

# COUNCIL MINUTES

**Boston, Massachusetts**

**April 16, 1990**

*(Editor's Note: The following is a draft of an abbreviated version of the minutes.)*

President Jackson welcomed the Council to Boston and the agenda was briefly reviewed.

## **Approval of February Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was approved.

## **Next Association Council Meeting**

The date and time of the next Association Council meeting were established as June 1-2, 1990, in Washington, DC. The Executive Board will meet May 31.

## **President and Executive Officer's Reports**

President Jackson reported on the appointments made during his term of office. Of his 52 total appointments, 46% were male, 37% were female, 6% were minority male, and 12% were minority female appointees.

Dr. Russell stated that Annual Meeting advance registration was extremely high and a few registrants were being housed in Cambridge or Brookline. Even though more rooms had been booked for the Boston meeting than for the previous year's meeting (San Francisco), it appeared that more participants opted to utilize AERA hotels for the Boston meeting.

Dr. Russell noted that one article would be published in the first issue of the new section of *AERJ*. However, because of a lack of manuscripts, the second issue would not include any articles for the new section.

## **Financial Report**

Dr. Russell reviewed the budget for Council members and noted that most budgetary items were on target with the budget when adjusted for their cyclical nature. He stated that the budget would be reviewed in detail at the June meeting.

## **Election of Executive Board**

The Council elected Michael Apple and Louise Cherry Wilkinson to the Executive Board.

## **Report of the Professional Relations Committee**

Marshall Smith, Committee Chair, reviewed the origins of the Committee, its membership, and its activity to date. He indicated that it was the understanding of the Committee that they were to be action-oriented and that they were to develop activities in the area of public relations and collaboration with other education organizations. Smith described the press activities designed for the Annual Meeting as a first activity of the Committee and questioned the Council regarding its interest in other proposals considered by the Committee.

Council members indicated that although better press coverage of the Annual Meeting was important, building working relationships with other agencies, not just improved communication, was the most important role for the Committee. President Jackson indicated that the Council would welcome budget proposals from the ad hoc committee about the broad range of ideas presented.

## **GPL Update**

Dr. Sroufe provided an overview of the GPL Committee for the benefit of new members of the Council. He then reported on ongoing GPL activities.

The first substantive item discussed was a resolution developed by the Organization of Research Centers (ORC) for Council action. The resolution, which was approved by the Council, encouraged the GPL Director to work for full funding for the OERI research centers. This resolution was desired because the competition for education research centers presently being administered by OERI includes applications for four centers for which funding has been requested but not yet provided.

The second item considered was a report on progress with regard to the reauthorization strategy for OERI that was endorsed by the Council at its February, 1990, meeting. The strategy involved development and promotion of "research institutes" closely related to persistent and compelling problems as the basis for organization of research in education. Congressional staff have offered cautious optimism about the proposal: They like the institutes approach for education research, but have expressed concerns about the

cost of supporting four or five institutes of the magnitude proposed.

## **Report of the Committee on the Role and Status of Women**

President Jackson introduced Gwyneth Boodoo, Chair of the Committee on the Role and Status of Women. Dr. Boodoo stated that the Committee had requested an opportunity to make some recommendations to the Council. First, the Committee would like to increase the number of members on the Committee by two. In the past year, the Committee has had to rebuild itself; they want to work with groups and need more person power. Discussion followed and a motion to expand the number of committee members to seven was approved.

Dr. Boodoo also informed the Council of the Committee's desire to publish a professional roster for women. The purpose of roster was to make it easier to communicate with women researchers. Council discussion revealed that there was general consensus that it would be a good idea to have such information available to all members of AERA, not just women.

President Jackson stated that he sensed enthusiasm from the Council for the work of the Committee. He felt that the Committee was asking what to do with the information they had already compiled and how to mesh that effort with the capacity of the Central Office to produce files and records. The Council asked Dr. Boodoo for a detailed, financial proposal prior to the June meeting for the proposed project.

## **Other**

Dr. Dersheimer stated that she was surprised with the portion of the abbreviated minutes of the last Council meeting (February) that appeared in the *Educational Researcher* that dealt with Division K's program submissions. She elaborated that her problem with the number of nonmembers submitting proposals to the Division K program was the difficulty in communicating with nondivisional members.

President Jackson thanked Council members for their participation and extended appreciation to the outgoing members of the Council. Dr. Russell presented Dr. Jackson with a remembrance of his stewardship of AERA and thanked him on behalf of his colleagues for his outstanding leadership.