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Minutes of the Semi - Annual Meeting
Board of Regents of Gunston Hall Plantation
April 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by First Regent Wylie Raab at 9:00 AM.

Secretary Julie Linn called the roll:

Hilary Gripekoven-President NSCDA
Laura Towers -President VA Society-EXCUSED
Wylie Raab-First Regent
Jane Barganier
Elaine Blaylock
Weasy Blodgett
Anna Bowman
Angela Box
Ellie Buchanan- EXCUSED
Hannah Cox
Sally Craddock-EXCUSED
Peg Crockett
Anna Duff
Tibbie Field
Jean Grainger
Tat Hardesty
Alice Harney
Winkie Hatton
Sara Hill
Lucie Holland-EXCUSED
Melanie Hunt
Mary Ingham
Margery Jenkins
Avery Jenkins
Sally Johnston - ABSENT
Dianne Kennedy
Nancy Kennedy - EXCUSED
Anita Barbey
Julie Linn
Cissy Loughlin
Carolyn Markert
Beppy Martin
Elizabeth McCallie
Tia McMillan
Anne Rhett Merrill
Mary Millard
Marcy Moody

Former Regents:

Pearl Adamson - EXCUSED
Brantley Knowles
Carrie Robinson
Harriett Macnish- EXCUSED
Carolyn Abshire

New Regents:

Helen Cleary
Sally Goodyear
Jean McGinnis
Lenoir Stanley - ABSENT
Helen Taylor
Priscilla Grayson

Betsy Norton - EXCUSED
Kandi Osborn - ABSENT
Betsy Peters
Shannon Ravenel
Virginia Snider
Katie Steele
Gena Tarbutton - EXCUSED
Susan Van Allen
Sis Walton

The First Regent welcomed our attorney from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Tom Moncure and she introduced Mark Whatford who is the Acting Director of Gunston Hall.

Report of the Treasurer - Elaine Blaylock

The budget for 2012-2013 was presented. First Regent Wylie Raab moved that we accept the budget and the motion was second by Regent Anna Duff. The motion carried.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Betsy Peters

Notes have been sent to Miss Jean Grainger upon the death of her mother, and Ms. Priscilla Brewster upon the death of her mother. Betsy asked all regents to keep her informed of any situations that may require correspondence from the Board of Regents.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Anne Rhett Merrill Chairman

There are four positions on the Board of Regents Executive Committee that will need to be filled by our Annual Meeting in October of 2012. Those positions are: First Regent, Vice Regent, Assistant Treasurer, and Program Council Director. In addition, one member for the Nominating Committee will need to be selected.

Report of the Former Regents Advisory Committee – Brantley Knowles

The committee will send a letter to all Formers about the activities at Gunston Hall. They will continue to strengthen the ties between the Board of Regents and the Former members of the Board of Regents.

Report of the Executive Committee – First Regent Wylie Raab

The Executive Committee recommended and First Regent Wylie Raab moved that the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall Plantation relieve Executive Director, David Reese, of his duties and responsibilities. The motion carried.

Report of the Governance Committee and Executive Committee –

Marcy Moody, Chairman of the Governance Committee, reported that in an Emergency Meeting of the two committees, they each voted unanimously to change “Article X Director” of the Bylaws to read as follows: “Section 1. Position of Director. There shall be a Director of Gunston Hall Plantation who shall be a full time employee, ** appointed by and responsible to the Board of Regents. He shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, which shall fix his compensation, consistent with applicable personnel policies of Gunston Hall.* In the event of a vacancy in the position of Director, the First Regent may appoint an acting director to serve until the search committee appointed by the Executive Committee has found a replacement.

**The words “of the Commonwealth of Virginia” were deleted from this sentence.

*The words “the Commonwealth” were deleted at the end of this sentence.

Regent Marcy Moody moved that “Article X Director” of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows: “Section 1. Position of Director. There shall be a Director of Gunston Hall Plantation who shall be a full time employee, appointed by and responsible to the Board of Regents. He shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, which shall fix his compensation consistent with applicable personnel policies of Gunston Hall. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Director, the First Regent may appoint an acting director to serve until the search committee appointed by the Executive Committee has found a replacement.” The motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Regents Fund Trustees- Marcy Moody

The June 30, 2011 fiscal year end auditor’s report and IRS Form 990 were discussed with particular attention to the auditor’s recommendation to adopt certain governing policies to conform to best practices in the non-profit community.

Regent Avery Jenkins moved and Regent McMillan seconded a motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest, Whistle Blower and Document Destruction Policies. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Leased Operations Committee – Katie Steele

The Recollections of John Mason is being reprinted. It is expected to be out in a month or two. 250 copies are being printed.

Return to Splendor, is out of date and being rewritten for republication.

Karen Bazzle is bringing new items into the shop after she attends the gift mart in New York.

Nominating for Regents Committee – Cissy Loughlin

The Nominating Committee for Regents, to date, has elected six new Observers for the Class of 2012 for their first term at Regent. It is with regret to announce that two Regents-at-Large, Mrs. Steven Wayne Duff (Anna), from New York, and Mrs. Steven A. Holland (Lucie) from Virginia, are retiring in October.

It is a pleasure to announce the names of the six incoming Regents who will be included as Observers in the Class of 2012:

<u>New</u>	<u>Retiring</u>
Arkansas – Mrs. Morin M. Scott (Becky)	Ms. Anne E. Orsi
Connecticut – Mrs. John P. Cooke (Torrey)	Mrs. William Buchanan (Ellie)
Delaware- Mrs. Roberts W. Brokaw III (Allison)	Mrs. Rodney Ingham –Mary
Georgia- Mrs. John H. Kingston (Libby)	Mrs. Phillip Markert (Carolyn)
Oregon	
Regent at Large- Mrs. Price Gripekoven (Hillary)	
Virginia- Mrs. Peter Knowles II (Brantley)	Mrs. Theodore Craddock (Sallie)

Florida State Regent, Mrs. David T. Moody, (Marcy), will be installed as our National President at Biennial Council in October. Although she will be retiring as Florida’s State Regent, we are delighted that, as National President, she will serve as an ex-officio member of the Gunston Hall Board.

Incoming Regent-at-Large, Hilary Gripekoven, will fill one of the available At-Large positions. Our committee is hopeful that Nominating Forms will

be submitted to fill the additional Regent-at-Large position. Please contact me if you would like a nominating form.

I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for Regents of Gunston Hall: Mrs. Walker Kennedy, Mrs. William Blodgett, Mrs. Thomas McCallie and Mrs. Steven Duff.

The First Regent thanked all Board Members and enthusiastic staff. We are in a new chapter – a positive new era. Good times are ahead!

First Regent Wylie Raab adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM. She wished all regents safe travels and she will be looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Meeting in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Linn

Julie Linn, Secretary