AERN Annual Summit
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio
April 29, 2007

(respectfully submitted by Dr. Laverne Luster, Albany State University)

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order by Dr. Claude Perkins. He began the meeting by asking for clarity on the agenda as well as additions or deletions.

Dr. Perkins expressed thanks to Ohio University for hosting this year's summit. Then he recognized the planning committee, as well as the other entities and persons that sponsored this year's summit. (The African Child Institute, the Dean of the College of Education, the Dean of the Library, and other.)

Dr. Perkins then introduced and asked Dr. Wilburn Campbell to become the new designated team leader from Albany State University. Dr. Campbell accepted the new position, and in his remarks, he stressed Albany State University's commitment to building relationships with other colleges and universities. He pointed to Albany State University's mission, which is to prepare our students and encourage our faculty to invest in the U.S. and to keep our eyes on the world. He again reiterated his commitment to the project and Albany State's support.

Committee Reports

AERN Web Site Management: Dr. Craig Brookins

Accomplishments from the last Summit at North Carolina State University;
1. Set up African Research.org website
2. Cleaned up presentation of the web page
3. Some success in standardizing the format of the journal to adobe pdf
4. Minimized the difficulty of ASU logging onto the website through NCSU

Concerns:
1. The need to change the template; some formatting lost; refine the website
2. Separate the journal and organization websites (after the separation is done, there maybe a problem with the resolution)
3. Refine the movement of volumes and issues online

   Dr. Gerald Burgess
   Dr. Burgess explained his handout on submission guidelines

 Concern:
   1. Articles submitted with titles; the order of the names (unable to

      Some time distinguish first from last name)
2. **Too much time is spent moving addresses, cell numbers, and email addresses**

Action Steps:
1. **Move addresses, cell numbers, email addresses to the end of the submission behind the resources**
2. **Establish format for table of contents for consistency**

Concern:
1. **Submission of articles with tables that tend to shift**

Action Step:
1. **Post a page for instruction in submitting document**
2. **Attach to website (utilize ASU's web master for designing template)**
3. **Recommend cover page for online submission (delete titles of authors)**

Success:
Remarkable presentation of the website from the journal to symposium

Dr. Brookins
1. **Augment strategic plan by adding submission guidelines/ instructions for style**
2. **Attach APA style format for submission**
3. **Link to universities with APA link (possibly Purdue/OWL)**
4. **List editorial board in each issue**

Dr. Milton Ploghoff & Dr. Barnabas Otaala
1. **Recruitment efforts (ongoing)**
2. **Establish ties with Association of African Universities and Contact AAU Headquarters**
3. **Successful recruitment efforts evidenced by the response for submission in journal**

Action Steps:
1. **Market AERN to journals and universities on all levels (local, national and international)**
2. **Market the AAU Conference because of its revitalization to African education**
3. **Mail each issue to AAU announcing publication and send Preface with index in PDF , Library of Congress and ISBN**
4. **Continue to widen readership**
5. **Penetrate Ministries of Education**
6. **Target departments of African Studies here in the U.S.**
7. **Reestablish relationship with the UK and Swaziland**
8. **Register in Canada**
9. **Utilize organizations such as American Research Association**

10. Use list serve to market AERN
11. Contact Vice- Chancellors of the universities
12. Contact co-chair of AERN from Kenya(designate Senior Professor to reestablish relationship)
13. Use Botswana as a new route for establishing connection to AERN
14. Increase mailing list for disseminating information
15. Contact Vice-Chancellor at the University of Ghana

Dr. Otaala Report (Edinburgh, Scotland: Recommendation to G-A)
Empowering Africa—the role of a potential of life in continental renewal: June 2005
- ACU/COL/AAU/Scotti Executive—17 countries
- Participants selected African Universities and AAU Executive
- African Commission Report—Tony Blair, Ben Mkapa
- Peace, Stability, Consolidation of democracy
- Economic Development

Issues
- Relationship between government and higher education needs to be strengthen
- Higher education control role in creating in disseminating knowledge
- Contribution higher education to social and economic renewal
- Establish a renewal context of higher education
- Identifying critical direction for development
- Enhancing institution capacity
- Developing the role of science and technology
- Building African futures in the knowledge economy
- Collaboration on partnerships

Next Steps
- Science and technology
- ICT development
- Democracy and good governance
- HIV/AIDS

UK/2006 funded corporation between Africa and Commonwealth

Dr. David Adewuyi
1. The sixth edition of the journal published
2. Journal published twice a year (Fall and Spring)
3. Traveled to Africa to confer with authors; met with a cross section of participants and thrust of the meeting was to instruct potential authors in using guidelines and format for the submission of articles. Success trip
4. Expressed that the largest volume of submission were from Western Nigeria
5. Since his return from Nigeria, the submission are in APA style
6. Read the invitation from Germany to the African Symposium

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     2nd Pan African
     ICT for Development

> **Education & Training**
> **May 28 to 30**
> **Nairobi, Kenya**
> **www.elearning-africa.com**

7. **Collect data and post (if needed)**

Action Steps:
1. **Contact previous authors and use as ambassadors for the journal**
2. **Create some awareness with USAID and ministries about the value of AERN**
3. **Stress that the journal is more than a tool for promotion and tenure**
4. **Use AERN as a tool to influence policy and decision making in the ministries of education**

AERN proposed a summit site for 2008 in Africa. The summit should be planned around regional activities.

The Committee for the 2008 Summit
1. **Craig C. Brookins - Chair**
2. **Sandy Turner**
3. **Nora Osakwe**
4. **Barnabas Otaala**
5. **Frances Godwill**
6. **Jacqueline Robinson**

Meeting Adjourned