

Honors Council of the Illinois Region
Minutes from Directors Meeting
Northern Illinois University
February 27, 2016

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.
- II. Joel Stafstrom welcomed the Honors Directors/Deans.
- III. Brief introductions were done.
- IV. Minutes were approved with no changes. Cheryl Chamblin resigned as the secretary/treasurer. Lisa Hedrick was elected by acclamation as the secretary/treasurer.

V. Treasurer's Report

The report was provided but in the absence of the treasurer, it proved very confusing, particularly regarding whose dues were paid for 2016. It was proposed to simply combine the 2015-2016 and 2016 dues columns in the report for the 2016 dues.

A motion to clarify the due date of HCIR dues was made by John Garcia. The motion stated that "The dues for HCIR membership are due by February 1 of the calendar year." The motion received a second and did pass by a majority vote. The February first date was selected because dues must be current for an Honors program to participate in the spring symposium.

Suggestions offered to clarify membership dues were:

1. To send a letter/bill to all members who are current members informing them of the adjusted due date for 2017 and reminding them of the increase in dues from \$50 to \$80.
2. Send an additional letter to those whose membership has lapsed in the last year or two, inviting them to renew and informing them of the changes.

VI. Old Business

Other than confirmation dates and locations for upcoming meetings, none of the old business was discussed due to the limited time for the meeting.

VII. New Business was tabled until the fall meeting.

Business requiring action at fall meeting:

- Election of President and Treasurer/secretary
- VP selection
- Change to By Laws regarding the addition of Grants Officer.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Attending: David Rhea, John Garcia, Alicia Tomasian, Marne Bailey, Kristin Geraty, Joel Stafstrom, Jason Goode, Jes Cisneros, Lisa Hedrick, Helen Feng.

Minutes were approved September 30, 2016