

**THEHRA 2006 WINTER CONFERENCE**  
**General Business Meeting Minutes**  
**JANUARY 31, 2006**  
**WESTIN GALLERIA HOTEL, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

President Albert Gee brought the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

Janet Coquelin presented the minutes of the June, 2005 business meeting. A call for corrections brought none and the minutes stood approved after a motion from John McBride and a second from Rick Martinez.

Steve Schulze presented the treasurer's report which was provided to every member. Steve reported that our bank account continues to grow and that perhaps the executive board many need to determine what level of ongoing balance is appropriate. Steve reported that once again the acceptance of credit cards for registration fees worked very well, with 70% of registrations using a credit card. He reported that 100% of registration payments were collected for the Summer 2005 conference. Judy Perry made the motion to accept the report with a second from Keefus Falls and the report stood approved.

The following committee reports were presented:

*Membership:* Mark Hiner asked that any corrections to the membership list be emailed to him. A paper copy of the membership list is in the conference binder. It is also available online at our website.

*Historian:* John McBride reported that in 1974 at a CUPA meeting in Houston a group talked about beginning this organization and this is the first time we have held a meeting in Houston since that time.

*Resolutions:* Judy Perry presented a resolution of appreciation to the planning committee for this conference.

*Legislative:* Steve will present legislative updates as part of our conference agenda.

*Webpage:* Rand Horsman had no report.

**Special Committee Reports:**

Katherine Justice reported from the committee looking at setting up a data source or matrix of information to be collected from member institutions. The survey brought 13 positive responses and she will be contacting those members to continue this project.

President Gee reported the results of the vote taken by email in July to consider changing the THEHRA constitution to allow private higher education institutions to join this group. Only 21 member institutions voted with a resulting 11-10 vote against. The Board feels a full vote on this issue is needed and the members who did not vote will receive another email in the next 30 days to vote on this matter. Mr. Gee urged all members to place their vote.

**President Gee handed the gavel of THEHRA over to President Elect Jim Brown who then presented a gift of appreciation to Mr. Gee for his work as President. Jim reiterated the importance of voting on the expansion of membership.**

**There being no further business, the THEHRA business meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am to continue the conference.**