

**Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium**  
**23rd Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11, 2002**  
**Boone, North Carolina**

The meeting was called to order by Art Crawley, Executive Committee Chair, LSU, at 1:11 pm.

Art presented Jessica Somers (University System of Georgia) with a present to recognize her service on the Executive Committee as treasurer for the past year. Jessica served a one year term to complete Art's term on the Executive Committee.

Art also presented Kate Brinko, ASU, with a gift to recognize her efforts as the 2002 conference chair. Art also thanked the entire ASU conference team for their help with the conference and for their many years of service to the consortium.

The minutes from last year were distributed and reviewed. Karen Adsit made a motion to approve the minutes; Linda Nilson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Jessica Somers distributed and presented the treasurer's report. SRFIDC balance as of March 7, 2002 was \$17,473.09. She estimates that the consortium will be about even with last year after the conference bills are received and paid. Conference expenses this year will be around \$10,000 (same as last year's sharing conference). This year's conference expenses were held down because of donations. SRFIDC has eighteen member institutions this year. The consortium gained six new members this year, lost nine member institutions.

Art Crawley made a motion to approved the treasurer's report; Alison Morrison-Shetlar seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding consortium membership trends. One third of member institutions remain members from year to year; one third seem to come and go yearly; one third of member institutions are new each year. Over the past five years the consortium has dropped from 30 member institutions to 20.

There are several factors that could be causing this drop. There are many other new, competing conferences and groups that address faculty development, teaching and learning, and technology integration. Art encouraged each member attending to recruit one institution to join over the coming year.

Future meeting sites were discussed. The 24th annual sharing conference will be held at Clayton College and State University outside of Atlanta March 9 - 11, 2003. Martha Wicker (Clayton State) distributed flyers for the conference.

For the 25th annual sharing conference in 2004, we might need to plan a celebration and include the SREB (who helped begin the consortium). A location has not been selected at this time. Members interested in hosting the conference should contact Art.

The election of new SRFIDC Executive Committee members was conducted to replace UNC-Asheville and University System of Georgia. Karen Adsit (UT-Chattanooga) nominated Appalachian State University; Hazel Harris (Furman) nominated University of South Florida. Peter Petschauer (ASU) and Jim Eison (USF) both agreed to run. There were no other nominations. Both ASU and USF were elected by acclamation.

In new business, the Executive Committee met on Saturday and suggests that bylaws be revised to include a new membership class for individuals, to split the secretary/treasurer duties, to change voting from two votes per institutional member to one vote per individual, and to allow individuals (vs. institutions) to serve on the Executive Committee. Revised bylaws will be presented at the annual sharing conference in 2003 so that the members in attendance can vote on them. The Executive Committee feels that these changes are necessary to help with continuity in the consortium and to help make the consortium more flexible.

The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday morning, March 12, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm.