

**Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women  
Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2006**

The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women met in room 419 C of the Oklahoma State Capitol at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 28, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chair Patricia Presley. Chair Presley introduced Susan Lainey Hefner as the replacement for Leslie Thomas who resigned to accept another position.

**Commissioners Present:** Lou Kohlman; Bob Darcy; Sally Frasier; Kathryn Jones; Rebecca Kennedy; Denise Kinzie; Debbe Leftwich; Pat Martin; Bernice Mitchell; Jilda Motley; Jennifer Paustenbaugh; Chair Patricia Presley; Claudean Reynolds; Marlene Smith; Mary Walker; Ginny Wilson; and Christie Woodson.

**Commissioners Excused:** Marilyn Ehlers; Lou Kerr; Rita Newton; and, Anita Norman.

**Commissioners Absent:** Betty Boyd; Vicki French; Catherine Haynes; Angela Monson; Rowena Ogden; Sheila Sheaman; Renita Shofner; Margaret Swimmer; and, Janelle Walker.

**Advisory Council Members Present:** Marilyn Capps, Donna Lawrence and Sue Woodward.

**Guests:** Susan Lainey Hefner.

**Roll Call:** Secretary Smith called the roll and noted that 17 commissioners were present; four (4) commissioners were excused; and nine (9) commissioners were absent. Three Advisory Council Members and one guest were present. A quorum was declared.

**Status of Ongoing Summit:** Chair Presley stated that 350 attendees paid and registered for the summit. Almanacs were presented to each of the participating panel members. The summit was going well and seamless. She thanked the committee for their work.

**Minutes of March 23, 2006 Meeting:** Corrections to the March 23, 2006, meeting minutes were corrected as follows: under reports the budget of the

OCSW is being “reviewed” by the legislature; the national organization appropriate title is “National Association of Commissions on the Status of Women”; and, the Commission did not have an “easily Accessible WEB site. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Unfinished Business/Ongoing Business:** Bernice Mitchell announced that she is now on the national board of NACW. Oklahoma could send 4 or more people to the annual meeting as it is in Lincoln, Nebraska in July, and the expenses would be about one-half the cost per person as they were last year in Miami, Florida. Bob Darcy Moved with a second by Rebecca Kennedy, to “authorize up to 6 people to attend the NACW convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, July, 2006.” Amendment by Lou Kohlman and accepted by Darcy, “expenses not to exceed \$3000.” Motion carried with one abstention by Debbe Leftwich.

Bernice Mitchell moved with a second by Mary Walker to “send the almanac as a nomination for the Outstanding Achievement Award as a project to the NACW “. Motion carried with one abstention by Bob Darcy.

Darcy moved with a second by Sally Frasier that “the Commission endorse and support a movement to erect on the Capitol grounds a statue of an African-American Woman.”

**Announcements:** Mary Walker reported the Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for the upcoming election: Chair- Jennifer Paustenbaugh; Vice Chair-Catherine Haynes; Secretary-Marlene Smith and Ginny Wilson; Advisory Council Chair-Jilda Motley; Nominating Committee- Mary Walker and Anita Norman. The Chair announced each position three times requesting additional nominations. Bob Darcy nominated Mary Walker for Vice Chair. Mary Declined. Marlene Smith declined nomination as secretary. There were no additional nominations.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2006 @ 3:30 pm in the OPM office suite.** The time was changed to permit those Commissioners who wished to attend the NEW Leadership dinner at 6:30 pm at the Montgomery, 500 Main Street.

The Retreat is scheduled for June 22, however, there may be a conflict with this date. Possibilities are June 15, June 21, or June 29. Motion by Bob

Darcy with a second by Jennifer Paustenbaugh “to use June 21 or June 15 depending on which date is most attainable for the retreat”. Motion carried.

Marilyn Capps requested an official vote for expenditures for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to cover the expenses of the Summit. Mary Walker moved with a second by Claudean Reynolds “ to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 to cover the expenses of the summit.” Motion Carried with one abstention by Debbe Leftwich.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Smith, Secretary