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MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

March 3, 2023

The annual business meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson.

Daphne Chamberlain, 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 requested that the minutes of the March 10, 2022, annual meeting be approved as distributed. A motion to approve the minutes by acclamation was made by Anne Marshall, seconded by Page Ogden, and unanimously approved.

III. Brother Rogers presented the financial report for the Society. He shared that the largest expense is the *Journal of Mississippi History* and that the Society’s finances are in good shape thanks to timely payment of dues.

IV. Page Ogden gave an update on the work of the Finance/Investment Committee and shared that while the Fidelity account has decreased lately, overall the investment strategy of the Society has had positive results. The president expressed his gratitude for the committee’s work.

V. The president expressed her appreciation for the Local Ar-

rangements Committee, annual meeting sponsors, and the Program Committee.

VI. The president recognized and expressed appreciation for the following individuals who were completing their terms of service on the board of directors: La Shon Brooks, Kelly Cantrell, Ryan Schilling, Rebecca Tuuri, Jenn Waller, and Marcus Ward.

VII. Rogers gave an update on the *Journal of Mississippi History* on behalf of Dennis Mitchell. After years of being behind, the journal is back on schedule, although still publishing two joint issues per year. He stated the Fall/Winter 2022 issue was published in December, and the next issue will be printed in the summer.

VIII. Rogers gave a report from the Publications Committee on behalf of John Marszalek. He stated that a new *Heritage of Mississippi Series* book, *Frontier Mississippi, 1798–1840* by James Michael Bunn and Clay Williams, will be ready in 2023. In addition, Jere Nash is completing his book on Reconstruction in Mississippi this year. Finally, Chuck Bolton has signed a contract to produce a book on civil rights in Mississippi by 2026.

IX. Rogers gave an update on *Mississippi History Now*. He stated that a new article about James Meredith was recently posted, and he encouraged all members to browse the website: <https://mshistorynow.mdah.ms.gov/>. Rogers also stated that the 2024 annual meeting will be held in Oxford, the 2025 meeting will be back in Jackson, and the 2026 meeting will be in Meridian.

X. Kari Baker gave an update on National History Day, which is back to in-person activities following the Covid pandemic. She also reminded the membership that MDAH is the official sponsor for Mis-

Mississippi History Day.

XI. Immediate past president Stephanie Rolph presented the Nomination Committee Report. She presented officers and board members for consideration. On a motion by Stephanie Rolph, seconded by Joyce Dixon-Lawson, the Nominations Committee recommendations were unanimously approved. The nominations are listed below.

Officers for the term 2022–2023

President—William J. Bowlin, Instructor, Government and History, Northeast Mississippi Community College

Vice President—Rebecca Tuuri, Associate Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

Secretary-Treasurer—Brother Rogers, Director of Programs and Communication Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Immediate Past President—Daphne Chamberlain, Associate Professor of History and Vice President for Special Initiatives and Social Justice, Tougaloo College

The following five individuals are nominated to serve three-year terms on the Society's Board of Directors (2023–2026):

DeeDee Baldwin, History Librarian, Mississippi State University
Sylvia Gist, President and Executive Director, Migration Heritage Foundation

Jean Greene, Utica Institute Museum, Hinds Community College-Utica Campus

Sharelle Grim, History Instructor, Mississippi Delta Community College

Brian Perry, Chief of Staff, Commissioner Andy Gipson, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Rory Robin Rafferty Jr., President, Pass Christian Historical Society

XII. Katie Blount, director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, provided an update on the work of the agency. She stated that the initial \$5 million fundraising goal for the William and Elise Winter Education Endowment was met last year and thanked the society members for their contributions. She also gave an update on the department's Natchez initiatives including work at Historic Jefferson College and Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. She shared that the second annual Mississippi Makers Fest will be held at the Two Mississippi Museums on May 13, 2023, and encouraged all to attend.

XIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the president.

Stephanie R. Rolph
President

William "Brother" Rogers
Secretary-Treasurer