PANHANDLE STATE ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI & FRIENDS
ANNUAL MEETING ♦ APRIL 14, 2007

The annual meeting of the Panhandle State Association opened at 6:30 P.M. with invocation by Janet Kravig and followed by dinner. At the conclusion of dinner, president Troy Morris introduced the head table and distinguished guests. OPSU president Dr. David Bryant presented a State of the University address.

At the conclusion of Dr. Bryant's address, Joe Lane gave a brief introduction to the Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame inductees (Joe & Wynona McGrew), then introduced Dr. John Goodwin who presented a few remarks on the inductees. Following Dr. Goodwin, Joe Lane concluded his introduction of the McGrews and presented them with their plaque of recognition.

Dr. Serafin Ramón, Class of 1957, introduced the members of the anniversary years of 1917 to 2007. Wynona McGrew drew the name of the attending 2007 OPSU Senior to receive the complimentary Life Membership—Laura Sue Goodrich. Troy Morris then introduced Dr. Kenneth Woodward to conduct business of the Panhandle State Foundation.

Dr. Woodward presented a list of proposed amendments to the constitution of the Foundation. Sterrette Coffman moved acceptance of the amendments. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Draper. Motion passed.

Dr. Woodward presented the following names of persons recommended by the Foundation board of directors to replace vacancies on the board: Wynona McGrew, Jack Torbert, and Kim Peterson. Ted Smith moved to accept the recommendations and elect the three to the board. Motion was seconded by Jack Strain. Motion passed.

Foundation Executive Secretary Dr. Doris Looper presented a foundation status report. Foundation assets stand at $6,333,475. This is up about one million dollars over last year. Approximately $340,450 is being held for the new science and agriculture building. There were 1,831 applications for 170 scholarships for the 2007-2008 year. There have been eight new scholarships established or endowed. The foundation now has electronic fund transfer capability for donors. Dr. Looper concluded her report.

Troy Morris opened the association business portion with a report from executive secretary Russell Guthrie who reported that income had exceeded outgo for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. An unaudited financial report is in the meeting program. Guthrie also reported 24 new life members for the previous year, and the addition of three new life members since April 1. There are 326 annual members for 2007-2008, with the majority being complimentary memberships for the 2006 graduates. There are currently 707 Life Members we are tracking. Finally, the association’s recent mailing on the science and ag building fundraising campaign has resulted in over $5,000 in responses from alumni members. Guthrie concluded his report by thanking the association for the opportunities he has had while serving as executive secretary.

In new business, Russell Guthrie moved the following amendment to the constitution: “to amend the constitution by deleting all instances of the phrase executive secretary and substituting the phrase executive director in all such instances.” Motion was seconded by Tom Palmer. Motion passed.

Lloyd Looper moved adoption of dues to be $250 for Life Memberships, single or married couple; $25 for annual memberships, single or married couple; and $10 for student membership. Motion was seconded by Serafin Ramón. Motion passed.

Nominations Committee chair Jack Strain presented a slate of candidates for election:
President Troy Morris; Vice-President Sterrette Coffman; Executive Director Janet Kravig; for NW Oklahoma Director, Elizabeth Gardner-McBee; SE Oklahoma Director, Rusty Noble; Ok. Panhandle Director, Jim Oblander; NE New Mexico Director, Heath Geary; and Texas Panhandle Director, Stacy Metcalf.

All directors will serve until 2010.

Troy Morris called for any nominations from the floor. F. Jay Lark moved to accept the nomination committee’s report and elect same. Clayton Goff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VaLois Ramón briefly addressed the association on the urgency of fundraising for the science and agriculture building. There being no further business, Troy Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approved,

Russell A. Guthrie
Executive Secretary

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Date