

**Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women  
Regular Meeting**

**August 26, 2010**

**Commission Members Present:** Fern Bowling, Bob Darcy, Deena Fisher, Catherine Haynes, Lyn Hester, Joyce Horton- Sanders, Rebecca Kennedy, Lou Kohlman, Bernice Mitchell, Carol McLarty, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Pam Peterson, Nancy Rothman, Devon Shannon, Peggy Thompson, Mary Walker and Adeline Yerkes

**Commissioner Members Excused:** Rita Aragon, Peggy Bryant, Lee Denney, Denise Kinze, Debbe Leftwich, Valaska Littlefield, Katherine Jones, Ashley Kehl, Joyce Martin and Patty Presley

**Commissioner Members Absent:** Chriss Morris, Nancy Smith and Valerie Thompson

**Advisory Committee Members present:** Marilyn Capps, Claudean Reynolds, Lou Kerr, Laura Pitman, Heather Simon, Latasha Wilson, Glenna Carlile

**Guests:** DaLornna Hanlin, Mrs. Tulsa International

**Staff:** Misty Peters

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
<b>Roll Call and Minutes of May 24, 2010</b>	Roll call conducted with a quorum present.  Call to review and approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 Commission General Meeting.	Bob Darcy moved approval of minutes. Motion seconded by Bernice Mitchell. Minutes approved by Commission Members.
<b>Financial Report</b>	Marilyn Capps reported on 2011 budget and appropriations as well as status of 2010 budget balance. The Commission received an appropriation of \$24,840 or a 7% reduction. The revolving fund balance as of June 30 was \$19,078. FY 2010 carry over is about \$13,000 and will be brought forward with a budget revision after all FY 2010 bills have been paid. Still some outstanding bills for the county by county study and summit.	

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<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p>	<p><b>Nominating Committee: Bernice Mitchell</b> presented the slate of officers. President – Mary Walker, Vice- Chair – Joyce Martin, Secretary – Adeline Yerkes, Advisory Board Chair – Fern Bowling, Nominating Committee – Patty Bryant and Deena Fisher.</p> <p>Lou Kohlman brought attention that the agenda does not include the election of officers as an item and so there should be a period of 30 days before elections take place.</p> <p>Lou Kohlman gave the group advice on how to proceed.</p> <p>Officers after election are:</p> <p>Chairperson: Mary Walker</p> <p>Vice Chairperson: Joyce Martin</p> <p>Secretary: Adeline Yerkes</p> <p>Advisory Council Chair: Fern Bowling</p> <p>Nominating Committee: Patty Bryant and Deena Fisher</p>	<p>Rebecca Kennedy moved that the agenda and rules for the election be suspended and that the election proceed with nominations from the floor. Lou Kohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved by the Commission members.</p> <p>Rebecca Kennedy moved that nominations for Chairperson cease and Mary Walker be elected by acclamation. Lou Kohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission members.</p> <p>Rebecca Kennedy moved that nominations for Vice - Chairperson cease and Joyce Martin be elected by acclamation. Lou Kohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission members.</p> <p>Rebecca Kennedy moved that nominations for Secretary cease and Adeline Yerkes be elected by acclamation. Lou Kohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission members.</p> <p>Rebecca Kennedy moved that nominations for the Advisory Council Chair cease and Fern Bowling be elected by acclamation. Lou Kohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission members.</p> <p>Rebecca Kennedy moved that nominations for the Nominations Committee cease and Patty Bryant and Deena Fisher be elected by acclamation. Lou Kohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission members.</p>

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<b>Welcome of New Member and Staff</b>	<p>Mary introduced our newest member of the Commission, Devon Shannon. She is from Lawton, is married to State Representative T.W. Shannon and she is mother to a daughter, Audrey Grace, and a son, Tahrohon Wayne II. She is interested in foster children's issues and serves on several committees addressing foster families. She is also a member of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition.</p> <p>Mary introduced our new staff, Misty Peters. She will have office hours from 8:30 through 2:30 for the month of August and then from 8:30 through 12:30 except for Commission days when she will work full day – <a href="mailto:misty.peters@opm.ok.gov">misty.peters@opm.ok.gov</a></p>	
<b>History Moment</b>	<p>The History Moment was presented by Adeline Yerkes, co-chair of the topical committee on health. September is Cholesterol Awareness Month and she provided two informational pieces to members. New clinical research reflects that cholesterol levels vary for women pre-menopausal during their cycles with the lowest point shortly after menses.</p> <p>She also reported that Today in 1920 or 90 years ago, the suffrage battle was won. Bob Darcy reported that Oklahoma was the 13rd state to give suffrage in 1918 and women were allowed to vote for county offices as early as 1890 such as – county superintendents or clerk of court. Lou Kerr pointed out that Women before suffrage were unable to hold property and activities in New York men's club helped bring forth the issue due to property ownership.</p>	

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<b>Reports</b>	<p><b>Mary Walker, Chair</b> - thanked the commission for re-electing her for a second year. She reflected on the accomplishments of this past year by thanking Lou Kohlman for developing and revising the policies and procedures, Lyn Hester for the new web site, Debbe Leftwich for work on financial and personnel issues, Kathreyn Jones for the Kate Barnard luncheon, Joy Martin for her work on the Advisory Council and the SIS committee for a successful forum on incarceration of women.</p> <p>She challenged each commissioner to become involved in committees: standing committees - Hall of Fame, Kate Bernard, Communications and Topical committees of incarceration, health and leadership.</p> <p>She reviewed the activities of the June 24 Retreat and asked all commissioners to review the summary report for discussion at the September meeting. New area of interest is resource development.</p> <p><b>Vice-Chair: No report</b>  <b>Secretary: No report</b>  <b>Advisory Council: No report</b></p> <p><b>NACW Representative:</b> Bernice Mitchell reported on the national conference. She thanked the commission for its support of her. Bernice was elected as national treasurer and Jennifer Pasutenbaugh was elected for a one year term on the Board of Directors. Oklahoma received the 2010 Achievement Award for its SIS Summit. Oklahoma is also published in the Program Resource Book for its County by County Survey and Women Legislators History Project.</p> <p>Jennifer Paustenbaugh reported on her activities at the conference. She reported on Capital activities and workshops.</p>	

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<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p><b>Health: No report</b> other than Cholesterol Month activities  <b>Leadership: No report</b></p> <p><b>Incarceration:</b> Rebecca Kennedy reported on the current status of the action plan and the movement forward. The action plan contains four overarching goals with strategies and suggested approaches. The report is in final drafting stage and will be printed by Integris. Principal role for the Commission in the coming months will be the dissemination and promotion of the action plan.</p> <p>There is a core group of the sponsoring organizations and key organizations meeting to determine next steps.</p>	<p>Mary Walker announced that the following Chair Persons have been selected and confirmed:</p> <p><b>Kate Barnard</b> will be chaired by Jennifer Paustenbaugh</p> <p><b>Hall of Fame</b> will be chaired by Joyce Martin</p> <p><b>Incarceration</b> will be co-chaired by Rebecca Kennedy and Adeline Yerkes</p>
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Bob Darcy brought before the group three issues regarding Commission products: the almanac, the county by county surveys and the women legislator poster.</p> <p>There are still 25 Almanacs remaining. Still a number of posters remaining.</p> <p>There are several boxes of county by county surveys remaining. Need a plan for dissemination of the reports to appropriate media outlets as previously, the reports were to be disseminated to legislators. Legislators received a cd rom with the report.</p>	<p>Bob Darcy moved that the Commission pay \$300 to the Oklahoma Women’s Publishing Fund so that remaining supply of almanacs and posters could be utilized as Commission deemed necessary. There was no second to the motion, motion died.</p> <p>Bob Darcy moved that the available supply of county by county survey reports be sent to appropriate media outlets with a press release describing the report and requested that Misty Peters identify appropriate media outlets. Motion was seconded by Lou Kohlman. Motion passed by Commission members with one abstention.</p>

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<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Catherine Haynes, Lou Kohlman, Lee Denney, Denise Kinze and Jennifer Paustenbaugh have all been re-appointed for new terms on the Commission.</p> <p>Heather Simon introduced her guest, LaDonna Hanlin, Mrs Tulsa International. She is interested in domestic violence issues. Heather also announced an effort to support Hearts of Confidence, a non-profit organization, which assists survivors of domestic violence.</p> <p>Adeline Yerkes reported that in October she and Susan Savage will represent Oklahoma at the Vision 2020 Agenda for Women and they will be conducting a mini-survey on the key issues. She requested support of dissemination of survey.</p> <p>Annual Report for the Commission is currently in draft stage and will be completed before the September meeting.</p> <p>Deena Fisher was congratulated as she has been nominated by the Journal Report as one of 50 women in the state to make a difference in the state and she also has a 9<sup>th</sup> grade history text.</p>	
<b>Adjournment and Next Meeting</b>		<p>Next meeting is September 23, 2010</p> <p>Bob Darcy moved that meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Fern Bowling. Motion approved.</p>