

North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda
54th Annual State Leadership Conference Minutes
North Raleigh Hilton
April 10-12, 2008

North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda members met for the 54th Annual State Leadership Conference April 10-12, 2008, at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh. There were 308 delegates from 24 chapters in attendance.

OPENING SESSION

The opening session was held on Thursday evening at 8:45 following a Leadership Seminars led by Mary Helen Casey (coastal environmental issues) and NC REAL Interim Executive Director Anna Koltchagova, and back-to-back testing sessions for team events. The State President called the meeting to order. NC FBLA President Thomas Marshburn brought greetings. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. June Atkinson made comments. National FBLA-PBL Board of Directors Member Ms. Sonya O'Brien brought greetings. Mrs. Kay Lowrance presented the "Terry Lowrance Leadership Awards." NC PBL Professional Division President Mr. Eric McGarvey brought greetings and presented PD awards. Following a conference overview skit by the state officers, the president recessed the Opening Session. The session was followed by a reception for advisers.

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Following a day that included an advisers breakfast meeting, event testing and performances, and two leadership workshops led by 2004-2005 NCPBL President and UNC law graduate Lanetta Holloway (workplace ethics) and Ms. Polly Padgett from the Duke Raleigh Hospital Infection Control Department (wellness), the First General Session began at 7:45 p.m. on Friday. A "Parade of Presidents" began the session, followed by an invocation and presentation of flags. National PBL Southern Region Vice President Rachel Loescher from North Carolina brought greetings. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was Mr. Nat Hyde from Bank of America. The session ended with the nomination speeches of state officer candidates for president, secretary-treasurer, and historian. The president recessed the meeting following announcements and the reading of the PBL Creed. The session was followed by a reception for Professional Division members and a dance for conference delegates.

FIRST REGIONAL MEETINGS

Immediately following the First General Session, regional meetings were held. The regional vice presidents called the respective meetings to order. The major item of business was the campaign speeches for the regional vice president candidates.

BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday morning SLC activities included event performances and leadership development workshops led by 1984-85 NCPBL State President and Food Lion Corporate Manager of Store Merchandising Rick Gardner on effective leadership skills and a representative of Arbonne International on entrepreneurship. During lunch, the NCPBL Professional Division and the NCPBL Foundation, Inc., held their annual meetings.

At 1:00, voting delegates were seated and balloting was done for state offices (to be announced at the conclusion of the Awards Program) as well as two by-law amendments.

A motion was made by Dawn Eason to dispense with the reading and approve the 2007 SLC minutes as distributed in the chapter registration packets.

A by-law amendment concerning the makeup and voting membership of the State Executive Council failed.

The following amendment concerning the procedure for a financial review of the NCPBL checking account passed.

Section IV Article 4

A financial review to insure accountability and adequate record keeping shall be made annually by a committee appointed by the State Council of two advisers and a Professional Division member who were not members of the Council during the fiscal year of the records being reviewed. The Committee will provide a report to Executive Council and a yearly financial statement will be provided local chapters.

The announcement was made that Mr. Dan Hazlett was elected by the local chapter advisers and appointed by the FBLA-PBL State Chair as NCPBL State Adviser for a six-year term beginning at the conclusion of SLC. (The announcement had made to advisers at an advisers' breakfast Friday morning.)

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the business session.

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; Edward Fubara, Campbell University; Sonya O'Brien, Mount Olive College; Leanne Ruff, Blue Ridge Community College; and Connie Porter, Southeastern Community College). Professional Division member Chad Nichols 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 announced the newly-elected state PBL and PD officers: PBL President Dawn Montoya, Barton College; Secretary –Treasurer Destiny Brown, Stanly Community College; Eastern Region Vice President Jeremy May, Wayne Community College; Central Region Vice President Michelle Holder, Wake Technical Community College; PD President Michael Coffey; PD Secretary-Treasurer Liz Moore. The out-going and newly elected PBL presidents adjourned the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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2007-2008 NCPBL Secretary