## Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting Board of Regents of Gunston Hall Incorporated April 11, 2015

## **OPENING SESSION**

Hilary Gripekoven, First Regent, called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Virginia Snider called the roll. Present, unless otherwise noted were the following Regents: MOODY, Marcy, (Mrs. David Thomas Moody), NSCDA President TOWERS, Laura, (Mrs. Laura Reynolds Towers), President of the Va. Society GRIPEKOVEN, Hilary (Mrs. Price Gripekoven), First Regent LINN Julie, (Mrs. Marshall George Linn, III), Vice Regent BARBEY, Anita (Mrs. Todd S. Liebow) BARGANIER, Jane (Mrs. James Irby Barganier) BLAYLOCK, Elaine (Mrs. William B. Blaylock) BROKAW, Allison (Mrs. Roberts Wyckoff Brokaw) CAHN von SEELEN, Kristen (Mrs. Ulf Manfred Cahn von Seelen) CAYLOR, Margo (Mrs. Robert C. Caylor) CLEARY, Helen Bragg (Mrs. Richard S. Cleary) COOKE, Torrey (Mrs. John B. Cooke) COX, Hannah (Mrs. Henry Bartholomew Cox) CROCKETT, Peg (Mrs. Margaret Crockett) EXCUSED DAVIS, Kit (Ms. Katherine Davis) FIELD, Tibbie (Mrs. Robert B. Field) FLANDERS, Martha (Mrs. Dudley Dean Flanders) GIDDENS, Harrison (Mrs. Thomas L. Giddens) GRAINGER, Jean (Miss Jean Cameron Grainger) GRAYSON, Priscilla (Mrs. Cary T. Grayson, Jr.) GROVE, Penn (Mrs. Thomas R. Grove) EXCUSED HARNEY, Alice (Mrs. John Mathews, Harney, Jr.) HILL, Sara (Mrs. Harry R. Hill, Jr.) HUNT, Melanie (Mrs. Marshall Hunt) **JENKINS, Avery (Miss Winafrid Avery Jenkins) JOHNSTON, Sally (Mrs. Michael Van Doren Johnston) EXCUSED** KANE, Gale (Mrs. Robert Muder Kane) EXCUSED KENNEDY, Dianne (Mrs. Walker Kennedy) KEUFFEL, Nancy (Mrs. Gerd Hans Keuffel) KINGSTON, Libby (Mrs. John Heddens Kingston) KNOWLES, Brantley (Mrs. Peter I. C. Knowles, II) EXCUSED LINVILLE, Barbara (Mrs. David Linville) LOUGHLIN, Cissy (Mrs. David Castello Loughlin) MATTINGLY, Linda (Mrs. Richard V. Mattingly)

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McATEER, Nancy (Mrs. Thomas Knight McAteer) McGINNIS, Jean (Dr. Jean Gray McGinnis) McMILLAN, Tia (Mrs. Robert Andrew McMillan) MILLARD, Mary (Mrs. Charles E. Millard, Jr.) OSBORN, Kandi (Mrs. Steele Bartley Osborn) PETERS, Betsy (Mrs. William Anthony Peters, III) RAVENEL Shannon (Mrs. Henry Laurence Bee Ravenel) RILEY Anne (Mrs. James Ward Riley, Jr.) SCOTT, Becky (Mrs. Morin Montague Scott) EXCUSED SHUTKIN, Kathie (Mrs. John A. Shutkin) SNIDER, Virginia S. (Mrs. Ronald A. Snider) TARBUTTON, Gena (Mrs. Hugh McMaster Tarbutton) TAYLOR, Helen (Mrs. Benjamin Walter Taylor, Jr.) VAN ALLEN, Susan (Mrs. John Van Allen) EXCUSED VAN DYKE, Rowena (Mrs. Jacob Van Dyke, Jr.) WALTON, Sis (Mrs. Jonathan T. Walton) WHITE, Gina (Mrs. Stephen Hopkins)

#### FORMER FIRST REGENTS

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ABSHIRE, Carolyn (Mrs. David M. Abshire) ADAMSON, Pearl (Mrs. V. Cassel Adamson, Jr.) BUCHANAN, Ellie (Mrs. William H. Buchanan) DUFF, Anna (Mrs. Steven Wayne Duff) HOLT, Ellen (Mrs. Robert N. Holt, Jr.) LEVY, Melissa (Mrs. Max M. Levy) HOLLAND, Lucie (Mrs. Steven A. Holland) INGRAM, Mary (Mrs. Rodney R. Ingham) MARTIN, Ellen (Mrs. W. Swift Martin, III) McCALLIE, Elizabeth (Mrs. Thomas Hooke McCallie III) McKINNEY, Sue (Mrs. Douglas E. McKinney)

First Regent Hilary asked that we have a moment of silence for all who were close to us who had died since our last meeting.

She then introduced and welcomed visitor Ruth Anderson, Budget Analyst with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

She asked Executive Director Scott Stroh to update the Board as to the state of Gunston Hall.

## Remarks of the Executive Director, Scott Stroh

Executive Director Scott Stroh introduced his Leadership Team and staff members who were present, including the new Director of Marketing and Public Relations, David DuVal. Scott announced that newly hired Director of Education, Rebecca Martin, was to start at Gunston Hall by May 1, 2015. He then reported on the status of the mansion roof replacement project.

The meeting was recessed until Monday, April 13, 2015

# CLOSING SESSION APRIL 13, 2015

First Regent Hilary Gripekoven reconvened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Virginia Snider called the roll. Present, unless otherwise noted were the following Regents: MOODY, Marcy, (Mrs. David Thomas Moody), NSCDA President TOWERS, Laura, (Mrs. Laura Reynolds Towers), President of the Va. Society GRIPEKOVEN, Hilary (Mrs. Price Gripekoven), First Regent LINN Julie, (Mrs. Marshall George Linn, III), Vice Regent BARBEY, Anita (Mrs. Todd S. Liebow) BARGANIER, Jane (Mrs. James Irby Barganier) BLAYLOCK, Elaine (Mrs. William B. Blaylock) BROKAW, Allison (Mrs. Roberts Wyckoff Brokaw) CAHN von SEELEN, Kristen (Mrs. Ulf Manfred Cahn von Seelen) CAYLOR, Margo (Mrs. Robert C. Caylor) CLEARY, Helen Bragg (Mrs. Richard S. Cleary) COOKE, Torrey (Mrs. John B. Cooke) COX, Hannah (Mrs. Henry Bartholomew Cox) CROCKETT, Peg (Mrs. George Crockett) EXCUSED DAVIS, Kit (Ms. Katherine Davis) FIELD, Tibbie (Mrs. Robert B. Field) FLANDERS, Martha (Mrs. Dudley Dean Flanders) GIDDENS, Harrison (Mrs. Thomas L. Giddens) GRAINGER, Jean (Miss Jean Cameron Grainger) GRAYSON, Priscilla (Mrs. Cary T. Grayson, Jr.) EXCUSED GROVE, Penn (Mrs. Thomas R. Grove) EXCUSED HARNEY, Alice (Mrs. John Mathews, Harney, Jr.) HILL, Sara (Mrs. Harry R. Hill, Jr.) HUNT, Melanie (Mrs. Marshall Hunt) [ENKINS, Avery (Miss Winafrid Avery Jenkins) JOHNSTON, Sally (Mrs. Michael Van Doren Johnston) EXCUSED KANE, Gale (Mrs. Robert Muder Kane) EXCUSED

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**Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Regents Incorporated from October 2014 were approved as electronically distributed.

**<u>Report of the Treasurer:</u>** Avery Jenkins called for a vote on the budget as presented. The Board of Regents of Gunston Hall Incorporated unanimously approved the 2016 fiscal budget.

**Report of the Governance Committee:** Chair Betsy Peters called for a vote for the adoption of the proposed Bylaw revision as electronically distributed. The Board of Regents of Gunston Hall unanimously approved the adoption of the revision of Article IX, Section 9 of the Bylaws. (A copy of this revision is attached to these minutes.)

#### Endorsement of "The Value of History"

Gena Tarbutton made a motion that the Board endorse the "Value of History" by the History Relevance Campaign as distributed, and Anita Barbey seconded the motion. The motion passed with National NSCDA President Marcy Moody abstaining. (A copy of "The Value of History" is attached to these minutes.)

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## Laura Towers Commendation

Outgoing Virginia Society President, Laura Towers, Regent of Gunston Hall during her term as President of the Virginia Society, was recognized for her devotion and active service to Gunston Hall.

First Regent Hilary Gripekoven commended The Arrangements Committee for a wonderful job done at our semi-annual meeting.

### <u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, Sara Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kit Davis seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved, and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia S. Snider Virginia S. Snider, Secretary