

## Board Actions

**Present:** Shelagh Gallagher, Catherine Little, Nancy Hertzog, Michelle Frazier Trotman Scott, Dante Dixson, Mark Hess, Genein Letford (*ex officio*), Jennifer Madsen, Betsy McCoach, Darryl Peterkin (*ex officio*), Ashley Phelps, John Segota (*ex officio*), Kristie Speirs Neumeister, April Wells, Dornswalo Wilkins-McCorey, Antonia Szymanski

**Absent:** Lauri Kirsch, Karen Rambo-Hernandez

**Guests:** Sharon Newport

Shelagh Gallagher started the meeting at 4:06 pm ET.

### Consent Agenda

- Approval of November 2024 meeting minutes

The consent agenda was passed by acclimation.

### Strategic Plan

Shelagh Gallagher shared an updated action plan document with the board and discussed the next steps.

### General Updates

#### *GCQ Editor Update*

Shelagh Gallagher reported that Jennifer Cross has agreed to serve a 4th year as GCQ editor, ending on August 31, 2026. The staff will work with Jennifer on revising the terms of her contract accordingly.

#### *Dates for future meetings*

The board determined the following dates for its future meetings:

- July 9, 2025, from 2-5 pm ET
- September 12-13, 2025

#### *Meeting with LGBTQ+ Network*

Shelagh Gallagher, Catherine Little, and John Segota shared an update with the board about a meeting in early December with the leaders and several members of the LGBTQ+ Network. The meeting, requested by the Network, was about future convention locations and the concern about states without protections for the LGBTQ+ community. The Network shared a resource that lists those states with and without such protections in place.

#### *Meeting with Jenkins Scholars leaders*

Shelagh Gallagher, Catherine Little, and John Segota shared an update with the board about a meeting that was held with Joy Lawson Davis regarding the Martin D. Jenkins Scholars. Concerns had been raised that the Jenkins Scholars and the Excelencia Latina scholars were acknowledged differently at NAGC24. Steps will be taken to ensure that both groups of student scholars will be acknowledged equally at future conventions.

### **Launch of DEI and Cultural Assessment**

Sharon Newport joined the meeting to facilitate a discussion with the board to launch the first phase of the DEI and Cultural Assessment. A data collection phase will commence in January, and the first phase will culminate with a facilitated discussion at the March board meeting.

*Catherine Little moved to adjourn the meeting. Daryll Peterkin seconded.  
MOTION PASSES*

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm ET.