DEKALB COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING
April 26, 1989
Central Campus Patriot Room
12:00 Noon

**Officers Present**
Maureen Dinges
Jean Donald
Luisa McDaniel
Joanne Mullinax
Whit Smith

**Officers Absent**
Sue Dolan
Nancy Martens

**Staff**
John Cathey
Fred Hill
Doreen Holley
Martha Nesbitt

**Visitors**
Lynn Eddy

John opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming. John then asked everyone to open their packet and review the agenda, beginning with the 1989-90 nominations for officers of the board. On a motion by Whit Smith, seconded by Jean Donald, the Board agreed unanimously to accept the nominations as presented for the 1989-90 term. The listing of officers for 1989-90 is attached.

John asked the Board to review the by-laws and to think about what committees they would like to work with or to form and to be thinking of the purpose of the alumni association. Also, John asked that the Board complete the profile form and return to the Development Office. It was brought to the Board's attention that a handbook might be developed and their input is needed on this matter.

The next item on the agenda was the nominations for the 1989 DeKalb College Alumni Association Outstanding Faculty Member and Alumnus. From the materials provided to the Board (a list of past winners of both awards; the results of open-ended questions on the survey of graduates for winter quarter, 1989), it was mentioned that a nursing faculty member has not yet been selected for the outstanding faculty award. After much discussion and input from Dr. Hill, Dr. Nesbitt, and Lynn Eddy, and on a motion by Whit Smith, seconded by Maureen Dinges, the Board unanimously agreed to select Mrs. Bernice C. Brantley as the 1989 DeKalb College Alumni Association Outstanding Faculty Member.

Ann Knight was asked to contribute information concerning an alumnus she is writing a story on for the Newsletter. Based on the information provided by Ann and on a motion by Whit Smith, seconded by Maureen Dinges, the Board unanimously selected Ms. Verlene Cobb for the 1989 DeKalb College Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus Award. Ms. Cobb is the Vice President of Corporate Communications of Atlanta Gas and Light Company. She is only the third woman executive in the history of the company, and she is the first woman vice president of the company.

It was decided among all members that a selection procedure would be developed before next year's award selections and presentations. Some of the criteria for the faculty award might include length of service, surveys from students, and recommendations from other faculty. For the alumnus award, faculty could provide
information on past students and their achievements since graduation could be reviewed, etc.

Next, the Board discussed the pros and cons of transferring the alumni funds of $3,681.09 in the First National Bank of Atlanta, into the Foundation accounts. Some questions were raised concerning the disbursement and designation of funds for alumni activities, and with reassurances from John and Fred, and on a motion by Whit Smith, seconded by Maureen Dinges, the Board unanimously voted to transfer the funds. John then circulated a consent form to be signed by all members.

On a motion by Whit Smith, seconded by Jean Donald, the Board unanimously voted to have the name of the Alumni Association changed from "DeKalb Community College Alumni Association" to "DeKalb College Alumni Association." John circulated a consent form to be signed by all members.

Upcoming activities and events were discussed next. The anticipated "Graduates Pool Party" was discussed and Maureen will be calling on some of the alumni to help organize and plan this party. After reviewing the outline for this party, Maureen, as well as the other Board members, felt that the graduates should not be charged for admission to this function. Dr. Hill felt it would be better to change the time from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dr. Nesbitt mentioned mailing a notice with a return response card to get an estimate of graduates that will attend. Jean Donald stated she could get a caricaturist, and at the next meeting the Board would discuss more plans for the event.

John stated he would like to discuss in more detail at the next meeting the annual fund drive for this year. He mentioned he needed alumni participation and help in event. A notice on the DeKalb Arts Festival was brought to the Board's attention; it might be good public relations to have a booth at this event next year.

John then called on Ann Knight to discuss the Chronicle. She remarked that the Chronicle magazine, which has been mailed twice a year to donors, friends, and faculty, will add the Chronicle Newsletter. This newsletter was designed specifically for the alumni as a means of staying in contact with them. The Newsletter will have information concerning the College, the alumni, and the Foundation. The Newsletter will be mailed four times a year and the Chronicle, two times a year.

John concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their help. A special thanks went to Lynn Eddy for her efforts while she was in the Foundation Office. The next meeting of the Board was planned for May 10, 1989, at 12:00 noon, in the Patriot Room on Central. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.