

NCHC E-letter

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Election Results

In accordance to NCHC Constitution and Bylaws, here are the results of the recent election:

Total ballots mailed: 1,023

Ballots returned: 311

Percentage: 30%

Your Executive Committee thanks all of you who voted. The total votes cast this year exceeded last year's count by nearly 40 votes. Thank you for taking the time to let your Exec Committee know your wishes.

Shall Group One of the Proposed Amendments (Dues Increase) be approved?

Yes: 240

No: 69

Blank/Spoiled: 2

Percentage in favor of raising dues: 77%

Percent needed to amend: Two-Thirds (66%) of votes cast by membership.

Shall Group Two of the Proposed Amendments (Officers and Headquarters) be approved?

Yes: 260

No: 40

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Percentage in favor of moving to a permanent headquarters and hiring an Executive

Director: 84%

Percentage needed to amend: Majority of votes cast

Officers Elected:

Vice President:

Jon Schlenker, University of Maine at Augusta

Executive Committee-Professional

Larry Andrews, Kent State

Kambra K. Bolch, Texas Tech University

James Knauer, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Jacci Rodgers, Oklahoma City University

Executive Committee-Student

Akofa Bonsi, University of Alabama at Birmingham

David Duncan, University of Florida

Holli Hitt, Mississippi State University

Dues Note

At the Spring 2003 Executive Committee in Jackson, Mississippi, the Committee voted to make all memberships due on January 1 of each year. This was done so the dues structure would correspond to NCHC's fiscal year.

As noted above, you voted to increase NCHC Membership Dues. Therefore, soon after January 1, you will receive an invoice for either a full year (if your membership is from January-December) or for half a year (if your membership runs July-December) which reflects this increase.

Monograph Price Increase

One of the issues discussed at the Publications Board meeting in Chicago was monograph costs. All members receive each monograph when it published, but often, members request extra copies. For the past few years, NCHC has been selling monographs at a loss—and with our fiscal situation, this cannot continue. Therefore the Pub Board voted to increase the price for individual monographs to \$10 per copy to members; \$12.50 for non-members. There will be a 20 percent discount if you order 10+ copies of any monograph.

Summer NCHC Field Study in London

Ball State University and the National Collegiate Honors Council are co-sponsoring a summer field study "semester" in London, England from May 17 through June 18. The theme of the program is "London Under Cover: Uncovering London." The program is co-directed by Profs. John Emert and Cheryl Bove. IN addition to City as Text, the program offers courses entitled "Dressed for Excess: Clothing in Painting and Sculpture," "The Cultivation of Codebreaking and Computing: Bletchley Park and Beyond," "The Blitz of London: Myth and Reality," and "London Docklands: Integrating London's Past in Redevelopment."

We apologize for the late notice. **Applications for this program are due February 2!**

Please direct all questions to John Emert (emert@bsu.edu) or Cheryl Bove (cbove@bsu.edu); applications, including a non-refundable \$20 application fee, should be sent to the admissions committee c/o Dr. Kathy Lyon, Director; Honors Program; 139 Bancroft Hall; Winthrop University; Rock Hill, SC 29733. Applications are due February 2, 2004.

The program brochure and application may be found at the main web page of the BSU Honors College (www.bsu.edu/honors).

Committees

Norm Weiner has most of the Committees formed; however, if you have an interest in one and you have not contacted him, please do so right away (weiner@oswego.edu).

Reminder to Committee Chairs re: 2005 budget request

Committee Chairs will soon receive Budget Request forms for FY2005. These need to be returned to NCHC Headquarters by February 6, either by FAX (515/294-2970) or regular mail.

Bags for Sale

President Norm Weiner would like you to know that we have a number of NCHC briefcases left over from the 2004 Conference. If you would like one (or several), please call or email NCHC headquarters. The cost, including postage, is \$10 per bag. It's a bit late for Holiday giving, but Groundhog's Day is always a good time to give a gift.

Crossing Boundaries: Innovations in Undergraduate Research"

The Council on Undergraduate Research will hold its next national conference, "Crossing Boundaries: Innovations in Undergraduate Research," at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse on June 23-26, 2004. This conference will bring together faculty, administrators, policy makers, representatives of funding agencies and others with an interest in doing and promoting undergraduate research. With over 100 workshops, presentations by representatives of funding agencies, disciplinary sessions, informal roundtables on current topics, and social interactions, this promises to be an outstanding conference.

For information on program and registration, visit www.cur.org/conferences.html.

NCHC Listserv

We receive calls asking how to get on (or off) the NCHC listserv. Complete instructions are on NCHC's home page. Go to www.nchchonors.org, scroll down to the button that asks "Want to join the ListServ?" and follow the links. Keep in mind that not everyone on the ListServ is an NCHC member and not all NCHC members are on the listserv. However, everyone on the ListServ is interested in Honors education.