

**Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Feb. 25, 2010 – Regular Meeting**  
**Rooms 412 A and B – Oklahoma State Capitol – State Capitol Complex**

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, and ATTENDANCE**

**Call to Order:** Mary Walker, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance to the Feb. 25, 2010, meeting of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.

**Roll Call:** Kathryn Jones, Secretary, called roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

**Commissioners Present:** Fern Bowling, Patty Bryant, Bob Darcy, Catherine Haynes, Lyn Hester, Kathryn Jones, Ashley Kehl, Rebecca Kennedy, Debbe Leftwich, Joyce Martin, Bernice Mitchell, Chris Morriss, Patricia Presley, Nancy Rothman, Nancy Smith, Peggy Thompson, Mary Walker, Adeline Yerkes.

**Commissioners Excused:** Rita Aragon, Lee Deeney, Marilyn Harmon, Denise Kinzie, Lou Kohlman, Valeska Littlefield, Carolyn McLarty, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Pam Peterson, Joyce Horton-Sanders.

**Commissioners Absent:** Valerie Thompson

**Advisory Council Members Present:** Correna Wilson Pickens, Gail Stricklin, LaTasha Wilson, Heather Simon, Glenda Carlile, Debbie Boyer, Pat Martin, Claudean Reynolds.

**Guests Present:** Binee' Durant, JoLinda Hutchison, Timour Desdemoustier

**MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORT, and WOMEN'S HISTORY MOMENT**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Feb. 4, 2010, meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and also distributed at the meeting (Patty Bryant, motion; Adeline Yerkes, second). The Secretary noted that the emailed minutes had mistakenly attributed the second of a motion to Bob Darcy when in fact it had been made by Denise Kinzie (the error was corrected on the minutes distributed at the meeting). *Reference: Page 1, Debbe Leftwich, line 6*

**Financial Report:** No report was presented.

**Women's History Moment:** Rebecca Kennedy noted that the presentation by Deena Fisher of Kate Barnard, Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, at the Kate Barnard Award Presentation explained why it is now time to take action on the issue of women incarcerated.

**SIS EVENT**

Rebecca Kennedy presented a summary of the upcoming SIS event:

1. The SIS event will be held April 30 at the National Guard Training Facility. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program to start at 9:00 a.m.
2. The goal of the event is to bring forth a statewide public policy action plan.
3. One-half of the seats at the event will be reserved for OCSW, OWC, and DOC.
4. The remaining one-half of the seats will be reserved for participants from the Complex Dialogues event and the 3 focus areas.
5. Commissioners were encouraged to indicate whether they will attend. They will be invoiced by OPM.

6. Speaker-Elect Kris Steele will be the keynote speaker. Governor Henry, Cogresswoman Fallin, Lt. Gov. Askins, Attorney General Edmondson, President Pro Tempore Coffee, and Speaker Bengel will be invited to participate in their current position.
7. She announced that the leadership of logistical committees will be representative of the OCSW, OWC, and DOC.
8. She outlined the agenda for the event.

#### **REPORTS by OFFICERS and NACW REPRESENTATIVE**

**Chairman:** The Chairman announced her appointment of Bernice Mitchell to the Nominating Committee.

**Vice-Chairman:** The Vice-Chairman expressed her thanks for the information re/ Advisory Council members which she had received.

**Secretary:** No report

**Advisory Council:** The Chairman of the Advisory Council announced that Mary Walker had proposed JoLinda Hutchison for membership on the Advisory Council. Debbe Leftwich moved her acceptance; Bob Darcy seconded the motion; passed.

**NAWC Representative:** Bernice Mitchell announced that the next meeting of the NAWC will be March 13. She also noted that other representatives to the NAWC are interested in what the OCSW is doing re/ the issue of women incarcerated and our SIS may serve as a model for other states.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policies and Procedures:** The Chairman, in the absence of Lou Kohlman, committee chairman, noted that several commissioners had submitted suggestions for the update of the Policies and Procedures.

**Website and Communications:** No report

**Legislative Coordinator:** Patty Bryant noted that she had spoken with Commissioner/Senator Debbe Leftwich and that the first month had been busy. Copies of the Pictorial Legislative Directory were made available.

**Kate Barnard:** Kathryn Jones was thanked for chairing the event.

**Personnel and Finance Committee:** Debbe Leftwich announced that the OCSW is in a "standstill" mode until OPM begins billing the OCSW.

**Health Committee:** Adeline Yerkes announced that efforts are being made to schedule a BONES program in Stillwater and that this would be the third one held this year.

**Leadership Committee:** No report

**Women Incarcerated:** No report

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and ADJOURNMENT**

**Announcements:** Commissioner/Senator Leftwich announced that March is Women's History Month and she will try to schedule the reading of a proclamation in the Senate on March 25, the date of the Commission's next regular meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.