

**Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women**  
**March 25, 2010 – Regular Meeting**  
**Room 534A – 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 1:40 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance to the March 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:** Rita Aragon, Fern Bowling, Patty Bryant, Catherine Haynes, Kathryn Jones, Ashley Kehl, Rebecca Kennedy, Denise Kinzie, Lou Kohlman, Debbe Leftwich, Valeska Littlefield, Joyce Martin, Carolyn McLarty, Bernice Mitchell, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Pam Peterson, Patricia Presley, Nancy Rothman, Peggy Thompson, Mary Walker, Adeline Yerkes

**Commissioners Excused:** Bob Darcy, Lee Deeney, Marilyn Harmon, Lyn Hester, Chris Morriss, Joyce Horton-Sanders, Nancy Smith

**Commissioners Absent:** Valerie Thompson

**Advisory Council Members Present:** Debbie Boyer, Glenda Carlile, JoLinda Hutchison, Laura Pitman, Heather Simon

**Guests:** Karen Walker

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Feb. 25, 2010, meeting were approved (motion, Joyce Martin; second, Fern Bowling) with the following correction:

**Committee Reports – Health Committee:** *Bernice Mitchell* (rather than Adeline Yerkes as in the minutes) ...

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

**Women's History Moment:** Adeline Yerkes announced that March is Nutrition Month and referenced two handouts included in the agenda packet, (1) a printout from nutrition.gov and (2) an article, "Study shows flab is hard to fend off."

**REPORTS by OFFICERS and NACW REPRESENTATIVE**

**Chairman:** The Chairman thanked Senator/Commissioner Leftwich for her resolution presented that morning to the State Senate. The resolution, which acknowledged the OCSW, will be forwarded to commissioners.

**Vice Chairman:** No report

**Secretary:** The Secretary read a card from Rita Aragon which thanked commissioners for the kindnesses shown during the recent death of her husband.

**Advisory Council:** Two items were presented by Joyce Martin, Advisory Council Chairman: (1) She presented a suggestion to purchase nametags for active Advisory Council members. During the discussion which followed, several commissioners expressed support for purchasing nametags, but noted they preferred not to make a decision until they had a copy in writing of the most recent financial report for the OCSW. (2) She nominated Karen Walker for the Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Debbe Leftwich and passed.

**NACW Representative:** Bernice Mitchell noted that she had participated in a Board Meeting for the NACW via conference call, March 13, 2010. She also suggested that because of the national-level interest in the SIS

Event, the organizers review the guidelines and submit it for a national award. She noted that 13 commissioners have joined the NACW as Affiliates which makes us "leading the pack" as #1.

**Nominating Committee:** Bernice Mitchell, Chairman, presented the following slate of officers for FY 11 as proposed by the Nominating Committee: Chairman, Mary Walker; Vice Chairman, Joyce Martin; Secretary, Adeline Yerkes; Advisory Council Chairman, Fern Bowling. Others on the committee included Rebecca Kennedy and Denise Kinzie. The nominees to serve on next year's Nominating Committee will be presented at the April meeting. The Chairman announced each nominee 3 times and called for additional nominations. None were forthcoming. The slate will also be presented at the April and May meetings of the OCSW and voted on at the June retreat.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ONGOING BUSINESS**

Fern Bowling moved and Adeline Yerkes seconded a motion to send Bernice Mitchell, our NACW representative, to the NACW National Conference, July 22-25 and cover expenses for Registration (\$350; \$325 if paid by May 30); Air Fare (\$500 estimate); Hotel (\$450; \$93.00 per night for 4 nights + applicable taxes); and Local Transportation (\$100) for a total of \$1400. The motion was withdrawn after commissioners commented that a decision should not be made until the Commission's financial statement has been reviewed and an inquiry is made whether OPM's travel is frozen.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SIS:** (1) Rebecca Kennedy distributed and reviewed a draft of the Oklahoma SIS Summit agenda; noted the extraordinary support of the Summit's partners; and announced that meetings will be held each Thursday at 10:30 in G91 in the weeks prior to the Summit except for April 29 when a "run through" will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the ONGTI. (2) A motion that money received from the SIS, April 30, 2010, can be used for Summit expenses was made by Lou Kohlman, seconded by Jennifer Paustenbaugh, and passed (abstentions: Rep./Commissioner Pam Peterson and Sen./Commissioner Debbe Leftwich).

**Policies and Procedures:** A vote on the revisions to the Policies and Procedures will be held at the April meeting. Lou Kohlman, Chairman, urged commissioners to bring their binder copy of the P and P. Copies of the revisions have been emailed and will also be available at the meeting.

**Communications Committee:** Ashley Kehl reported that visitors to the OCSW website can now pull up the SIS website.

**Legislative Coordinator:** Patty Bryant distributed a handout of "2010 Bills Concerning Women and Children."

**Personnel Committee:** Debbe Leftwich noted that she and the Chairman will visit re/ the status of this committee's work.

**Health Committee:** Bernice Mitchell announced that the committee is working on a BONES program in Stillwater.

**Leadership Committee:** Jennifer Paustenbaugh summarized a meeting held earlier that day with staff at the Oklahoma History Center re/ archiving the OCSW's materials. The Chairman asked her to spearhead this effort and she agreed to do so.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.