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**THE HOLMES PARTNERSHIP<sup>®</sup>, Inc  
Annual Business Meeting  
Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel  
Jacksonville, Florida**

**AGENDA  
Friday, February 27, 2009  
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

## **Welcome and Introductions**

The Holmes Partnership<sup>®</sup> 2008 Business Meeting was called to order by Mary Futrell, Chair, at 5:30 pm. A quorum was present. Futrell asked members to stand for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Board member John Grossman. Then she welcomed the participants to Jacksonville and to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

Futrell also asked the Holmes Partnership (HP<sup>®</sup>) Board members and the Holmes Scholars (HS<sup>®</sup>) and alumni to stand and be recognized.

## **Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes of the Last Business Meeting**

MOVED by Maxine Freund and seconded by Fran Vandiver to adopt the agenda as written. The motion carried.

MOVED by Louise Sundin and seconded by Beverly Cross to approve the January 25, 2008 business meeting minutes. The motion carried without objection. The minutes will be posted on the HP<sup>®</sup> website.

## **President's Welcome and Update**

President Catherine Emihovich added her welcome and thanked all the conference planners and presenters for their work.

She briefly reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and the progress that had been made. Her report and all vice-presidents' reports will be posted on the HP<sup>®</sup> website. She indicated that HP<sup>®</sup> is in a rebuilding phase and she foresees an exciting future for partnerships. She also noted that both HS<sup>®</sup> and HP<sup>®</sup> are now trademarked names and may only be used by HS<sup>®</sup> scholars and HP<sup>®</sup> members.

## **Financial Report**

Emihovich said she was pleased to report that HP<sup>®</sup> was able to maintain its reserve and has \$120,000 in the bank. She mentioned the lower cost of dues for members and the corresponding lower cost the Board is targeting for conference spending and other expenses.

The financial report will be filed for audit.

### **Co-VP's of Programming Report on 2009 Conference**

Nancy Dana and Fran Vandiver thanked presenters for their efforts and for helping to advance the work of partnerships. They asked members to complete the evaluation for this conference. Then they said that they are in the process of completing the selection of the program committee for the 2010 conference, which will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, January 28-30, 2010. . It promises to be an excellent conference.

### **Presentation of New Holmes Partnership® Website**

Catherine Emihovich and Christine Cook unveiled the new website. Any comments will be appreciated, as well as ideas for improving the communication with members.

### **Recognition of Resigning Board Members**

The HP® Board was pleased to recognize the work of Fran Kochan as a longtime Board member who tirelessly promoted partnerships and the goals of the HP®. The Board also honored Board member, Janet Hecsh, who could not be present, and then thanked both of these professionals for their work and support.

Cheron Hunter presented the new HS® Council and thanked the outgoing members for their dedicated work.

### **John Grossman Memoriam**

In recognition of the life of John Grossman, another longtime HP® Board member, Louise Sundin spoke of Grossman's accomplishments for teachers and students, his love of life, and his work on the HP® Board. Members of the Columbus Education Association accepted a plaque in honor of Grossman life and his leadership. A video tribute was shown that chronicled some of his many achievements. The HP® Board will present a teacher leadership award to other teacher leaders in subsequent years, in honor of Grossman.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Auton  
Secretary