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2010 Summit at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

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Baker Center, Room 240 & 242

8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Dr. Claude Perkins, President of Virginia Union University, AERN Secretariat, called the Business Meeting to order at 10:40.

**Members Present:** Dr. David Adewuyi, Virginia Union University; Dr. Craig C. Brookins, North Carolina State University; Dr. Jonathan Elimimian, Albany State University; Dr. Francis Godwyll, Ohio University; Dr. Nneka-Nora Osakwe, Albany State University; Dr. Claude G. Perkins, Virginia Union University; Dr. Milton E. Ploghoft, Ohio University; Dr. Linda J. Rice, Ohio University; Dr. Jacquelyn Robinson, Albany State University; Dr. Man M. Sharma, Clark Atlanta University

**Guests:** Dr. Ismail Elmaudi, Ohio University, Assistant Director, Center for African Studies; Dr. Beatrice Selohegue, Ohio University, College of Business; Dr. Barbara Trube, Ohio University, The Patton College

### **Old Business:**

#### Focus of AERN

**Dr. Milton Ploghoft** led the discussion to renew the commitment to focus on graduate student presentations on a yearly basis for the continuity of AERN work. In the past, AERN Symposia gave faculty and graduate students opportunities to present their papers in public forum and add presentations to their resumes. Reinstating the rotation of responsibility for organizing and hosting for each symposium was suggested.

**Dr. Claude Perkins** asked the question, “Who can we count on to continue the important work? At one time the library was involved and we had very good involvement with our library. Discussion was had and people in attendance acknowledged there have been budget cuts impacting the role of libraries. Dr. Perkins said, “It’s not about the scarcity of money it is about choice. It’s the choices and how we value those choices. When Dr. Ping was president it was his choice.

**Dr. Jonathan Elimimian** added, “Some schools have to take leadership.” Discussion about the outcome from the last forum was had.

**Dr. David Adewuyi** introduced the outcomes of the Kenya Summit for discussion. It was agreed that the North American members of AERN have to react to and respond to recommendations from Africa. It was agreed that dealing with these things are important if we want faculty and students involved and AERN wants to get back to the original purpose. Dr. Adewuyi introduced a “scorecard” with the questions: (1) How do we sustain the work of AERN, it takes \$. (2) Satisfaction, we are changing lives. For P & T, that is a lifetime career. (3) We are always having presentations – it is a component of our summit. (4) Engage students and faculty, to what extent have students and faculty been invited. (5) Corresponding, Albany State, Dr. Robinson and Nora on the editorial board, we’ll also be helping to spread information.

**Dr. Claude Perkins** proposed the management institutions (Albany State University, North Carolina State University, Virginia Union University, Ohio University) in North America as well as the African Universities contribute an amount of money to support the work of AERN. Discussion was had regarding the sum of \$1000+ from management institutions to maintain the secretariat and library resources on an annual basis. It was agreed that for those institutions that are part of the policy making, there is some expectation to pay more. Incentive needed. Dr. Perkins said, “What comes to mind spans 3 summits, including the last AERN Summit at the Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, May 3 – 7, 2010. Summit...Our intent is to improve, in every summit, there has been an improvement. We went to African Studies Conference and distributed brochures. Need to redesign website, upgrade, link with all other management institutions. Those linkages will help with dissemination.”

#### Publication in the AERN Journal

The AERN Journal will continue to be a peer reviewed journal. Members were recruited by Dr. Adewuyi to complete the work of the manuscripts currently being reviewed. AERN Secretariat will undertake overall coordination of AERN activities. It is currently housed at VUU. Duties include membership, office work, planning and preparing for bi-annual and special meetings, managing the database, circulating issues of concern to AERN, providing promotional leadership in terms of communication, subscriptions, and preparing tools for marketing AERN.

#### Grant Proposals

Grant funding is being sought currently. To support expenses of the Secretariat’s work.

#### AERN Website

Dr. Brookins at NCSU will continue hosting the Website. There will be a continued commitment for communication with the Association of African Universities and link it to the AERN Website, as well as additional links.

**Motion:** Dr. Claude Perkins called for a motion.

Dr. Francis Godwyll moved for a commitment from management institutions for up to \$2500 annually to support the secretariat and the work of AERN. The Motion received a second from Dr. Jacquelyn Robinson. Dr. Perkins called for discussion. It was noted there would be three tiers of membership: Individual Membership at US \$100; Institutional membership at \$1000; and Management Institutions up to \$2500. Libraries will have access to archives.

**New Business:**

Dr. Linda Rice has volunteered to be the Membership Director for AERN

Dr. Craig C. Brookins, announced that North Carolina State University will host the 2012 AERN Summit; and confirmed that it is the expectation of the management institutions that his role in hosting will be supported by the membership.