



Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

Date: October 28, 2010

Commission Members Present: Rita Aragon, Fern Bowling, Malaska Elyazgi, Deena Fisher, Joyce Horton- Sanders, Denise Kinzie, Lou Kohlman, Joyce Martin, Bernice Mitchell, Chris Morris, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Holly Shelton, Nancy Smith, Mary Walker and Adeline Yerkes,

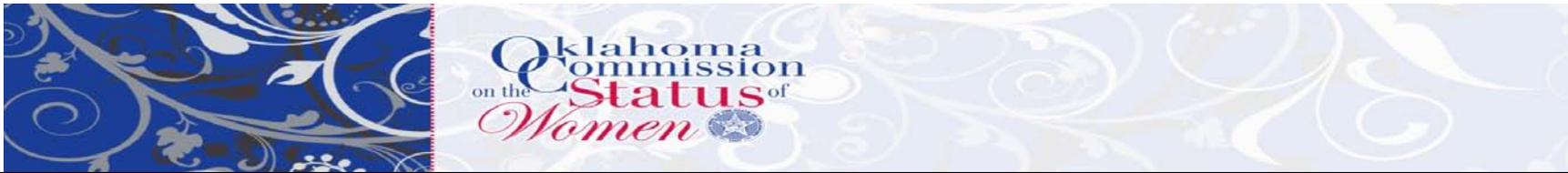
Commissioner Members Excused: Patti Bryant, Lee Denney, Catherine Haynes, Ashley Kehl, Rebecca Kennedy, Valaska Littlefield, Carolyn McLarty, Pam Peterson, Nancy Rothman, Peggy Thompson

Commissioner Members Absent: Valerie Thompson

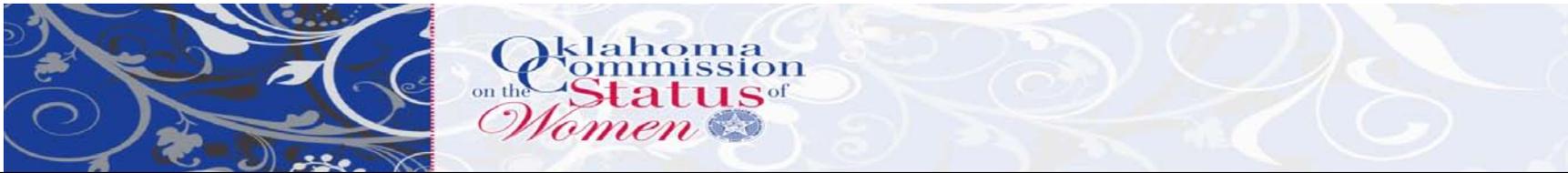
Advisory Committee Members present: Claudean Reynolds, Heather Simon, Debbie Boyer, Sheryl Lovelady

Guests: Connie Anaya and Debra McAlister **Staff:** Misty Peters

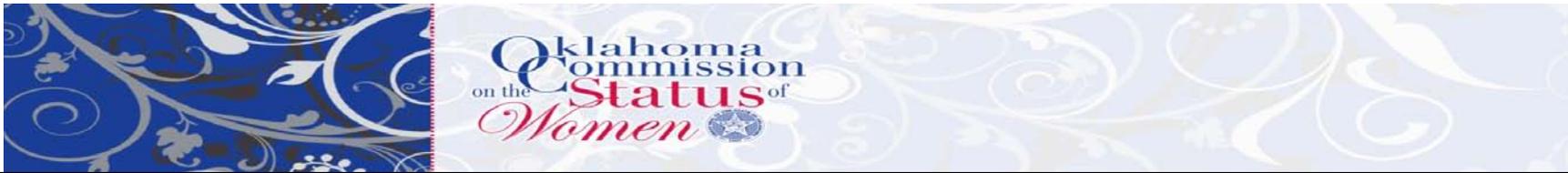
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Roll Call and Minutes of August 26, 2010	Roll call conducted with a quorum present. Call to review and approve the minutes of the September 23, 2010 Commission General Meeting. One correction was noted: Deena Fisher was present at the meeting and not absent.	Lou Kohlman moved approval of minutes. Motion seconded by Deena Fisher. Motion approved by Commission Members.
History Moment	Adeline Yerkes gave a short report on the Vision 2020 Equality Agenda for women. Mary Walker reminder everyone that Oklahoma will make history with the election of a woman governor.	
New Members	Holly Shelton – grew up in Oklahoma, is a Oklahoma University graduate and is employed by the Oklahoma Convention and Business Bureau and is working in the sporting venues. She is replacing Dr Darcy as he has resigned due to teaching appointment in China. Malaka Elyazgi – Has lived in Oklahoma for 30 years and is the mother of 6 and grandmother of 1, she loves to volunteer and spreading word through her membership with the American Ethnic Advisory Council Outreach. She is replacing Kathy Jones (Resigned -- Moved to Arkansas)	
Financial Report	No financial report given, financial report attached to minutes.	
Reports	Mary Walker, Chair – differed her report for the Vice Chair.	



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	<p>Vice-Chair: Joyce Martin discussed the Hall of Fame. The <i>Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame</i> was created in 1982 by then Governor George Nigh to honor Oklahoma women who are pioneers in their field or in a project that benefits Oklahoma; who have made a significant contribution to the State of Oklahoma; who serve or have served as role models to other Oklahoma women; who may be "unsung heroes," but have made a difference in the lives of Oklahomans or Americans because of their actions; who have championed other women, women's issues, or served as public policy advocates for the issues important to women; and who exemplify the Oklahoma spirit. The House Chambers is available March 31 or April 7 and is reserved, but unsure of the rotunda availability on March 31. The rotunda is available on April 7 but there is an event prior to time requested. The History Center is available both dates but cost is \$2200 to rent plus additional food costs. Concerns were expressed about the cleaning and clearing of the Rotunda area in a timely manner due to the prior event on April 7. Discussion of budget issues included costs from previous Hall of Fame and current information. Committee and Staff has reviewed nomination form and promotion process. Staff has place the of the event on the website, nomination criteria and nomination form on the website. There is a need to change the due date for the nomination forms. Next Hall of Fame Committee meeting is November 18 at 10 AM in Stillwater.</p> <p>Secretary: No report Advisory Council: No report NACW Representative: Nominations for annual conference site are now occurring; Arizona at present has expressed an interest in hosting.</p>	<p>Jennifer Paustenbaugh moved that that the Hall of Fame event be held April 7 in the House Chamber with the reception in the Rotunda with a back-up site at the Oklahoma History Center. Rita Aragon seconded the motion. Motion approved by the Commission members.</p> <p>Lou Kohlman moved that the Commission allocate up to \$9000 as a budget for the Hall of Fame. Adeline Yerkes seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission members.</p> <p>Motion made by Deena Fisher to move the deadline for nominations to December 20. Motion seconded by Bernice Mitchell. Motion approved by Commission members.</p>
<p>Unfinished/Ongoing Business</p>	<p>November Meeting: An Angie Debo statue will be dedicated at the Stillwater Library November 18th at 2 PM. At the September meeting, it was moved that the November Commission be held in Stillwater, prior to the dedication. Bernice Mitchell, Fern Bowling and Jennifer Paustenbaugh were designated to determine an appropriate site and luncheon arrangements for Commission meeting. The Commission meeting will be</p>	<p>Bernice Mitchell moved to allocate \$500 for lunch and space. Joyce Horton-Sanders seconded the motion. The motion approved by Commission members.</p>



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	<p>held between 11:30 and 1:30 with a boxed lunch. The Commission will meet at the Library prior to the dedication. Dedication will be held at 2 PM for those Commissioners wishing to attend and there will be refreshments served after the dedication. There is a fee of \$500 for the meeting space.</p>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Kate Barnard Induction and Luncheon. Jennifer Paustenbaugh is serving as the chairperson. This event is held yearly in either January or February. The Kate Barnard Award was created in 1998 to honor the ranks of women that have made a difference in Oklahoma by becoming public servants. Nominees are from the ranks of elected or appointed salaried public officials in Oklahoma. The 2010 inductee was Sandy Garrett. Jennifer requested members to serve on the committee.</p> <p>Incarceration Committee leadership has been appointed. Rebecca Kennedy/Adeline Yerkes/Peggy Thompson will serve as the co-chairs. Adeline Yerkes reported that the committee is currently developing letters to accompany the Summit report and the report will be distributed by the end of November. As a result of the activities and decisions made at the summit, a partnership has been developed including the original three sponsors: Commission, Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the Oklahoma Women’s Coalition. Addition partners include: The Academy of Goals, Oklahoma Child Advocacy Institute, Oklahoma Christian University of Arts and Science, and Oklahoma Young Leadership. The partnership is called “Count the Cost. Its focus will be to implement the Action plan by dissemination and promotion of the plan.</p> <p>Health Committee – no chair has been appointed at present.</p> <p>Leadership Committee will be co-chaired by Denise Kenzie and Devon Shannon</p> <p>Legislative Committee will be chaired by Valaska Littlefield and she will track legislative issues</p>	<p>Bernice Mitchell moved that the Kate Barnard Induction and Luncheon be held February 24. The motion was seconded by Lou Kohlman. Motion approved by Commission members.</p> <p>Adeline Yerkes moved that the Commission be a member of the partnership, Count the Cost. Fern Bowling seconded the motion. Motion approved by the Commission.</p>



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	<p>Communication Committee will be co-chaired by Ashley Kehl and Devon Shannon</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Appointments Project – Sheryl Lovelady introduced the Appointments Project. Oklahoma currently ranks 49th for women in political offices. The mission of the Appointments Project is to get more women into public service. Through TAP, we will identify and encourage women to apply for appointments to statewide boards and commissions for the State of Oklahoma. With a pipeline of sufficient candidates and with Oklahoma assured of our next governor, a woman we know we can move towards parity on the state’s numerous policymaking boards and commissions. Currently working with both gubernatorial candidates to make sure that when elected, she will have the most talented pool of women across the state to consider for appointment. After the election, we will continue to work with the administration to keep a steady flow of qualified women applicants moving through the Governor’s office. Jari Askins has appointed Susan Savage and Mary Fallin has appointed Ret. General Rita Aragon to be members of the 24 member steering committee. They will be working to assist with assuring racial and ethnic diversity of potential candidates. January 1 is the deadline for applications.</p> <p>TAP is working with many organizations to identify qualified women to seek appointment. We will present the applications to the Governor’s transition team. Our hope is to identify women from all backgrounds and all parties who are interested in public service.</p> <p>The application is on this website. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Sheryl Lovelady at slovelady@ou.edu or through the tap website at ou.edu/tap</p> <p>Sheryl also discussed New Leadership which is a national education program for women in residency. The program is 10 years old and some 300 young leaders have been trained in a 6 day leadership training. The program trains women in what is expected if running for political office.</p>	<p>Adeline Yerkes moved to support the Appointment’s Project. Joyce Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved by the Commission members.</p>

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	<p>December retreat meeting: The December retreat meeting was discussed as to potential date and place. Joyce Martin will serve as chairperson and members living in Tulsa will be asked to serve on the planning committee. The meeting site committee should consider a woman business owner and/or be consistent with our mission.</p>	<p>Jennifer Paustenbaugh moved that the December retreat meeting date be December 8 with a backup of December 16, meeting to be held in Tulsa and a budget of \$800 be allocated. Bernice Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion approved by the Commission members.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Mary introduced two visitors: Connie Anaya and Debra McAlister. Connie has moved to Oklahoma from New Mexico where she served as a member of the New Mexico Commission on Women.</p> <p>FreeConference.com is a service available for the various committees to meet and conduct business outside the meeting date.</p> <p>Advisory Council members present were introduced.</p>	
<p>Adjournment and Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting is November 18, 2010.</p>	<p>Denise Kinize moved to adjourn the meeting. Fern Bowling seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission members.</p>