The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Sonya Dunkin, President.

**Minutes Approved from August 2013:**
A motion was made and seconded to approve the August minutes as written. The assembly unanimously approved the minutes.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** Sonya Dunkin
- Thanked the communication and PR Committee for the newsletter and for posting the video on last month’s professional talk.
- She will be reaching out to General Assembly members who are not on a committee.
- Dr. Mark Nelson will host a luncheon of celebration with the recipient of the Mark G. Foster Scholarship and a couple of the Foster family members.
- Sitters for Service Program: Sonya inquired if the services are available for professional Staff. Dr. Andrew Goodlif responded in an email. The program is no longer funded, nor is the position that managed the program. Julie Elmore suggested that we talk with Cori Perdue to find out what programs, in addition to Sitters for Service, her former position covered. Sonya asked the Staff Life Committee to look into it.
- The PSA was misquoted in the Crimson White in regard to the smoke-free campus initiative. The article said that the PSA had taken no action. Sonya contacted the CW and clarified.
- The PSA website has been updated. Sonya thanked Rachel Frazier and the Web & Technology Committee.
- The General Assembly speaker will represent Brewer Porch and the Spotlight Speaker will give an overview of the Bama Recycling Program.
- The October speaker will be Andy Groetinger on the new 3-D Printing Lab and the Spotlight Speaker will speak on the University Club.
- The November speaker will be Dr. Doug. The Spotlight Speaker is not yet confirmed.
- The Women’s Resource Center has asked to again present a resolution. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- A free survey tool, Qualtrics, is an alternative to Survey Monkey. It is accessed through myBama. PSA renewed the Survey Monkey subscription about three or four months ago.
• **Past-President:** Alan Gunther -- Absent

**President-elect:** Amy Ratliff
• The January (only) GA meeting will be held in Gorgas 205.

**Secretary:** Gayle Howell
• Julie Elmore will take the September GA notes and attendance.

**Treasurer:** John Chambers -- No report

**Parliamentarian:** David Brown -- No report

**Historian:** Randy Mecredy -- Absent

**Committee Reports:**

**Ad hoc Scholarship:** Amy Ratliff
• The Scholarship collected $340. in pledges at the last GA meeting. Amy will
send Sonya verbiage to go with the GA reminder regarding scholarship donations
being earmarked for the next two months in honor of Reata Strickland’s
retirement.

**Nominations and Elections:** Mukesha Voltz
• In the past, nominations have been opened in February and remained open for two
weeks. The Committee recommends that they be opened a little earlier this next
year. The Steering Committee members agreed.

**Assembly Operations:** David Brown -- No report

**Communications and Public Relations:** Latasha Watters & Victoria Corley
• The Committee is working on another newsletter.
• Investigating the possibility of establishing a LinkedIn group for PSA members.

**Professional Development:** Jana Motes-Patton
• The Committee is going to investigate a new policy that allows for a pay increase
for staff members who complete a degree or certification while working at UA.
They are also looking into ergonomics assessment services on campus and the
motor assistance program.

**Service and Outreach:** Julie Elmore & Mary Thornton
• The Committee has launched a new initiative in partnership with the Million
Dollar Band. They will collect stuffed animals for young children in Foster Care.
For the older children who are in Foster Care they will collect disposable cameras,
small photo albums, and journals.
• They are also investigating ways to help UA students who are homeless.
Staff Life: Jennifer Clark
- The Committee is working with the Professional Development Committee and they have looked into the “Helpers at Home” Program which is run by Human Resources.
- They are interested in planning an information fair highlighting campus benefits and services.

Web and Technology: Rachel Frazier
- The Committee is looking for more content for the website. They welcome input.
- They have created a LinkedIn group for PSA members.
- Rachel is seeking a Committee Co-Chair. She has been assigned a Wednesday afternoon class to teach.

Announcements:
- Steering Committee: October 10, 3:00 p.m. 216A Lloyd Hall
- PSA General Meeting: September 19, 3:00 p.m. Graves Hall, room 118

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.