

NCHC E-letter

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Greetings and best wishes for 2005! We are planning on have a very busy and productive time between now and April 1 when your new Executive Director is scheduled to be on board. Included in this e-letter:

- Renewal Information
- Election Results
- 2005 Regional Meeting Dates and other Upcoming Events
- Honors Opportunities

Renewals

Thank you to all of you who have already sent in your 2005 renewals. Remember that we will send the membership update information for the 2005 Handbook to the printer on March 2; therefore, if you want your institution included, we will need your renewals by March 1. Also, please make any address/email/phone number corrections on the invoice when you send it back.

Renewal reminders were mailed on December 10, so if you have not yet received yours, please let us know and we will email or fax another one.

Election

The ballots for the election of officers and the Constitutional and Bylaws changes were due by December 20. A total of 276 votes were cast which is 26.9 percent of our eligible membership. Below are the results of the election.

NCHC officers for 2005 are: Vice President, Kate Bruce, University of North Carolina, Wilmington; Secretary, John Madden, Cerritos College; Treasurer, Philip Way, University of Cincinnati.

New **Professional** Executive Committee Members are: Richard Badenhansen, Westminster College; Jocelyn Jackson, Morehouse College; Stephen Rosenbaum, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Stephen Wainscott, Clemson University.

New **Student** Executive Committee Members are: Danielle Coulter, Ball State University; Kathleen King, University of Maine at Augusta, and Emily Zhivotovskiy, Long Island University, C. W. Post Campus.

All the Constitution and Bylaw changes were approved. **Article 7, Section 2 of the Constitution** now reads: The eighteen members at large shall be twelve professional

and/or affiliate members and six student members. The professional/affiliate members shall serve three-year terms, with four members retiring each year. **Four student members shall serve terms of two years each and two student members shall serve terms of one year each, with four members retiring each year. (At the time of their nomination, student candidates shall indicate whether they are seeking a one-year or two-year term.)** Thus, each year, four new professional/affiliate members and **four new student members** shall be elected to replace retiring members. Article 7, Section 3 now reads: The four new professional/affiliate members at large and **four new student members** shall be elected to replace retiring members.

Article 2, Section 4 of the Bylaws now reads: The Executive Director is the “Registered Agent” of NCHC Incorporated at the address of the NCHC national headquarters.

2005 Regional Meetings

Upper Midwest Regional, March 31 – April 2, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Contact Charlene Skidmore (<http://www.drake.edu/honors/>)

Southern Regional, March 31 – April 2, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Contact Kate Bruce (bruce@uncw.edu).

Northeast Regional, April 7 – 19, Pine Barrens, New Jersey. Contact Richard England (rkengland@salisbury.edu).

Western Regional, April 7 – 9, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact www.honors.unr.edu/wrhc

Great Plains, April 8 – 10, Lawrence, Kansas. Contact Mark Nesbitt-Daly (785-864-4235).

Mideast Regional, April 8 – 10, Columbus, Ohio. Contact Philip Way (Philip.Way.@uc.edu).

Upcoming Meetings/Deadlines

Strategic Planning Meeting: January 28 – 29, Dallas Texas. Contact Virginia McCombs (vmccombs@okcu.edu)

JNCHC Spring/Summer 2005 issue deadline March 1. Contact Ada Long (adalong@uab.edu).

Honors in Practice (First Issue) deadline May 1. Contact Ada Long (adalong@uab.edu).

Honors Opportunities

Summer Archaeology Program in Belgium (July 2005)

Eastern Illinois University Honors Programs, in partnership with the University of Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium, invites applications for the sixth season of its Summer Archaeology Program. The dates are July 2-30, and the program centers on the excavation of medieval Walhain Castle. Honors students receive Honors credit, awarded in either History or Earth Sciences. The course is open to all students in good standing; there are no prerequisites, and no previous background in archaeology is required. The cost of the program, which includes tuition and fees, board and lodging --but not overseas airfare-- is estimated at around \$4200. For more information please contact Professor Bailey Young at cfbky@eiu.edu. or write c/o Honors Programs, Booth House, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave, Charleston, IL 61920.

National Association of African American Honors Programs Call for Proposals.

The theme for the 2005 conference to be held November 2 – 5, in Jackson, Mississippi, is Reflections on our African-American Heritage: Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future. They are inviting papers, panels, workshop sessions, roundtables, and research posters. For a proposal application form or for more information, please contact Dr. Mark Reger, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Director of the Honors Program, Mississippi Valley State University (662-254-3435 or mareger@mvsu.edu)

Semester in Seattle, *Livable Spaces in Natural Places* the 2005 NCHC Honors Semester, May 23 – August 12, 2005

It is not too late to sign up for the Seattle Semester, however deadlines are fast approaching: January 10, 2005, Early admission application; February 1, 2005, Regular admission application.

If you did not receive the colorful brochure describing the *Semester in Seattle*, please contact headquarters (nchc@iastate.edu). You can also access the brochure on-line at www.nchchonors.org. Click on the Honors Semester button, and follow the link.

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.