ACA at SSCA

April 6, 2024

**Minutes**

Officers Present:

Chair: Jerry Hale, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Vice Chair: Lesli K. Pace, Missouri State University

Vice Chair Elect: Chris McCollough, Jacksonville State University

Secretary: Pamela Bourland-Davis, Georgia Southern University

Jerry called the meeting to order and minutes were approved with a correction to Chris’s name (McCollough).

Jerry indicated that ACA typically schedules a business meeting and 2-3 strong panels as is evident this year.

He highlighted that we need to focus on membership, and suggested checking SSCA institutional memberships to ensure those department chairs are aware of ACA especially given contemporary issues in higher education.

The group also discussed possible panel ideas for 2025:

* Legislation affecting higher education especially in southern states, including tenure
* Government relations
* Personnel recruitment and student enrollments
* Anchoring ourselves through accreditation, advisory boards and key contacts
* So you’re considering administration?
* Administrative career trajectories – from extending, exiting

Elections

Pam Bourland-Davis was elected vice chair elect, following Chris.

Someone will need to complete Pam’s second year as secretary.

By-laws

Minor edits were recommended to our bylaws, and April Chatham-Carpenter made a motion to approve, seconded by Pam. They passed, and the revisions will be shared with the group.

Jerry adjourned the meeting.