

## Minutes of the Erskine College Alumni Board Meeting January 21, 2023

Held at Moultrie Science Center on campus.

Members of the Board: Philip Cook, President

Sanita Savage Cousar, President elect

Sarah Dagenhart

Walker Riley

Mary Elizabeth Land

Lloyd Kelso

John Wingate

Anna Pettus (absent)

Wendy Childress (via zoom)

Ken Robinson

Maynard Pittendreigh (absent)

Tripp Boykin

Andy Anderson

Jacob DeLuca

Michael Noble

Jim Rambo

Peggy Harrill (acting secretary)

Richard Taylor

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am by President Philip Cook. Meeting opened with a devotional by our newest member, Dr. Wendy Childress. from California via Zoom. She got up really early to bring us this important message and we appreciate her words.

Following the devotional was a presentation by Dr. Seth Nelson of the Erskine Seminary with an update on the status of the SACS visit to both the college and the seminary. There was a discussion on the results of the visit and Erskine's conditional accreditation granted by them. There are several ways we can help the staff in these endeavors.

Dr. Steve Adamson, President of Erskine College, then presented the news of the newest majors that will be offered in the fall as well as the restructuring of the staff. He also presented how we can get on board to promote the Erskine College experience to people who may not know of the uniqueness of EC.

The nominations committee, Sanita Cousar, chairman, then presented their report. Those who have been nominated for the following positions:

Mr. Andy Anderson, President elect

Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Harrill, Secretary

Rev. Ralph Bowling

Dr. Wendy Childress

Mrs. Mary Pratt Horne

Ms. Sherry McAdams

Mr. John Williams

Mr. Gehrig DeFronzo

Also presented were the following awards: Mr. Daniel Prohaska, Young Alumni Award; Alumni Distinguished Award to Mr. Chip Smith; Distinguished Service Award to Mary Parkinson; Honorary Erskine Alumni Award to Mr. Joseph Elder Reynolds. These were presented to the full board as a seconded motion to the full board, and the board acted appropriately in accepting this report and all will be notified of their appointment.

Jeanne Bell, Interim Coordinator of Alumni Relations, reviewed plans for Homecoming 2023, specifically regarding the career networking/career workshops for students.

Paul Bell, VP for Advancement, asked the board to be the public face of the upcoming annual fund and suggested that co-chairs be appointed from among the members. The board agreed to the request, and Paul will follow up by contacting members about being co-chairs.

After lunch, meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm after a motion to adjourn and seconded by Peggy Harrill and Andy Anderson.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy Harrill, Acting Secretary