

**Minutes**  
**South Carolina Advisory Council on Aging**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

The March 18, 2009 meeting of the SC Advisory Council on Aging was called to order by Chairperson Norma Curtis at 10:00AM in the Lt. Governors Office on Aging's Conference Room.

The following members were present: Norma Curtis, Margaret Brackett, Jean Bridges, Mary Henry, Patricia Jones, Tim Davis, Tom Sweeney, Lamar Bailes, Dr. James Bouknight, Lynn Knipher and Mildred Browder Hughes. LGOA Staff present: Tony Kester, Director; Dale Watson, Ombudsman, Anne Wolf, Aging Network Services, Sue Theriot, Outreach and Gerry Dickinson, Policy and Planning. Visitors included the following Geriatric Residents: Dr. Scott Weyant, Dr. Gunter and Dr. Pollack

Chairperson Curtis read the Freedom of Information Pledge: *"This body's official minutes will indicate that this meeting is in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act's mandate that the public be notified when the public's business is being done, and that this facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities, and special accommodations could have been provided if requested in advance."*

Mrs. Brackett called for the approval of the minutes and the call was seconded by Ms. Mary Henry. The minutes were approved.

Chairperson Curtis moved that election of officers be held. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor in addition to the nominations accepted by Mrs. Curtis prior to the meeting and none were made. A motion was made by Mr. Sweeny to elect Dr. Bouknight by unanimous consent and Dr. Bouknight of Columbia was elected Chairman.

The nominations for Vice Chairman were Mrs. Margaret Brackett of Newberry and Mr. Thomas Sweeny of Charleston. Paper ballots were distributed and Mr. Sweeny was elected Vice Chairman.

The nominees for Secretary were Mrs. Jean Bridges of West Columbia and Ms. Mary Henry of Myrtle Beach. Paper ballots were distributed and Mrs. Bridges was elected Secretary.

With elections concluded, Dr. Bouknight assumed the Chair. Dr. Bouknight thanked Mrs. Curtis for her years of service on behalf of the Seniors of South Carolina.

Dr. Bouknight recognized Interim Director Tony Kester to provide an update of the LGOA. Mr. Kester spoke about the state budget crunch and the efforts being made at the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging to cut the budget.

Mr. Kester recognized Anne Wolf of the LGOA and thanked her for coordinating the Lieutenant Governor's Purple Ribbon Task Force on Alzheimer's disease. Ms. Wolf

gave a briefing on the final report that was released by Lt. Governor Bauer and the task force in March. She also told about the successful press conference at the State House with Lt. Governor Bauer, television personality and South Carolina native Leeza Gibbons. The Aging Advisory Council thanked Ms. Wolf, Lt. Governor Bauer and the task force for its hard work on this important and timely issue. A copy of the final report can be found at

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/reports/LtGov/PurpleRibbonFinalReport.doc>.

With the Director's report and staff briefing concluded, Dr. Bouknight moved into New Business.

Dr. Bouknight asked what sub-committees members wished to serve on and the following appointments were made:

**Long Range Planning and Legislative**

Jean Bridges  
Mary Henry  
Tim Davis  
Lamar Bailes  
Tom Sweeny  
Lynn Knipher  
Margaret Brackett

**Public Information**

Margaret Brackett  
Norma Curtis  
Lynn Knipher  
Patricia B. Jones  
Jean Bridges

**Public/Private Partnerships**

Tom Sweeny  
Tim Davis

Dr. Bouknight asked that sub-committees elect chairs and each provide a report at the June 2009 Aging Advisory Council meeting.

Mr. Sweeney made the motion to honor Mrs. Norma Curtis as Chairman Emeritus of the SC Aging Advisory Council. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridges and unanimously approved. Mrs. Curtis was officially named Chairman Emeritus.

Dr. Bouknight asked the Council for input on future agendas for meetings and the members will provide him with suggestions by email.

Mr. Kester briefed the Council on Advisory Council vacancies. He explained that the Lt. Governor would make appointments and the Senate would confirm. He asked members to forward recommendations to him.

Area Two in Upper Savannah

Area Five in Lower Savannah

Area 7 in the Pee Dee

Area 9 in the Charleston Trident

Area 10 in the Beaufort Lowcountry

At-Large 3 (Statewide)

Next Meeting: The members picked June 17, 2009 for the next quarterly meeting.

With business concluded, Dr. Bouknight adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Gerry Dickinson, Recording Secretary on March 25, 2009.