

MSFA Scholarship Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM on Monday, June 14, 2004, at the Ocean City Convention Center. Members of the committee present were:

Chairman Ron Siarnicki
Vice Chairman Dale Fishack
Chairman Emeritus Bill Olsen
Robert Ryan
Faron Taylor
George Kennett
Brenda Fosler Johnson
Guest Alicia Olsen

The Chairman opened the meeting with a brief discussion about the Awards Ceremony that had occurred on the Convention Floor that morning. Awards were announced for the 20 students and recognition was given to the Scholarship Donors, The MSFA Past Presidents who have been named as Scholarship Honorees, the current award recipients and the graduates of the program. At the conclusion of his comments, the Chairman identified three items that needed to be covered as part of the agenda for the meeting.

Under Old Business, the committee took action to continue the provisional scholarship award to one of the 2004-2005 Award Recipients. This student was asked to submit spring grade sheets in order to qualify for an award this year. Motion by Dale Fishack to continue our support of this student, seconded by Faron Taylor, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

After a review of the Scholarship Awards for this current cycle, it was realized that the Committee had available for distribution an additional \$1,000.00. Motion by Faron Taylor, and seconded by George Kennett, to extend these funds to Applicant Jeffery Dean. The Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Under new business, the Chairman reported that he has been asked to submit the 1st Vice President a list of committee names for the 2004 – 2005 organizational year. Barry Monroe has asked to be taken off the committee and there is one vacancy to be filled. The committee recommended Mr. Matt Stevens to serve as the Eastern Shore Representative, and Mr. Doug Simpkins to replace Barry Monroe. Mr. Simpkins has accepted the position and Mr. Stevens will be asked to serve. The Chairman reported that Mr. Dwight Polk, from UMBC, and Ms. JoAnne Hildebrand, from UMUC, have both agreed to serve as Educational Liaisons to the Committee, as well.

At this time, the Chairman reported that the 2005 Scholarship Applications were already posted on-line and were available at the MSFA Web Site.

The next order of business was a discussion about the 2004-2005 Committee Meeting Schedule. The committee was in agreement that a September Conference Call would be most beneficial and that a regular November Meeting could also be accomplished that way. It was decided that at the September meeting a final schedule of Committee Meetings will be discussed. The tentative schedule for the year is as follows:

September Conference Call
November Conference Call
February Conference Call
May – Full Committee Meeting

A discussion ensued at this point concerning the MSFA Past Presidents Awards. The Chairman reported that Six Past Presidents have been honored through Scholarship Awards and that he had made a personal presentation to the Past Presidents earlier in the day. Vice Chairman Fishack reported that he was working on a Scholarship Award in Memory of Mickey Harris and was confident that we would have that one to administer next year.

Having no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM by a motion from Dale Fishack and seconded by Bill Olsen

Respectfully Submitted by

Ron Siarnicki
Committee Chairman