



**National Collegiate Honors Council
Annual Business Meeting and Presidential Address
Virtual Meeting Space
Friday, December 4, 2020**

Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.

- I. Welcome (Elaine Torda, President)
Torda convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. She congratulated Executive Director Mary Beth Rathe for the work she and her team had done throughout the year.
- II. Announcements and Introductions of NCHC Staff
NCHC staff was acknowledged and recognized for their outstanding work.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion 1(made by Eddie Weller, seconded by Kevin Dean) Moved to adopt the NCHC 2020 Annual Business Meeting agenda. The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of 2019 Minutes, as Posted and Distributed
Motion 2 (made by Eddie Weller, seconded Kevin Dean) Moved to approve the NCHC 2019 Annual Business Meeting minutes. The 2019 minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Keith Garbutt)
Garbutt acknowledged the excellent work Executive Director Rathe had accomplished throughout the 2020 fiscal year. NCHC received a clean audit with no findings and finished 2019 with about a \$131,000 revenue surplus. In 2019 the organization's endowment saw significant growth, estimated at a \$300,000 increase. Garbutt noted the organizational bylaws require 25% of the surplus revenue to be reinvested in the endowment. He indicated the rest of the surplus would support the FY20 budget and potentially FY21, which the pandemic will significantly impact. He closed by inviting all members to attend monthly financial roundtables.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. 2020 Virtual Events (Suketu Bhavsar, President-Elect) –
Bhavsar noted the shift to a virtual conference was successful. Some members reported they had used some of the conference events as part of their classes. At the time of this meeting, the national office staff was still analyzing the data. Bhavsar thanked Rathe and the NCHC national team for an outstanding job with the conference.
 - b. Other
No other old business was brought forth for discussion.

VII. New Business

- a. 2021 Conference (Christina McIntyre, Vice President) –
McIntyre reported on the 2021 conference. The 2021 NCHC national conference is slated to be held at the Swan/Dolphins hotels in Orlando, Florida. At the time of the annual meeting, discussions were ongoing regarding whether a safe in-person conference could be hosted during the pandemic. Talks are continuing at this time. The theme for the NCHC 2021 Conference – Reimagining Honors: Past, Present and Future. The idea is to build off the Disney location and their imagineers. McIntyre asked the membership to consider proposals for both an in-person and virtual conference. After questions from the floor concerning the cost for the 2021 conference, Rathe informed those in attendance a quad will run \$289 a night, with conference registration similar to last year. McIntyre noted the call for proposals would go out in mid-January. Rathe and McIntyre were asked to hold off soliciting conference proposals until a final decision was made on the conference format.
- b. Other
No other new business was brought forth for discussion.

VIII. The slate of Nominees (Richard Badenhausen, Past President)

Badenhausen thanked the Nomination Committee and the candidates. Committee Members - Quakish Liner, Jim Buss, Elaine Torda, Kris Miller. Badenhausen noted the group worked hard to develop a very diverse candidate slate. He encouraged the membership to go to the NCHC website and view the candidate videos. Francois Amar has withdrawn his candidacy for vice president. He does so with deep regret.

Officer Nominees

Vice Presidential Nominees (Vote for 1)

Francois Amar, the University of Maine (withdrawn)
Susan Dinan, Adelphi University

Nominations from the Floor – no nominations from the floor

Board of Directors Nominees

Board of Directors Nominees (Professional – Three Year Term—Vote for Three)

Professional-At-Large – 3 candidates to receive positions:

Andrew Martino - Salisbury University
Lucy Laufe - Montgomery College
Sandra Perez - California State University, Fullerton
Darryl Peterkin - Morgan State University
Daniel Roberts - Virginia State University

Hearing no nominations from the floor a call was made to close professional nominations.

Motion 3 (made by Jim Ford, seconded Keith Garbutt) moved to close nominations from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Student-At-Large:

1-Year Term – 1 candidate to receive position:

Katherine George - Hillsborough Community College
Rohan Badve - University of South Alabama
John Bussey - Washington State University
Gabriella Rivera – Bridgewater State University

Nominations from the Floor

Tom Jones nominated Andrea (Drew) Wilson from (Gardner Webb University) for a one-year position

Hearing no additional nominations, a call was made to close nominations for the One-Year Student position.

Motion 4 (made Annemarie Guzy, seconded Jeff Chamberlain) moved to close One-Year Student nominations. Motion passed by voice vote.

2-Year Term – 2 candidates to receive positions:

Kristina Pickering - Notre Dame of Maryland University
Conor David Bailey - Ball State University
Aaron Pina - University of Nevada-Reno

Hearing no additional nominations, a call was made to close nominations for the Two-Year Student position.

Motion 5 (made by Ada Long, seconded Emma Cieslik) moved to close Two-Year Student nominations. Motion passed by voice vote.

IX. Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Retiring Board members will be recognized at the NCHC Virtual Award Presentation Ceremony on December 18, 2020. Everyone was invited to attend

Retiring Board Members

Executive Board

Richard Badenhause, Westminster College (Immediate Past President)

Board-at-Large

Francois Amar, University of Maine
James Buss, University of Northern Kentucky
Quakish Liner, Broward College

Student Board Members

Olivia Fuson, Creighton University
Abigail 'Vi' Kinney, Northwestern State University
Aline Webb, University of New Mexico

X. **President's Address (Appendix)**

In recognition of the entire membership's virtual fatigue and shift in the meeting schedule, Torda decided not to give a Presidential address. She thanked the Board of Directors for the hard work they have done this past year.

There will be a virtual awards presentation celebrating all the awardees, grantees and scholarship winners on December 18, 2020.

XI. **Passing of the Gavel**

Torda virtually passed the gavel to Suketu Bhavsar as the incoming NCHC president. Bhavsar recognized Torda (President 2019-2020) for her hard work and dedication to NCHC.

XII. **Adjournment (Bhavsar)**

Motion 6 (made by Weller, seconded Congard-Black). Move to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Smith Law
NCHC Secretary