

URBAN APPALACHIAN COUNCIL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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Present: Roberta Campbell (Board Liaison), Maureen Sullivan (Executive Director), Bonnie Kroeger, Ann McCracken, Phil Obermiller

I. The minutes from the Partnering Subcommittee meeting on May 24 were distributed. Bonnie briefly explained her idea for a “reach-back” campaign and her concern that we need to know more about today’s Appalachian youth.

II. The committee discussed candidates for leadership of the committee. Maureen will speak to individuals who were nominated to see if they are willing to serve.

II. The format and procedures for producing an “E-Research Bulletin” will be further developed at the next meeting.

III. Updates:

Dan Radford has approached Maureen about an oral history project that explores the Appalachian community and the labor movement. Phil said that such a study should include all of southwest Ohio. Bonnie would also like more research for advocacy. Ann suggested that we create an award (an plaque) for the best research on urban Appalachia. Phil announced that Sinclair Community College just gave approval for a certificate in Appalachian Studies.

Phil also announced that there were 182 evaluations filled out at the Appalachian Studies Association conference in March. There were also 616 participants at the conference and 1 in 5 was given a scholarship to attend.

Ann announced that she has seen a draft of the Appalachian Chartbook so it will be out soon. Phil noted that Bob and Ann are getting good results on identity using new questions regarding identity and plan to put together an article on how to find Appalachians.

IV. Phil also wanted to express thanks to the Research Committee and the Board of the Urban Appalachian Council for the following reasons:

Many individuals involved in the committee have “put urban Appalachians on the map” through contributions to the Handbook of Appalachia and the Encyclopedia of Appalachia.

The Board contributed materials for the archives at Berea College. (It will take about three years for material to be sorted, cataloged and stored and then available for research.). Phil wanted to thank the board for selecting Berea.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta M. Campbell, June 1, 2006.