

**National Labor College Alumni Association  
Annual Meeting  
Friday, June 22, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by President Roger Ramjug.

Roll call of Officers found present:

President Roger Ramjug  
Vice President George Bliss  
Treasurer Gary Lucy  
Secretary Carla Insinga

Absent was Immediate Past President Rick Root.

National Labor College President Sue Schurman extended greetings to the alumni and welcomed the graduates of the Class of 2007. President Schurman recapped the past ten years of her tenure on campus and thanked the students for their support. She encouraged the students – as alumni – to continue to support the college. President Schurman felt assured that, if properly structured, the alumni association would protect the college in the future. She charged the association to revise its bylaws to reflect the structure of the college – a structure that fosters partnerships with unions. President Schurman is retiring June 30, 2007. She introduced Provost Pat Greenfield who will serve as acting president during the search for a new president.

Provost Pat Greenfield welcomed the alumni and thanked them for all that they do noting that their support of the college is critical.

Also introduced was Henry Smith, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and liaison to the alumni association. VP Smith noted that he is available to answer questions and the floor was open for questions.

1. What recruitment efforts are taking place? The NLC is represented at approximately 50 conferences and/or conventions of various union and/or constituency groups each year. Alumni were encouraged to contact Vera Taylor-Johnson (vtjnlc.edu) with dates and times of upcoming events for their unions, and to volunteer to man tables at these events. Henry also noted that the last 3 semesters yielded record-breaking enrollments for the college.

Minutes from previous meetings were distributed. It was suggested that minutes be sent out prior to the meeting for review. Brother George Bliss made a motion to accept the minutes; Brother Gary Lucy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer Gary Lucy gave the financial report. Since the last meeting, our financial structure has changed. All funds are in restricted accounts managed by the NLC. Those accounts are as follows:

Building Fund (annual dues)	\$4,860.36
Scholarship	\$479.86
Operating Fund	\$2,007.81
Misc.	\$65.00

Brother Lucy noted that annual dues are \$25; however, additional donations may be made and allocated to the appropriate account. He also noted that the Alumni Association donated \$3,000 toward the NLC building fund.

Sister Patti Devlin asked how many alumni had paid dues in 2006-2007. Brother Lucy noted that 129 alumni had paid dues. Sister Devlin asked how many of those were new alumni and how many were membership renewals. Brother Lucy indicated that he did not have it broken down in that manner.

Sister Vera Taylor Johnson reported that the NLC is in the process of changing over to a new software package (Sungard) and that the transition should be complete by the end of next week.

Brother George Bliss made a motion to accept the Financial Report; Sister Patti Devlin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sister Maggie Cohen, Chair of the Election Committee, reported on the results of the Election of Officers. The results were as follows:

President Roger Ramjug  
Vice President Kirk Brungurd  
Treasurer Gary Lucy  
Secretary Carla Insinga

Sister Cohen thanked Sister Susan Lesser for serving on the committee.

### **Old Business**

**Bylaws** – President Ramjug reported that Brother Dan Rusnak had been appointed to Chair the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee met briefly prior to the general membership meeting and will continue their discussions in formulating changes to the bylaws. Brother Rusnak noted that the bylaws are posted on the NLCAA website and that he welcomes input. Suggestions and/or comments may be sent via e-mail to Brother Rusnak at [laborerdan@comcast.net](mailto:laborerdan@comcast.net). Brother Craig Duffy suggested that the bylaws needed a complete overhaul. He suggested breaking them down into manageable sections and assigning sections to the committee to work on. Sister Patti Devlin suggested that the committee converse via on-line, electronic meetings. Otherwise it is not going to get done before our next general meeting. Brother Duffy suggested having a liaison from the NLC on the committee to ensure that our mission is

running parallel with that of the college (i.e., recruitment and fund raising). VP Smith suggested having one of the college's attorney's work with the committee.

**Alumni Database** – Sister Maggie Cohen, who has been working diligently on the database, reported that her work is ongoing. She is working with Sister Vera Taylor Johnson in comparing our records to that of the college.

**Website and List serve** – Sister Maggie Cohen reported that Rob Morriss (NLC) is doing a great job keeping our website updated. Future plans include adding a calendar to the site. Sister Cohen, who moderates the group, also reported that the list serve is up and running and everything that is on the list serve is also on the website.

President Ramjug thanked Sister Cohen for all of her support of the alumni association and the officers.

**Recruitment** – Brother Roger Blacklow suggested that the college use the alumni more to in its recruitment efforts. Brother Craig Duffy suggested adding a link to the NLC's website where planned events could be e-mailed and where the NLC might send someone to do recruitment.

### **New Business**

**Mentor Network** – President Ramjug reported that we are still in need of mentors. Anyone interested should contact him.

**Committee Formation** – Sister Lainie Kitt expressed an interest in establishing regional committees to do recruitment outreach regionally. President Ramjug noted that it is a welcomed notion and something we could discuss.

**Near Year's Initiatives** – Brother Lucy discussed plan for a fund raiser that would include a 'donation wall' where members could purchase engraved plaques. More information to come.

### **For the Good of the Association**

- Discussion was held surrounding the additional Executive Board positions provided for in the Bylaws.
- Suggestion was made to send out the notice for the annual meeting earlier next year so alumni may plan more in advance to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carla M. Insinga**  
**Secretary**