McCarty departed this life on April 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bay St. Louis, McCarty earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi, and received a doctorate in history from Duke University; and

WHEREAS, McCarty dedicated his life to pursuing and sharing knowledge, teaching American and Mississippi history to over 16,000 students over nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, McCarty served as editor of the Journal of Mississippi History for 17 years and served as president of the Society in 2003; and

WHEREAS, McCarty served his country in the Army and National Guard, earning the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, McCarty received recognition for his excellence in teaching and his contributions to the field of history; and

WHEREAS, McCarty was a longtime member of the Society, and his dedication to the preservation of Mississippi history will always be remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mississippi Historical Society, assembled on March 5, 2020, in Cleveland, mourns the death of Dr. Kenneth McCarty and expresses its sympathy to his family.

**Mississippi Historical Society
RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claire Hilliard departed this life on January 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. Hilliard

graduated from Delta State College, served as a teacher, and married Mr. Elbert Hilliard in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Hilliards later settled in Madison, Mississippi in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hilliard was an active and faithful member of the Madison United Methodist Church and the Lamplighters/Truthseekers Sunday School Class for over 59 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hilliard was a dedicated member of the Naomi Ruth Chapter of the Madison UMC United Methodist Women and a longtime member of the Annandale Chapter, Mississippi State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and The Official Mississippi Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hilliard was a faithful supporter of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, always bringing delicious desserts to the holiday luncheons for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, like her husband, Mrs. Hilliard was a lifetime member of the Mississippi Historical Society and a regular attendee of the Society's annual meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mississippi Historical Society, assembled on March 5, 2020, in Cleveland, mourns the death of Claire Hilliard and expresses its sympathy to her family.

