



"Founders of Black History Month"

**2010 ASALH Annual Meeting
Local Arrangements Committee Meeting
January 18, 2010**

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) met on January 19, 2010 at 5:30 PM at the Raleigh convention Center. Ms. Sylvia Cyrus, the ASALH Executive Director, opened the meeting. Introductions were made.

Ms. Cyrus reviewed the handout and shared the historical significance of the 2010 Black History Theme.

She talked about ASALH and the:

- Black History Kit
- Journal of African American History
- Black History Bulletin (this publication is for teachers by teachers)
- Speakers Bureau
- Special Events
 - Black History Luncheon
 - National Convention

She discussed the Annual Conference Planning Process - The conference is managed by the ASALH staff which is headed by the Executive Director who is responsible for making sure we have a successful conference.

Dr. Carlton Wilson, The Conference Academic Program Chair, addresses the academic focus of the conference. He discussed the "call for papers" which is open until April 30, 2010.

He noted that this event goes beyond the scholarly experience. We want to make sure this conference addresses the concerns of a wider audience.

He also addressed student essays. The process gives students the opportunity to write essays that are judged by a scholarly panel and the winning essays can be presented at the conference.

Ms. Cyrus highlighted the role of the Honorary Chairs Committee. She then addressed the role of the Local Arrangements Committee. The LAC will be chaired by Marvin Pittman.

She noted that "we want Raleigh to be a better place, a changed place, than when we came. She also stressed the importance of acquainting the lay person about ASALH.

Brandon Trainer discussed volunteer opportunities at the conference. He reviewed volunteer roles and responsibilities and announced that there will be a volunteer meeting after February 20th.

Sylvia gets to fill in this part.

The next LAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. It will be held in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of SNCC, which is April 14-16, 2010 in Raleigh.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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