

**Gulf Coast Relief Panel Summary Report**  
**October 27, 2006**  
**7 am CST /8 am EST**

**Present:** Joe Sullivan (President Southwest District); Rev. Steve Crump, Rev. Jacqueline Luck; Gretchen Alther (UUSC), Rev. Meg Riley, Eunice Benton (Midsouth District Executive)

**Absent:** Martha Thompson (UUSC) Atima Éclair (UUSC); Rebecca Cureau

**1. Check In:**

- The New Orleans Partnership is having its last meeting in November. Joe, Meg and Martha are on their way to meet with New Orleans and Gulf Coast Congregations. They will be in the Gulf Coast from October 26-October 30 and will be meeting with stakeholders from Congregations and Partner Organizations.

**2. Grant Proposals:**

**a. BISCO (*Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing*)**

Amount Requested: \$48,288 (\$42,778 for organizer and assistant salaries, and organizing costs and \$5,510 for anti-racism retreat costs).

BISCO's projected budget for 06-07 = \$173,100.55

→**VOTE:** Meg Riley proposed that the Panel vote to fund BISCO for 48,000 dollars; Joe Sullivan seconded the proposal. The proposal was APPROVED.

**b. NAACP**

Amount Requested: \$60,000 in Funds for Policy Research, Monitoring, and Communications

There were a few more questions raised and discussion of the proposals from MSNAACP and AMOS, which will be co-operating in their efforts.

→**VOTE:** Joe Sullivan proposed we fund the MS NAACP 60,000 dollars; Steve Crump seconded and the proposal was APPROVED.

**c. AMOS**

The Amos Network is a MS Statewide Association.

Requested Grant Amount: \$ 35,500.00 (to support salaries, organization costs, and funds for actions.) Amos' total budget is \$166,900.

→**VOTE:** Eunice Benton proposed funding for the AMOS proposal for 35,500; Joe Sullivan seconded, and the proposal was APPROVED.

**NOTE:** Pleasure was expressed by Panel members for these grants and their focus of research, organizing, and advocacy. The BISCO Proposal will assist those whose lives Hurricane Rita affected so terribly.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Luck for Megan Joiner