

MSFA Scholarship Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM on Monday, June 21, 2005, 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
Dr. James Milke
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 18 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.

The first order of business by Chairman Emeritus Bill Olson was the long standing issue of the carry-over balance of the fund. Chairman Siarnicki reported that the Office of the Treasurer had no new information to report on this matter and that the Committee will have to sit down with the new treasurer once he is elected to bring closure to this matter.

A question was asked of Chairman Emeritus Olson concerning the grade point average of one of this year's scholarship recipients. The student in question did not have a GPA at the time of his application. It was explained that the student had taken a non-credit course in the previous semester and that his semester grades for the current application cycle were good enough to qualify for an award.

The Committee discussed the need to follow-up on the recommendation from the last meeting relevant to the current application format used for the program and makes some changes to that document. Vice-Chairman Fishack advised that he will take on this project during the upcoming term of the Committee.

Chairman Siarnicki again announced that Vice Chairman Fishack will take the Chairmanship role for the scholarship Committee next year and that he will stay on as the Vice-Chair for the year. Vice Chairman Fishack announced that he planned on having the First meeting in November and a second meeting in January, of which both would be via conference call. He was planning on a May meeting in College Park and a June meeting at the Convention in Ocean City.

Chairman Siarnicki reported that the tuition remission issue will be revisited again next year and that he has already met with Delegate Moe to discuss a strategy for approval. Work will begin right away on bringing this issue to closure.

Chairman Emeritus Olson added to the discussion topics the need for the Scholarship Committee to have more attention in the MSFA Trumpet and the MSFA Web Site. The committee agreed to work on this next year.

Motion by Chairman Bill Olson and seconded by Faron Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 PM.