



Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society

Founded December, 1919

44th Biennial Convention, March 5, 2011
University of North Carolina, Pembroke
Pembroke, NC

Meeting called to order at 9:20 am

Introduction of Executive Board:

Pam Kerrigan (Executive President)
Meredith Storms (Executive President-elect)
George Fisher (Executive Treasurer)
Anne Falke (Executive Secretary)
Carmen Gauthier (Immediate past president)
Frank Switzer (Archivist)

Roll call of chapters: (64 active chapters)

Alpha Delta	Carly Sabat
Alpha Eta	Prateek Des-da-Silva
Alpha Theta	Tiffany Jade Prokop
Alpha Zeta	Arjay Quizon
Beta Beta	Absent
Beta Delta	Stefanie Sveiven
Beta Epsilon	Kimberly Clifton
Beta Zeta	Absent
Gamma Beta	Absent
Gamma Delta	William Brandon White
Gamma Epsilon	Matthew Schreiner
Gamma Zeta	Absent
Delta Beta	Duncan Harmon
Epsilon Beta	Absent
Epsilon Epsilon	Amy C. Bradford
Zeta Gamma	Absent
Zeta Delta	Wesley Baas
Zeta Epsilon	Elizabeth Ellison
Eta Beta	Absent
Iota Alpha	Absent

Iota Beta	Absent
Kappa Delta	Amanda Dickson
Kappa Epsilon	Janet Petroski
Kappa Eta	Joy Cote
Kappa Zeta	Absent
Kappa Theta	Absent
Kappa Iota	Michael D. Swayze
Kappa Kappa	Megan McGrahan
Kappa Mu	Valerie Pierre Louis
Kappa Nu	Absent
Mu Gamma	Absent
Xi Delta	Absent
Xi Zeta	Absent
Xi Eta	Melanie Valenciana
Pi Alpha	Joe Douglas
Pi Beta	Louray Kern
Rho Alpha	Sharon McCray
Rho Beta	Richard Bognanno
Rho Gamma	Nathalia Ortiz
Rho Delta	Jennifer Adams
Rho Epsilon	Absent
Rho Zeta	Absent
Rho Eta	Cameron Gettel
Rho Theta	Jeff Hayat
Rho Iota	Absent
Rho Kappa	Amanda Rosett
Rho Lambda	Absent
Rho Mu	Absent
Rho Nu	Lauren McConnell
Rho Xi	Absent
Sigma Alpha	Kimberly Rizzolo
Sigma Beta	Joselle McCracken
Sigma Gamma	Paul Ghattas
Sigma Delta	Absent
Tau Alpha	Margaret Nguyen
Tau Beta	Josephine Ferrantelli
Upsilon Alpha	Colin Pettegrew
Upsilon Beta	Brad Dudenhoffer
Chi Alpha	Absent
Psi Alpha	Absent

Guests:

Alex Combs	Alpha Theta
Dr. Stephanie Hooper Marosek	Alpha Theta
Sarah Grossman	Beta Epsilon
Jennifer I. Forbes	Epsilon Epsilon
Dr. Danny Miles	Gamma Delta
Duten Mai	Gamma Delta
Joshua Bittner	Gamma Epsilon
Cheng Liang Kailin	Kappa Mu
Anne Arnold	Rho Nu
Colin Trout	Rho Nu
Dr. Rose Ann Clark	Rho Nu
Angela Bylo	Tau Beta
Dylan Benningfield	Zeta Epsilon

Motion to approve Minutes from 2009 made by Alpha Zeta, second by Gamma Delta
Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to read and approve minutes at banquet by Phi Alpha, second by Beta Epsilon
Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance: Feb 28, 2009	\$67,259.01	
Income:	Initiation Fees:	\$ 40,200.00
	Interest:	4,593.61
	Biennial registration:	2,465.00
	Medallions	1,266.73
Expenses:	Initiation Certificates	\$ 6,946.04
	Misc. Fees	1,055.50
	Printing and postage	224.17
	Awards and Scholarships	1,714.38
	2009 Biennial conference	12,940.31
	Chapter installations	377.00
	Final Balance	\$ 92,486.95

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Rho Gamma, second Rho Delta

Question about negative balance under Awards – recipient never cashed check.
Alpha Zeta – what can we do with the money? It seems that the balance continues to increase. George informed the assembly that there are scholarships and funds available to support chapter events. Chapters do not make maximum use of the support money. Pi Alpha –could we use some of the money for a charity or for increasing membership? Pam

advised delegate to bring this up under New Business.

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to maintain initiation fee at \$40 by Alpha Zeta , second by Rho Nu.

Discussion regarding the use of the initiation fees. Fees cover certificates, installations, biennial conventions.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to maintain initiation fee at \$40 by Alpha Theta, 2nd by Gamma Epsilon

Discussion on interest rates, number of annual initiates, and other income ensued. There was a suggestion that the Executive Board expend more effort on letting chapters know what is available. There should be more interaction between national level and local chapters. There was a suggestion for a regular news letter.

Motion approved unanimously.

New chapters.

Alpha Theta – Methodist University
Gamma Zeta – Stevenson University
Gamma Eta (installation in April) – Washington University
Iota Beta – Rhodes College
Kappa Mu – St. Joseph’s College
Kappa Nu – Iona College
Rho Theta – Univ. of Pittsburg at Greensburg
Rho Mu – Cabrini College
Rho Nu – Saint Francis University
Rho Xi – Cedar Crest College
Sigma Delta – NJ Institute of Technology
Sigma Gamma – Rider University
Tau Beta – Sacred Heart University

In Process - Tau Gamma - Emmanuel College

Motion to place CT and RI in the Tau region by Tau Beta , seconded by Pi Beta.

Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

Financial – we seem to be fairly solvent. Is there something we should be doing with the money?

Outreach to Middle and High Schools.

Change project award from \$250 to \$500 with a national cap of \$5000

Improve connection between chapters through regional meetings during years when there is no Biennial Convention with financial support from the National organization. Meetings could have posters, keynote speaker, chance to meet and network.

Want more contact from Executive Board. One suggestion is monthly emails which include updates from other chapters. Another way to do this is to update website

with doings of chapter. Chapters need a strong foundation/connection in the region before making the connection with national. Another avenue is to post an E-magazine once per semester with chapter stories, news from the Executive Board and reminders of awards and scholarships available.

Motion to hold regional meetings during years without a biennial, sponsored by a host chapter in a region, with financial support from the Organization capped at \$1500 per meeting. By Rho Gamma, Second by Kappa Delta.

We first have to define regions. One suggestion is that the first letter of the chapter designation identifies region. That means that there are 20 some odd regions at \$1500 for a total of about \$30,000. A suggestion to set rate by # participating chapters was made. The money would go to the host chapter.

Friendly amendment to allocate \$200 cap per participating chapter by Alpha Zeta.

Accepted by makers of the motion.

What about regions with only one chapter?

Can we do a pilot? One or two chapters to serve as a host chapter and see how it goes.

Could we set up regions based on travel distance rather than letter designation?

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to have a pilot for volunteering regions to hold a regional meeting during the next academic year, hosted by a chapter within the region. Financial support from the national organization will be limited to \$200 per participating chapter to go to the host chapter to cover expenses of the meeting including food, transportation, lodging. Host chapter will report back at the next biennial. Made by Pi alpha, second by beta epsilon.

Motion approved unanimously.

The following chapters are willing to host a regional meeting:

Beta Epsilon –Fl

Pi Alpha – WV

Sigma Gamma- NJ

Tau Beta CT

Phi Eta – TX

Gamma delta – MD

Kappa Iota – NY

Kappa Epsilon – NY

The exec board will contact the chapters to see if they are still willing to host. First to respond in an area will be host.

Newsletter:

Motion to use an email listserv, which is set up by web master, to share info between local chapters and National Executive Board via a newsletter at least every 6 mo. By Kappa Delta, 2nd Sigma Alpha

First newsletter to include biennial minutes.

All newsletters will include chapter reports. Executive committee will establish contents of report. Executive committee will send reminders to chapter advisors to get chapter reports in

Motion approved unanimously.

Constitution:

Motion to change Article 3 section 5, removing the word “annual” in front of “financial report” and replace it with “biennial.” By Alpha Zeta, second by Kappa Kappa.

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to add “and include it in newsletter” between “Executive Council” and “every six months.” By Alpha Zeta, second by Rho Beta

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to amend the By-laws, Article 2 section 6 eliminating \$250 and replacing it with \$500 and add “with a national biennial cap of \$5000.” By Alpha Zeta, second by Sigma Gamma.

Motion to amend the original motion and limit the award to two times per biennial per chapter. By Kappa Eta, second by Kappa Iota.

34 in favor, 2 opposed

Motion approved.

Original motion passed unanimously.

Can chapter advisors serve as voting delegates to the Biennial convention?

Discussion:

If a chapter votes to have advisor as a delegate then ok

Delegate positions should go to students first.

Section 2 already states that the chapter selects the delegate, there is no restriction on the delegate to be a student. However, chapter advisors are generally honorary members, not full members. And delegates must be full members of the society.

Honorary members may not vote. Students should be only voting members.

Faculty member should be able to represent group, but have no vote.

Motion to amend Article 2, section 2 to include “When there is no student available to serve as the chapter delegate, an advisor may act as the voting delegate.” By Beta Epsilon, second Gamma Epsilon.

Is a faculty advisor able to be a full member or just an honorary member.

35 in favor, 1 opposed

Motion approved.

Scheduling of convention:

Should the biennial be held during spring or fall semester?

Some chapters are unable to send a delegate in the spring due to the timing relative to the ACS Annual Meeting. Fall is better, delegates could bring more back to chapters.

If we move Biennial to the fall, would we hold it in the fall of even numbered years,

meaning that the next biennial would be held in 1.5 years during fall 2012 or would we wait an additional semester and hold the convention during the fall of 2013? We must be mindful of 100 year anniversary in 2019 if we delay by a semester to fall 2013 we'd be on track for 2019.

**Motion to move the biennial convention from spring to fall starting with fall 2013.
By Kappa Delta, second Beta Epsilon.**

This results in a delay of one semester. Could disenfranchise someone currently in sophomore year, they wouldn't have a chance to attend biennial.
Rates are cheaper in the fall.

Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Executive Officers:

For Executive Treasurer:

George Fisher nominated by Alpha Delta, second by Gamma Epsilon.

Motion passed unanimously.

For Executive Director of the Archives:

Frank Switzer nominated by Kappa Iota, second by Epsilon Epsilon.

Motion passed unanimously.

For Executive Secretary:

Anne Falke nominated by Rho Gamma, second by Alpha Theta.

Motion passed unanimously.

For Executive President-Elect

Dr. Peggy Biser (Gamma Epsilon) by Gamma Epsilon, second by Alpha Delta.

Sharon McCray (Rho Alpha) by Pi alpha – declined by Sharon McCray.

Amanda Dickson (Kappa Delta) by Kappa Iota, second by Sigma Alpha
Discussion regarding eligibility of students to serve as Executive board member. One idea is to have a student representative to the exec board. Given the time, we should bring up as an agenda item for the next biennial.

36 votes for Peggy Biser, 6 votes for Amanda Dickson; Peggy Biser is the Executive President-Elect

Deactivation of chapters:

Beta Beta – no members initiated in 2 years, not attended biennials, placed on probation at the 2009 biennial, vote to deactivate

Beta Zeta – placed on probation

Kappa Theta – Pam will contact them – did not induct in the past 2 years, not attending Biennial conventions - probation

Rho Zeta – no initiates 2 years, missed 2 biennials, probation

Rho Lambda – installed 2007- no initiates since – probation

Phi Alpha – installed 2007-no initiates past 3 years. –probation

Chi Alpha- no initiates since 2006 – no biennials. Probation

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Executive Council regarding deactivation of chapters and probation.

Motion passed unanimously.

The following chapters have been initiating members but not attending the Biennial Conventions,

Mu Gamma
Epsilon Beta
Iota Alpha
Eta Beta
Xi Delta
Xi Zeta
Kappa Lambda

Motion to place the chapters listed above on probation.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 12:08 pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 pm to read and accept minutes.

Motion to accept minutes, By Alpha Zeta, second Tau Beta.

Motion passed unanimously.

Announcement from the Executive Committee that Amanda Dickson will serve as the student advisor to the Executive Board for the next two years. We will assess the situation in preparation for creating a permanent Student Representative position on the Executive Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Falke, PhD
Executive Secretary
March 6, 2011