

2014 Annual Meeting in Nashville

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Horace Mann League, February 14, 2014, Nashville, TN, Omni Hotel, 11:45 to 1:30 pm.

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The Annual Meeting called to order by Joe Hairston, President. Sixty-eight members and guests attended.

Officers and Directors were introduced by Joe Hairston. Members present: Evelyn Holman, James Harvey, Steven Ladd, Stan Olson, Joe Hairston, Gary Marx, Charles Fowler and Mark Edwards

Past Presidents attending: Spike Jorgensen, Robert Forttenberry, and Terry Grier.

Corporate Partners were introduced by Mark Edwards: Gifts were presented to Cisco Inc., Discovery Education, Follett Publishing, Hobsons, Istation, Pearson Foundation and Promethean Planet.

Invocation was given by Stan Olson.

Nominations: The "Nominations Committee Report" was presented by Evelyn Holman. Board members: Laurie Barron, Kevin Maxwell and Steven Webb. Nominated officers: Gary Marx, President; Charles Fowler, President-elect; Christine Johns-Haines, Vice President; Joe Hairston, 1st Past President; Mark Edwards, 2nd Past President.

Motion made by Evelyn Holman, seconded by Steven Ladd that the Nomination Committee's report of candidates and board members be approved. Motion passed.

International Index report was given by James Harvey. The audience submitted questions and comments in response to the presentation.

Ambassador Awards were presented by Evelyn Homan to Brent Clark, Mark Edwards, Charles Fowler and Christine Johns-Haines.

The HML “Friend of the Horace Mann League” award for 2014 was presented to Julie Underwood by Spike Jorgensen

The HML “Outstanding Friend of Public Education” award for 2014 was presented to Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children’s Defense Fund. Joe Hairston and Gary Marx presented that award to her at the CDF headquarters in Washington, D.C., and introduced a video of the presentation as well as her acceptance and specially prepared remarks. Access to Edelman’s remarks, now on YouTube, will be shared broadly by HML and recommended for sharing on other web sites. (<http://youtu.be/jnrJSUHoxGM>)

The HML “Outstanding Public Educator” award was presented to Dr. Larry Cuban, Professor Emeritus at Stanford University, by Joe Hairston. Dr. Cuban was unable to attend.

The “Special Friend of the League” award was presented to Jeffery Charbonneau, “National Teacher of the Year.” Jeff Charbonneau was the featured speaker at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

The HML “President’s Award” was presented to Joe Hairston by Gary Marx.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Annual Meeting minutes are submitted by Jack McKay, Executive Director.

Stan’s Invocation:

Invocation

Will you please bow your heads with me.

Let us pray silently together, each one of us, according to our individual beliefs.

Let us offer thanks for our food and the blessings of the friendships and fellowship around us.

Let us be a source of hope and enlightenment for those we serve.

Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve America’s children.

Let us remember those among us who have passed and who gave us the skills, wisdom and passion to pursue our work.

Let the feeling of love, kindness, and a well directed, yet gentle spirit, always be reflected in our actions, for:

The fruit of silence is prayer.

The fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love.

The fruit of love is service, and

The fruit of service is peace.

Amen.