



# Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society

Founded December, 1919

47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention  
October 7, 2017  
Niagara University

Meeting called to order by Dr. Mark Stauffer at 9:04am

Introduction of Executive Officers:

Dr. Mark Stauffer (Executive President)  
Dr. Luis Sanchez (President-Elect)  
Dr. Frank Switzer (Archivist)  
Dr. George Fisher (Executive Treasurer)  
Dr. Lindsey Welch (Executive Secretary)  
Dr. Peggy Biser (Past President)

**A review of Robert's Rules** was presented with the handout in the packet for parliamentary procedure. Dr. Frank Switzer was identified as the designated parliamentarian.

Motion- We will suspend a quorum (Alpha Delta –move, second Gamma Beta) (unanimous vote)

## Roll call of Chapters: (88 Chapters)

Alpha Alpha – absent  
Alpha Gamma -- absent  
Alpha Delta – Accola Hudson  
Alpha Epsilon – Rebecca Matz  
Alpha Zeta – absent  
Alpha Eta – absent  
Alpha Theta – absent  
Alpha Iota - absent  
Beta Delta – Eva Paulus  
Beta Epsilon – Nicole Glatz  
Beta Zeta – absent  
Beta Eta – Megan Keller  
Gamma Beta – Caitlin McCadden  
Gamma Gamma - absent  
Gamma Delta – Ann Kayser  
Gamma Epsilon – Scott Bingaman  
Gamma Zeta - absent  
Gamma Eta- absent  
Gamma Theta – absent  
Gamma Iota – absent  
Delta Beta – Alexander Shaver  
Epsilon Delta – Sam Shepherd  
Epsilon Epsilon – absent  
Zeta Alpha – Austin Bambach  
Zeta Gamma - absent  
Zeta Delta – absent  
Zeta Epsilon - absent  
Eta Beta – absent  
Iota Alpha – absent  
Iota Beta – Barry Rich  
Kappa Delta – Laura Nuzzi  
Kappa Epsilon – absent  
Kappa Eta – absent  
Kappa Zeta – Shawn Moore  
Kappa Theta – absent  
Kappa Iota – absent  
Kappa Kappa – Emily Steiner  
Kappa Lambda – absent  
Kappa Mu – absent  
Kappa Nu – absent  
Kappa Xi – absent  
Kappa Omicron – Ashley Miller  
Kappa Pi – Imran Khan  
Lambda Alpha– absent

Mu Gamma – Lillian Hicks  
Mu Delta – absent  
Nu Beta – absent  
Xi Delta – absent  
Xi Zeta – absent  
Xi Eta – absent  
Pi Alpha – Samantha Binkley  
Pi Beta – absent  
Pi Gamma – Michael Murray  
Pi Delta -- absent  
Rho Alpha –Peter Sobraske  
Rho Beta – absent  
Rho Gamma – absent  
Rho Delta – Dr. Charles Mahler  
Rho Epsilon – absent  
Rho Eta – absent  
Rho Theta – Brandin Adams  
Rho Iota –Loch Elimore  
Rho Kappa – Kristina Fenner  
Rho Mu – absent  
Rho Nu – Hannah Schorr  
Rho Xi – Fadia Namous  
Rho Omicron – Olivia Kimber  
Rho Pi – absent  
Sigma Alpha – Alba Herrero Gomez  
Sigma Beta – Rebecca Goncalves  
Sigma Gamma – absent  
Sigma Epsilon – absent  
Sigma Zeta – absent  
Sigma Eta – absent  
Sigma Theta – Kevin DePope  
Tau Alpha – Alex Zielinski  
Tau Beta – absent  
Tau Gamma – absent  
Tau Delta – absent  
Tau Epsilon – absent  
Upsilon Alpha – Garrett Martz  
Upsilon Beta – absent  
Upsilon Gamma – Cynthia Gaines  
Phi Beta – absent  
Chi Beta – absent  
Chi Gamma – Jessica McNeill  
Psi Alpha – absent  
Psi Beta – absent

## Guests and faculty advisors

Alpha Delta – Dr. Richard Macri  
Beta Epsilon – Dr. Deborah Bromfield  
Beta Eta – Dr. Greg Boyce  
Gamma Epsilon – Michael Biser, Cara Crawford  
Chi Gamma – Dr. Allen Clabo

Rho Xi –Chris Montis  
Sigma Beta - Justin Steets

A total of 34 delegates, six Executive Board members, 4 faculty advisors, and 4 guests.

Minutes from the 2015 biennial convention were read

## President's Report

New and Reactivated Chapters were announced:

Pi Delta – Shepherd University (WV) (2017) new chapter

Nu Gamma – East Central University (OK) new chapter

Tau Zeta – Fairfield University (CT) new chapter

Alpha Gamma – Wake Forest College (2015) reactivated

Alpha Eta – University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (NC) (2017) reactivated

Lambda Alpha – Mississippi University for Women (2015) reactivated

Zeta Alpha – Georgetown University (2017) reactivated

#### Special Project Grants

Rho Nu (St. Francis University) \$500 Science Outreach to Underprivileged Children in Altoona, PA

Sigma Theta (Drew University) \$500 Fair for Energy Researchers at Drew University

Delta Beta (University of Alabama) (\$500 prior to 2015 biennial convention)

Rho Nu (St. Francis University) \$500 Host Women in Chemistry Day for SFU and local HS students (presented at this biennial convention)

The Ray News letter (Dr. Greg Boyce) was revived and Dr. Boyce has volunteered as editor.

Motion (Beta Eta, Iota Beta second) Approve the President's Report.

#### Treasurer's report

Beginning Balance (October 1, 2015)	\$67,968.30
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>	<u>\$107,554.50</u>
	\$175,522.80

#### Income

Medallions	\$3,490.00
Initiation fees	69,359.00
Interest	7,303.71
Biennial Registration	5,875.00
Total income	\$86,027.71

#### Expenses

Initiation Certificates	\$11,518.18
Misc. Fees	1,152.83
Printing and postage	459.53
Medallions	882.00
2015 Biennial Convention	22,852.97
Awards and Scholarships	6,623.79
Special Projects	1,000.00
Chapter Installations	946.90
Total Expenses	\$45,436.30

Ending balance as of October 1, 2017

Checking & money market	\$108,559.81
<u>Certificates of deposit</u>	<u>\$110,416.80</u>
	\$218,976.61

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's Report (Alpha Epsilon), second (Rho Theta)

Vote: *Unanimous approval.*

Initiation fee will remain at \$40.

### **New Business (Dr. Mark Stauffer, President)**

Dr. Mark Stauffer announced proposed new sections and language alterations of the constitution.

~~Article 3, Section 5~~ (oversighted duplication – no change needed)

Article 3, Section 7

**Motion:** Vote to approve (Epsilon Delta, second Tau Alpha) approved.

**Section 7** – In event of resignation, death or removal of the President from office, the President-Elect shall assume the office of President. Other vacancies of executive officers shall be filled by appointment by the remaining executive officers from voluntary nomination(s) of chapter advisors.

Article 3, Section 8

**Motion:** Vote to approve (Kappa Omicron, second Pi Gamma)

**Motion:** (Frank Switzer, second Delta Beta) Proposed to change ~~to~~ **the** vote to require at least 2/3 vote of the remaining members to eliminate a member of the executive committee. (approved)

**Motion:** (Peggy Biser, second Rho Alpha) To strike ~~to~~ **the** wording in the new language regarding consideration “by the active Membership.”

Friendly amendment: Proposed language: “If an Executive Officer is found by the remaining Executive Officers and/or by the active Membership to be delinquent in fulfilling the duties of his/her office, or guilty of malfeasance of office, the Executive Officer in question can be removed by at least a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote of the remaining Executive Officers. This action may be initiated by any of the remaining Executive Officers, in consultation with the others.” (accepted by Dr. Biser)

**Motion:** (Kappa Delta, Iota Beta second) Accept the substantially-changed language to section 8 of article 3.

Discussion: What methods would the executive officer in question have? It was proposed that the (volunteer) officer would have the opportunity to resign.

**Motion:** (Alpha Delta, Delta Beta) Article 4, section 1 (will be changed to include the immediate past president as a part of the executive officers). (approved)

Friendly amendment: All changes may be made to add the immediate past president to any other missing locations in the constitution.

**Motion:** Article 5, Section 5 (Frank Switzer, second Delta Beta) New language in red will be combined with the last sentence in the old language (approved)

New Language: “If a chapter fails to initiate members for ONE biennial period OR fails to send a representative to TWO consecutive biennial conventions, that chapter will be placed on probation. A chapter will be deactivated if it fails to initiate members for TWO biennial periods OR fails to send a representative to THREE consecutive biennial conventions. The Executive Officers are authorized to notify chapters which have been placed on probation or deactivated.”

Article 5, Section 6

**Motion:** (Gamma Beta, second Iota Beta) Alter the language (approved)

New Language: “All chapters are required to send a delegate to the biennial convention unless a pre-submitted excuse is accepted by the Executive Officers or unless their travel distance to the conference exceeds 3000 miles. These chapters not in attendance are encouraged to participate virtually.”

**Motion:** Article 7, Section 6 (Gamma Beta, second Beta Eta) (approved)  
The **Guardian of Entropy (Sergeant-at-Arms)** ....

**Motion:** Vote to change Article 13, Section 1 (Kappa Delta, second Rho Theta) (approved)  
Friendly amendment to language: ... shall pay an initiation fee “**set by the biennial convention**” (accepted)

Bylaws Changes

**Motion:** Article 2, Section 2; Article 2, Section 2; Article 2, Section 3; Article 2, Section 4;  
Article 2, Section 5  
(Delta Beta, second Alpha Delta) All changes to award amounts and details were approved

**Motion:** (George Fisher, second Iota Beta) Change all language in the constitution will alter “conference” to say “convention”. (approved)

**Motion:** (George Fisher, second Beta Eta) Create a medallion to fix to a plaque for chapter awards. (approved)  
Discussion- The cost would be \$150 to cast the die.

2019 Convention: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is planned for Davidson College. Prof. Nicole Snyder (advisor) has volunteered to host the convention. Dr. Fisher has proposed to hold a planning committee of past presidents to advise Dr. Snyder in the planning.

### **Probation and Deactivation of inactive chapters:**

#### Chapters for Deactivation:

Beta Zeta – Jacksonville University  
Gamma Zeta – Stevenson University  
Zeta Epsilon – Murray State University  
Kappa Xi – Colgate University  
Rho Beta – Villanova University  
Sigma Zeta – College of St. Elizabeth  
Phi Beta – University of Colorado at Denver

#### Chapters for Probation:

Gamma Iota – Delaware State University  
Rho Gamma – Gannon University  
Chi Beta – Coastal Carolina University

**Motion:** (Epsilon Delta, second Kappa Zeta) The chapters above will be placed on probation.  
*Vote: unanimous approval*

**Motion:** (Alpha Epsilon, second Pi Gamma) The chapters listed above will officially be deactivation.  
*Vote: unanimous approval*

George Fisher explained details for reimbursement for the chapters.

## **Elections**

Archivist: Handles webpage and records.

Nomination: Frank Switzer (approved)

Secretary:

Nomination: Greg Boyce (Beta Eta) (approved)

Treasurer:

Nomination: George Fisher (Beta Delta) (approved)

President-Elect:

Nomination: Alpha Alpha Davidson College Prof. Nicole Snyder (approved)

Elections were concluded.

Motion (Rho Delta, second Beta Eta) Thank outgoing officers.

## **Recognition of Service:**

Dr. Lindsey Welch – secretary 2013-2017 recognized for her service.

Dr. Frank Switzer – 2005-2017 archivist, current parliamentarian

Dr. George Fisher – 1995-1999 Pres-Elect, President, Past-president, treasurer 1999-2017 (22 years)

Dr. Mark Stauffer and Rho Theta Chapter – President (organizer of the 2015 convention)

Dr. Peggy Biser – immediate past president recognized for service

Dr. Luis Sanchez and Kappa Kappa chapter – president-elect and organizers of the 2017 convention

Adjournment at 11:30 am

At Saturday dinner meeting:

**Motion:** Kappa Delta (Sigma Alpha second) To approve the draft of minutes from the 2017 convention.  
(unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted by

Dr, Lindsey Welch, Recorder (Secretary)