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**President's Report to the NAHSA Membership**  
**March 15, 2011**

## **ANNUAL NAHSA ACTIVITIES**

### **1. NAHSA Participation at the Annual Holmes Scholars Conference and AACTE Meeting**

NAHSA would like to recognize the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holmes Scholars® Program and to commemorate the many accomplishments of its members and alumni. This milestone of the Program is of significance for multiple reasons: to date, more than 600 professional educators have graduated from the program; in addition, the commemorative moment coincides with a management change for the organization. The American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) recently acquired the brand and will assume management responsibilities for the Program. The Scholars are now known as the AACTE Holmes Scholars. The transition was announced at the 63<sup>rd</sup> AACTE Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA (February 24-26, 2011).

The conference theme, "Telling the Story: Writing the Next Chapter," was a timely one as the Holmes Scholars® experienced their first annual conference in concert with the AACTE Annual Meeting. The Board would like to recognize Dr. Alicia Ardila-Rey (AACTE Holmes Scholars Coordinator), Charles Helm (Holmes Scholars® Council President), Drs. Phyllis Metcalf-Turner (Mentorship Chair) and Jacob Easley II for organizing the Scholars' conference. More than 34 Scholars participated in mentoring sessions and presented their research. Scholars were supported by NAHSA Members\* and Holmes Scholars Alumni: Drs. Lora Battle Bailey\*, Jan Burt, Mary Anglea Coleman, Fashaad Crawford\*, Elin Doval, Jacob Easley II\*, Carolyn Walker Hopp\*, Sonja Lopez\*, Dianne Mark\*, Janet Mason\*, Sheila Moore\*, Diane Rodriguez, Sharon Russell\*, and Monika Williams Shealey.

### **2. NAHSA Communications**

The Board reconstituted the NAHSA Website ([www.nahsa.com](http://www.nahsa.com)) with several new and unique features. The website now hosts both an online membership application as well as the option for donations to NASHA Mentorship. Both membership applications and donations may be processed in real time, online via PayPal.

Monthly NAHSA blasts are disseminated via email to the NAHSA community. The blasts consist of regular updates of organizational activities and related notices.

In addition, the Communications committee was recently reconfigured to include Drs. Gregory Kirk Johnson and Wanda Wade. The committee has begun to work on expanding NAHSA communications to include a blog and other advancement to the website.

### **3. NAHSA Mentorship at AERA**

The first annual NAHSA Mentorship at AERA is scheduled to take place in April, 2011. Advanced level Holmes Scholars® and early career NAHSA members were invited to submit proposals to present original research during the event. Proposals underwent a rigorous peer-review process. The Board recognizes Drs. Fashaad Crawford, Jacob Easley II, Charissa Marrah Owens, and Carolyn Walker Hopp (coordinator) for assisting the Mentorship Committee by serving as reviewers. The Board also salutes all who submitted proposals and congratulates the following participants: Kisha C. Bryan, Sydney Freeman, Jr., Christine Nganga, Drs. Gretchen Robinson\*, Annie Smith\* and Wanda Wade\*.

The purpose of the event is threefold: (1) to familiarize participants with the professional opportunities and functions of AERA; (2) to provide a venue for participants to interface with nationally recognized researchers and faculty regarding critical issues facing the profession and the growth and development of minority faculty; and (3) to advance participants' research acuity by affording them the opportunity to present and receive feedback on their original research projects.

### **4. NAHSA Board Elections and Membership**

The 2011 NAHSA Board elections were conducted in February (Dr. Dianne Mark, Chair). All new positions begin July 1, 2011. The new and returning members of the Board are:

Dr. Carolyn Walker Hopp—Vice President BB (2011-2014)

Dr. Sonja Lopez—Corresponding Secretary DD (2011-2014)

Dr. Lora Battle Bailey—Member-at-Large F (2011 – 2014)

### **5. NAHSA Committee Reports**

Reports from the following committees were requested for inclusion with this annual report from the President:

By-Laws—Dr. Carolyn Walker Hopp, Chair

Development—Dr. Lora Bailey, Chair

Membership—Dr. Riley, Chair

Mentorship—Dr. Metcalf-Turner, Chair

Nominating and Elections—Dr. Dianne Mark, Chair

### **NAHSA Board Members**

Dr. Lora Bailey, Dean, School of Education, Brenau University, Gainesville, GA  
Dr. Angela Cozart, School of Education, College of Charleston, SC†  
Dr. Fashaad Crawford, Assistant Vice President, Kent State University, Kent, OH  
Dr. Jacob Easley II, Associate Professor, School of Education, Mercy College, Bronx, NY  
Dr. Diana Gonzales-Worthen, Director, Teach Them All, Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR  
Dr. Faye Hicks-Townes, School of Education, College of Charleston, SC  
Dr. Carolyn Walker Hopp, College of Education, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
Dr. Aretha Marbley, College of Education, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
Dr. Dianne Mark, College of Education at Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Janet Mason, Education Consultant, University of South Carolina (Retired)  
Dr. Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, College of Education, Illinois State University, Normal, IL  
Dr. Sheila Moore, Auburn University, Auburn, AL  
Dr. Charissa Marrah Owens, School of Education, College of Charleston, SC  
Dr. Keith Riley, IB MYP Health/Physical Educator, Memorial Middle School, Orlando, FL

\*NAHSA Members

†Served a partial term



To: NAHSA Members

From: Dianne Mark, Nomination/Election Chair – 2011

Date: March 9, 2011

Re: Elections Report

**NAME OF COMMITTEE: Nominations & Election Committee**

**NAME OF CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS: Dr. Dianne Mark**

**NAME OF MEMBERS: None, but worked with membership committee**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS – 2010/11:**

There were four positions open on the NAHSA Board to begin July, 2011. They were as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Previously held by</b>	<b>Description of duties</b>
Vice President (BB)	L. Bailey	The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be designated by the President and the Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at meetings. The Vice President, or his or her designee, shall be Chair of the Nominating committee. All members duly elected or appointed by the Board are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the standing Committees.
Corresponding Secretary (DD)	N/A	The Corresponding Secretary shall act in the absence of the secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall also oversee the collection and filing of minutes of meetings and required reports of the Corporation. All members duly elected or appointed by the Board are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the standing Committees.
Member-at-Large (F)	A. Cozart	All members duly elected or appointed by the Board are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the standing Committees.
Member-at-Large (B) <sup>1</sup>	D. Mark	All members duly elected or appointed by the Board are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the standing Committees.

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<sup>1</sup> The term of this position will end June 30, 2013.

A call for nominations was sent out through NAHSA's google.com site from January 4 – 27, 2011. Those individuals nominated were contacted to confirm their acceptance. Because there were no positions for which more than one applicant applied, the NAHSA Executive Committee and the Board approved the motion to accept the nominees as presented. The results of the election are as follows and each new member will be notified of these results:

Vice President (BB) – Dr. Carolyn Walker Hopp  
Corresponding Secretary (DD) – Dr. Sonja Lopez  
Member-at-Large (F) – Dr. Lora Bailey  
Member-at-Large (B) – Vacant

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION/ACTIVITIES:**

The nomination process should begin earlier, possible during the fall semester and have elections before December 31st. We could use the AACTE and/or AERA annual meetings to engage scholars and/or members about the nomination and election process. Also, the membership list should be updated by the time the call for nominations is executed.

For this year, I asked each person nominated to include a short bio of their career, affiliation with NAHSA, current institution, and research activities. I know that there used to be bios on the NAHSA website and if they were updated (or at least current at the time of elections), we could direct members to that site for information on the candidates as they decided who they would vote for during the election.

Respectfully submitted.



March 14, 2011

TO: Dr. Jacob Easley, President  
National Association of Holmes Scholars Alumni

FR: Dr. Carolyn Walker Hopp, Chair  
By-Laws Review Committee

RE: Committee Report

The following is a report of activity of the By-Laws Committee and results to-date.

Members: Dr. Carolyn Walker Hopp, Chair  
Dr. Jacob Easley II  
Dr. Charissa Marrah Owens  
Dr. Janet Mason  
Dr. Diana Gonzales-Worthen

#### Process

- The committee completed final review of the By-Laws.
- The full Board reviewed the By-Laws before the NAHSA body vote. Questions on language were clarified.
- The document was approved by the NAHSA body at the January 2010 National Holmes conference.
- The By-Laws Committee assumed responsibility of the Strategic Planning Committee, which will create a document that clarifies procedures and protocols. This work will be the focus of our committee for 2011.
- The By-Laws Committee also assisted with notifications of mentoring partnerships to NAHSA mentors and Holmes Scholars mentees.

The Chair would like to acknowledge the commitment of the members of the By-Laws committee and the spirit of collaboration demonstrated in the completion of this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **NAHSA Membership committee**

### Report of Activities:

During 2010 100% Board members were in “good financial standing.”

Over the year, a total of 15 members renewed.

Over the year, the number of first time members increased by 11, to include one new associate member.

Over the year, there was one (1) new life-time member added. One (1) member began paying toward lifetime membership.

The number of ABD Scholarship Applicants is pending.

### Strategies to increase membership include:

- 1 year provisional membership to ABD Holmes Scholars
- Utilize word of mouth advertising through alumni network
- Lifetime membership at a discount rate for a specific time period
- Showcase/Advertise benefits of NAHSA

### Challenges

- Recruit more alumni effectively
- Increase active participation in recruitment process
- Ensure 1 year provisional membership becomes regular membership

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## **NAHSA Mentoring Committee Spring 2011 Report**

**Committee members:** Drs. Lora Bailey, Carolyn Hopp, Aretha Marbley, and Diana Worthen, and Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Chair.

### **2010-11 Accomplishments:**

In November, 2010, the Mentoring Committee matched 19 NAHSAs with 23 Holmes Scholars. Only one Scholar was not matched with a mentor.

Dr. Carolyn Hopp joined the Mentoring Committee.

In December, 2010, each mentor/mentee received e-mail notification of their assigned match (including contact information) and two additional documents on mentoring.

In January, 2011, the Mentoring Committee assisted AACTE with planning and organizing the Holmes Scholars segment of the Annual Conference. Specifically, "a call" for proposals was distributed to NAHSA members to facilitate selected sessions on how to complete the dissertation; how to secure a tenure-track position; and how to get published. Nine NAHSA members volunteered to serve as facilitators.

Reportedly, approximately 12 Scholars submitted proposals for presentation. In February, 2011 we received a request for a mentor from a new Holmes Scholar who is a PhD candidate in Education Technology at Purdue University. We're still attempting to match this Scholar.

### **Recommendations for future action/events:**

March 20, 2011, we received an invitation from Dr. Januela Burt (AACTE) to engage Holmes Scholars in a mentoring project with HBCUs.

Also, received a request for a mentor from a recent doctoral graduate at the University of Alabama. She is interested in attending the AERA mentoring sessions.

Next scheduled event will occur during the 2011 Annual Meeting of the AERA. There will be a mentoring workshop for Holmes Scholars and recent doctoral graduates (1-3 years).