

**North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Leadership Conference Minutes**  
**Hilton Charlotte University Place**  
**March 29-31, 2007**

North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda members met for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Leadership Conference March 29-31, 2007, at the Hilton Charlotte University Place. There were 320 delegates from 26 chapters in attendance.

#### OPENING SESSION

The opening session was held on Thursday evening at 8:45 following a Leadership Seminar led by Terri Genshock, Charlotte businesswoman, and back-to-back testing sessions for team events. President Clarence Goode, Stanly Community College, called the meeting to order and announced the dedication of the conference to Dr. Robert N. Simmons, retiring adviser from Lenoir-Rhyne College. Pages in the conference program included comments from state advisers and leaders, as well as FBLA-PBL, Inc., CEO Jean Buckley. "Dr. Bob" served as an adviser in Georgia and then chartered the LRC chapter when he came there in 1977, for a total of 43 years of service. President Goode presented him with a framed certificate honoring the dedication. State Officers and Conference Leaders were introduced. National PBL President Ryan Paul, Rhode Island, brought greetings. The "Terry Lowrance Chapter Awards" were presented to 16 chapters. The guest speaker for the session was Ms. Betty O'Neal, the first woman president of the Carolina Auctioneers Association. Following her presentation, Ms. O'Neal auctioned two tickets to a Lowe's Motor Speedway race that had been donated to the NCPBL Foundation; the proceeds from the lively auction went to the Foundation Scholarship Fund. Recognition awards were given to chapters that had maintained or exceeded their previous year's membership, chapters that had contributed to March of Dimes, and members who received national CMAP recognition. Following a conference overview skit by the state officers, President Goode recessed the Opening Session.

#### FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Following a day that included an advisers breakfast meeting, event testing and performances, and two leadership workshops led by Christie Alexander, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, and Martha Sue Hall, District 20 Family Court Administrator, the First General Session began at 7:45 p.m. on Friday. President Goode reconvened the meeting. A "Parade of Presidents" began the session, followed by an invocation. The national anthem was sung as flags were presented. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was Dr. K. Ray Bailey, retiring president of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and a long-time supporter of Phi Beta Lambda activities. The session ended with the nomination speeches of state officer candidates for president, secretary-treasurer, and historian. President Goode recessed the meeting following announcements and the reading of the PBL Creed.

#### FIRST REGIONAL MEETINGS

Immediately following the First General Session, regional meetings were held. Eastern Region Vice President Sarah Espinosa, Central Region Vice President Melinda Robinson, and Historian Kevin Davio called the respective meetings to order. The major item of business for the regional meetings was the campaign speeches for the regional vice president candidates.

#### SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Saturday morning SLC activities included a event performances and leadership development workshops led by Ryan Paul, national president, and Gilbert Umberger, Coordinator of Student Support Services at Stanly Community College.. During lunch, the NCPBL Professional Division and the NCPBL Foundation, Inc., held their annual meetings. Preceding the Second General Session, voting delegates were seated and balloting was done for the offices of president, secretary-treasurer, and historian, as well as a by-law amendment on procedures to be followed for the state to nominate a candidate or candidates for national office.

The Session began at 2:00 with an preview of the 2007 National Leadership Conference to be held in Chicago in June. State Officers portrayed gangsters and molls from the Roaring 20s era of Chicago history. Chapter advisers were recognized for their years of services, and certificates and plaques were presented to those serving anniversary years of 5, 10, 15, etc., years of service. Ms. Sonya O'Brien was recognized as NC PBL's candidate for a seat on the FBLA-PBL, Inc., Board of Directors. *(The election results were announced after the state conference, and Ms. O'Brien was elected to a three-year term as one of the three local PBL advisers on the national Board.)* NCPBL Professional Division President Eric McGarvey gave an up-date on the NCPBL PD 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. NCPBL Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors President Carolyn Laudati reported on Foundation work during the year. PBL and PD membership wards were presented.

During the business portion of the session, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2006 SLC (distributed in SLC registration packets). The motion was seconded and passed. Nick Dyson gave the treasurer's report. President Goode announced the results of the election: President -David Edwards, Campbell University; Secretary/Treasurer-Khristy Boring, Mitchell Community College; and Historian-Kevin Davio, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. The proposed by-law amendment (see below) passed.

*ARTICLE VII. Section 8: Running for National Office. A candidate for a PBL national office must be endorsed by the State Executive Council prior to submitting nomination materials. Members wishing to be endorsed must submit to the State Adviser a letter of interest including qualifications, platform and campaign basics, and education plans for the next year; a transcript; and a letter of recommendation from their chapter adviser. The Council will review completed applications and make a decision on endorsing and making the nomination. Candidates will be assisted throughout the campaign by the Council.*

#### SECOND REGIONAL MEETINGS

Immediately after the Second General Session, the Second Regional Meetings were held. Out-going regional vice-presidents made comments to their chapters and presented regional membership awards. The election of Regional Vice Presidents for the 2007-2008 year were held: Sabrina Boone, Western Region, and Tonya Long, Central Region. There were no candidates for Eastern Region Vice President. *(Following SLC, the State Executive Council appointed David Shelton from Fayetteville Technical Community College, as Eastern Region Vice President. In August, Sabrina Boone resigned and Sara Davis was appointed as Western Region Vice President.)* The Regional Vice Presidents adjourned their regional meetings.

#### STATE AWARDS PROGRAM

The formal State Awards Program Banquet was held Saturday night. Awards Program Director Kathie Doole reviewed the procedures of the events, thanked the advisers and Professional Division members who assisted with the events throughout the conference, and introduced the State Awards Program Committee members (Advisers Sandra Boyd, Isothermal Community College; Walter Martin, Lenoir Community College; Sonya O'Brien, Mount Olive College; Leanne Ruff, Blue Ridge Community College; and Martha Cranford, Stanly Community College). Professional Division member Paul Fogarty announced the awards, including the induction of outstanding local members into "Who's Who in North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda" and the announcement of the 2006-2007 Gold Seal Chapters. At the conclusion of the awards presentation, State Adviser Dan Hazlett again recognized Dr. Simmons and introduced his wife, Janice. "Dr. Bob" installed the newly-elected NCPBL State Officers and the NCPBL Professional Division Officers. Following closing remarks, President Goode and the newly-elected President adjourned the 2007 NCPBL State Leadership Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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2006-2007 NCPBL Secretary-Treasurer