

NCHC E-letter
September, 2003

Welcome back to another school year—and another year in NCHC! The September e-letter contains the following:

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Please reply or make inquiries off line to any items contained in the newsletter. Our off line e-addresses are: nchc@iastate.edu; lcbeck@iastate.edu; or cjlamb@iastate.edu.

From the Desk of the EST: The Future of NCHC

Over the last three years, the officers and Executive Committee have held ongoing conversations regarding the future directions of NCHC. The discussions are a result of our growth as an organization and the need to better fulfill our responsibilities to the members. Many of you have been a part of these conversations either at the national meetings, regional meetings or just among ourselves in the hallways and over email. Those conversations all came together at the mid year Executive Committee meeting in Jackson, MS.

There are three documents, written by Donzell Lee, President of NCHC; Gary Bell, co chair of the Finance Committee; and Bob Spurrier, co chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, that are linked to the NCHC web page (www.nchchonors.org) presenting the proposed plans and rationale for the future. The proposed plans for NCHC require a vote of the membership in December. Therefore, it is important to the future of NCHC that members read these documents and consider carefully the implications of the proposal. The Executive Committee encourages the membership to feel free to respond to any issues that arise or need more explanation. --- Elizabeth Beck

President's Letter on the Future of NCHC

Following is an excerpt from NCHC President Donzell Lee

The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) has been in the forefront of Honors education at the collegiate level since 1966. Both two-year and four-year institutions

take advantage of the programs and services provided by NCHC. The Honors Semester, Satellite Seminars, the National Conference, The *Peterson's Guide to Honors Programs and Colleges*, and numerous other NCHC other publications are examples of programs and services to which NCHC members have become accustomed over the years. NCHC keeps us connected.

Please read the complete message: www.nchchonors.org. (Click on "A Path to the Future")

A Finance Committee Statement about the Future of NCHC

Following is an excerpt from a statement from NCHC Finance Committee

Think about NOT knowing about colleagues from across the nation with whom you can share ideas, call upon for advice, or use as references if you were looking for a new position. Consider NOT having one chance annually to share Honors experiences with like-minded individuals.

Please read the complete message: www.nchchonors.org. (Click on "A Path to the Future," scroll down to the bottom of Donzell Lee's letter and follow that link.)

Constitution and Bylaws Updates

This fall NCHC members will have the opportunity to vote on two groups of proposed amendments to NCHC's Constitution and Bylaws (after extended conversations during our national conference in Chicago).

Group One pertains to NCHC dues (raising dues over the next two years).

Group Two pertains to the Officers and Headquarters of NCHC, including establishing a permanent national office and hiring an Executive Director (an employee of NCHC) not later than 2006. Group Two also would eliminate the office of Executive Secretary/Treasurer while creating new offices of NCHC Secretary and NCHC Treasurer to be elected from and by the membership not later than 2006.

The ballot will ask:

Shall Group One of Proposed Amendments (Dues) be approved? YES NO

Shall Group Two of Proposed Amendments (Officers and Headquarters) be approved?
YES NO

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the event the Group One of amendments (Dues) is not approved by the membership, Group Two of amendments (Officers and Headquarters) will not take effect even if approved by the membership.

The specific amendments on which NCHC members will vote this fall are on the NCHC web site: www.nchchonors.org. (Click on “A Path to the Future,” Scroll down to the bottom of Donzell Lee’s letter and follow that link.)

Executive Committee Candidates

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate at the Spring Executive meeting: Ballots will be mailed to members in November.

Vice President

Jon A. Schlenker, University of Maine, Augusta

Executive Committee--Professional

Larry Andrews (Kent State University), Richard Badenhausen (Westminster College), Kambra K. Bolch (Texas Tech University), Guiyou Huang (Kutztown University of Pennsylvania), Jocelyn Jackson (Morehouse College), James Knauer (Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania), Dennis Lancaster (Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains), Jacci Rodgers (Oklahoma City University), Thomas Sawyer (North Central College), and James Tallmon (Dickinson State University, North Dakota).

Executive Committee--Students

Akofa Bons (University of Alabama at Birmingham), Lauren Davis (Kent State University), Joey Dorwart (Chapman University, California), David Duncan (University of Florida), Holli Hitt (Mississippi State University), Pearl Kurian (University of Texas at San Antonio), Matthew Lohse (University of Arkansas), Karen Luk (Texas A&M University), and Gale Price (University of Montana).

2003 Annual Conference Update

Registration Deadline: Don’t forget: registration fees for the 2003 Conference go up after September 19, 2003! There is a Conference Registration Form on the website (www.nchchonors.org).

City as Text©: A computer error led to the loss of conference registration data. This error only affected individuals who registered by submitting the online form on or before July 30. If you are one of those individuals, please resubmit your registration form at (www.asu.edu/honors/nchc). We are very sorry for this inconvenience.

NCHC Conference “Nuts and Bolts” Workshops: a reminder that the single registration for the following three NCHC conference ‘nuts and bolts’ workshops is available on-line at www.nchchonors.org/national_conference/htm: Mini-Institute on Major Scholarship Preparation (Wednesday afternoon), Developing in Honors (Thursday morning and wrap-up sessions on Friday evening), and Students in Honors (Thursday morning). For additional information see the 2003 Conference Preview booklet. If you did not receive your booklet, please email nchc@iastate.edu.

Note: If you are new to Honors, please consider the Beginning in Honors© workshop on Wednesday afternoon. Because there is no schedule conflict between “Beginning in Honors©” and Developing in Honors” this year, new Honors administrators, faculty, and professional staff may register for both workshops, as well as for the Mini-Institute on Major Scholarship Preparation.

Rooms: There are still a limited number of rooms available at the Palmer House at the Conference Rate. If you reserved your room earlier and did not get the Conference rate, please call the Palmer House. They should change you to the Conference rate.

JNCHC Information

JNCHC is now accepting papers for the spring/summer 2004 issue on any topic of interest within the field of honors and consistent with JNCHC’s editorial policy:

Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council is a refereed periodical publishing scholarly articles on honors education. The journal uses a double-blind peer review process. Articles may include analyses of trends in teaching methodology, articles on interdisciplinary efforts, discussions of problems common to honors programs, items on the national higher education agenda, and presentations of emergent issues relevant to honors education. Submissions may be forwarded in hard copy, on disk, or as an e-mail attachment. Submissions and inquiries should be directed to: Ada Long, JNCHC / UAB Honors Program / HOH 1530 3rd Avenue South / Birmingham, AL 35294-4450. Phone: (205) 934-3228. Fax: (205) 975-5493. E-mail: adalong@uab.edu

Approved Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee Spring meeting minutes (approved by email vote), are up on the web site (www.nchchonors.org) (Click on the “NCHC News” button on our home page.)

Job Announcements on the NCHC Website

One of the services offered by the National Office is jobs listing on the web site (www.nchchnors.org). To have a position posted, send the information including start and end dates, to: nchc@iastate.edu. We will forward your email to our web master and then let you know when it’s posted.

There *IS* a searchable archive for the NCHC listserv!!!

Many of you have asked if there is any way to search Honors listserv messages for specific topics. The answer is Yes! This from Charlie Slavin: The archives, by month (since June '97) are found at <http://hermes.gwu.edu/archives/honors.html>

The search feature is accessed from that page, too. You will have to register for a listserv password, but that’s a trivial exercise -- just follow the directions!

If you are not on the Honors listserv, signing up is easy. Just go to the NCHC website, www.nchchonors.org, scroll down to the bottom where it says “Want to join the NCHC listserv?” and follow the links.

NHR Editor's New Email Address

Maggie Brown, our NHR editor, has a new email address: honorseditor@bellsouth.net.

Satellite Seminar

NCHC and Phi Theta Kappa are again working together to bring the Satellite Seminar to you. Beginning September 30, the Satellite Seminar will include five broadcasts on the topic "The Dimensions and Directions of Health: Choices in the Maze." Complete information, is on our web site: www.nchchonors.org.

Science and Society in Coastal Environments, January 27 – April 15, 2004

Co-sponsored by NCHC and Hood College, the Honors Semesters Committee is offering a Coastal Studies Program. It will begin January 27 at Hood College with a City as Text© format to introduce students to the methodology of the semester. Registration deadline is October 10. If you did not receive an informational flyer, call NCHC office, 515-294-9188, or email nchc@iastate.edu and we'll mail you one.

2004 Regional Conferences

Region	EST	Date/Place
Northeast Region	Ross Wheeler Queens College	April 1-4, 2004 Hartford, CT
Southern	Lydia Daniel Hillsborough Community College	April 15 – 17, 2004 UNC-Wilmington Wilmington, NC
Midwest	Philip Way University of Cincinnati	April 16-18, 2004 Indianapolis, IN
Upper Midwest	Malcom Russell	April 15-17, 2004 North Dakota State, Fargo ND
Western	Ted Humphrey Arizona State	April 23-25, 2004 Missoula, MT
Great Plains	Sandy Deabler North Harris College	March 5 – 7, 2004 San Antonio, TX