



**SEAHO Mid-Year 2005
Membership Services Committee Report**

Committee Plans

1. **The SEAHO Brochure**
The brochure has been updated and ready for review. Please read it and grant approval for printing.
2. **The Newcomers Button**
The layout for the Newcomers button will be similar to the button for the 2005 SEAHO Conference. The colors of the button for Newcomers will be neon gold background with blue inscription.
3. **The SOLOS Button**
The colors of the Button for SOLOS will be neon orange background with blue inscription.

Changes will be made on both buttons for Newcomers and SOLOS with reference the date, year, location and theme of the conference.

Quantity of Newcomers Buttons to be ordered is 200. Quantity of SOLOS Buttons to be ordered is 50. There were 192 delegates as Newcomers and 39 delegates as SOLOS in attendance at 2005 SEAHO Conference. Therefore, the quantities of buttons ordered are reflective of delegates in attendance.

The cost of the buttons is \$547.50

4. **Schedule For Working The Membership Service Table**
The schedule for working the membership Services Committee table is incomplete. The purpose of working at the table is to greet SOLOS and Newcomers and issue them their appropriate button to wear during attendance at the conference.
5. **Newcomers Session**
Teddi Walker and Brett Logan of Valdosta State University manage the Newcomers Session.
6. **The SOLOS Evening Affair**
It is recommended that we continue to utilize the evening as a dine-out event complimented some thoughts and opportunities for fellowship. Further recommendations may be forthcoming.
7. **The Involvement Fair**
Jeremy Baham, Mercer University, will coordinate the set-up of the Involvement Fair.
8. **Mentors**
Considerations are being given to serve as mentors to Newcomers and SOLOS to allow them achieve the maximum experience at the conference.

9. **Should individuals of third party housing organization/privatized housing companies have membership in SEAHO?**

Response:

The general consensus of individuals on the Membership Service Committee is that individuals of third party housing organization or privatized housing companies should be afforded an opportunity of membership in SEAHO.

Comments:

“Third-party housing officials: I am in favor of inviting our colleagues who work for privately owned housing organizations. In places where they are “the competition” it’s good to get to know your competition. In places where they peacefully co-exist with campus housing, people could connect and share ideas how to best serve and educate students. They also provide a different perspective than traditional res lifers. Do we need to call them anything different than what we call ourselves...”housing officers?” I think that title is appropriate for them too”

SEAHO find acceptance of housing officials from private and public institutions into the housing organization. Further, SEAHO makes no separation or distinction of individuals who are housing officials at institutions that are public, private, two year or four year, post graduate, etc.

The majority of Committee members share these comments.

Committee Ruling:

The Membership Services Committee finds it appropriate to recommend that housing officials of privatized housing companies/third party housing institutions be accepted with all privileged and benefits as housing officials and members of SEAHO.