



Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society

Founded December, 1919

Biennial Convention October 12, 2013

Meeting called to order by Dr. Peggy Biser at 9:14

Introduction of Executive Board:

Dr. Peggy Biser (Executive President-Elect and acting Executive President)

Dr. Frank Switzer (Archivist)

Dr. George Fisher (Executive Treasurer)

Dr. Anne Falke (Executive Secretary)

Announcements:

Reimbursement forms available after the meeting

Non- voting delegates pay for one night in hotel

We are still going to Evergreen in spite of rain

There is a computer kiosk in room 358

Meredith Storms, Executive President is ill and unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Peggy Biser will fill in for her.

Role call of Chapters: (79 Chapters)

Alpha Alpha – Dr. Nichole Snyder
Alpha Delta - absent
Alpha Zeta – Robert Lamb
Alpha Eta - absent
Alpha Theta - absent
Alpha Iota - absent
Beta Delta – Elliot Rodriguez
Beta Epsilon – Liana Derringer
Beta Zeta – David Dorelli
Gamma Beta - absent
Gamma Gamma - absent
Gamma Delta – Evelyn Myerly
Gamma Epsilon – Jennifer Scudder
Gamma Zeta - absent
Gamma Eta- Mike Giroue
Gamma Theta – Nissa Dirige
Gamma Iota - absent
Delta Beta – Sarah McFann
Epsilon Beta - absent
Epsilon Delta – Abe Jordan
Epsilon Epsilon – Stacey Sank
Zeta Gamma - absent
Zeta Delta - absent
Zeta Epsilon - absent
Eta Beta – Miranda Koenig
Iota Alpha – Dr. Kyle Knight
Iota Beta – Sarah Malkowsky
Kappa Delta – Kathleen Morrissey
Kappa Eta – absent
Kappa Zeta – Rita Wheeler
Kappa Theta – absent
Kappa Iota – absent
Kappa Kappa – Erick Braham
Kappa Lambda – Dr. James McCullagh
Kappa Mu – Flora Uwadiogwu
Kappa Nu – absent
Kappa Xi – absent
Mu Gamma – Jessica Armstrong
Mu Delta – Melinda Dang

Nu Beta – absent
Xi Delta – absent
Xi Zeta – absent
Xi Eta – Mateo Montez
Pi Alpha – Jacob Fischer
Pi Beta – absent
Pi Gamma – Zachary Dunn
Rho Alpha – Julia Pacilio
Rho Beta – Samantha Cambray
Rho Gamma – absent
Rho Delta – Timothy Kocher
Rho Epsilon – absent
Rho Zeta – absent
Rho Eta – absent
Rho Theta – Dr. Mark Stauffer
Rho Iota – Elizabeth LeCain
Rho Kappa – absent
Rho Lambda – absent
Rho Mu – absent
Rho Nu – Greg Mountain
Rho Xi – Amber Fontanez
Sigma Alpha – Robert Whetzel
Sigma Beta – Anginelle Alabanza
Sigma Gamma – absent
Sigma Delta – absent
Sigma Epsilon – absent
Sigma Zeta – absent
Sigma Eta – absent
Tau Alpha – William Reusch
Tau Beta – William Bergeron
Tau Gamma – Jason Leavitt
Upsilon Alpha – Hannah Elton
Upsilon Beta – absent
Phi Alpha – absent
Phi Beta – Christal Davis
Chi Beta – absent
Chi Gamma – Roxanne Floyd
Psi Alpha – absent
Psi Beta – Stephanie Rasmussen

Guests

Beta Delta – Jason Llaneras
Beta Epsilon – Dr. Deborah Bromfield Lee
Beta Epsilon – Felician Wong
Gamma Delta – Dr. Danny Miles
Gamma Delta – Derek Saku
Gamma Theta – Dr. Jocelyn McKeon
Epsilon Epsilon – Keith Davidson
Eta Beta – Carolyn Jagadics
Iota Beta – Gabrielle Bailey
Kappa Kappa – Erik Boldt
Kappa Mu – Jessica Vilme
Mu Delta – Kyle Hillis
Pi Alpha – Dr. Lisa Reilly

Rho Alpha – Chad Smeltzer
Rho Alpha – Cody Mitchell
Rho Iota – Dr. Heidi Fletcher
Rho Nu – Dr. Rose Clark
Rho Nu – Phuong Minh Do
Rho Xi – Dr. Lindsey Welch
Tau Alpha – Travis Holbrook
Upsilon Alpha – Jacob Taylor
Upsilon Alpha – Jacob Petersen
Upsilon Alpha – Brian Snead
Upsilon Alpha – Codi Hefner
Phi Beta – Joseph Vasquez
Chi Gamma – Dr. Allen Clabo

There are a total of 41 delegates, four Executive Board members and 26 guests.

Minutes from 2011 read

Motion to accept minutes Pi Gamma, second Rho Iota.

Unanimous

Treasurer's report

Beginning Balance (March 5, 2011) **\$92,486.95**

Income

Medalions	2,420.00
Initiation fees	72,081.77
Interest	5,394.90
Biennial Registration	2,525.00
Total income	\$82 421.67

Expenses

Initiation Certificates	12,820.42
Misc. Fees	1,641.44
Printing and postage	245.43
Biennial Convention	20,891.91
Awards and Scholarships	3,134.68
Special Projects	300.00
Chapter Installations	3,049.79
Total Expenses	\$42 083.67

Ending balance \$132,824.95 as of October 1, 2013

Discussion:

- Could we announce the biennial convention more by email than by snail mail. If advisor is away he/she doesn't receive snail mail. Problem is the difficulty keeping correct email addresses
- Psi Beta asked about scholarships- how do they get them? George identified the various scholarships and prizes: DeLap Holcomb for \$100, Sonntag award- prize up to \$50, one per chapter per year
- Rho Iota- how to get funding for events submit special projects grant, max of \$500 per chapter per year.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report Rho Xi, second by Beta Delta *Unanimous*

Initiation fees – there is no need for an increase, no motion

New chapters:

Alpha Alpha reactivated! Inactive since 1972, 25 students initiated this year.

Alpha Iota – Gardner Webb University (Feb 2013)

Gamma Iota – Delaware State University (March 2013)

Gamma Theta – Notre Dame University of Maryland (2011)

Iota Beta – Rhodes College (Feb 2011)

Kappa Xi – Colgate University (March 2013)

Mu Delta – Armstrong Atlantic State University (May 2012)

Nu Beta – Cameron University (April 2013)

Pi Gamma – Ohio Northern University (April 2012)

Rho Xi – Cedar Crest College (Feb 2011)
Sigma Epsilon – St. Peter's College (April 2011)
Sigma Zeta – College of St. Elizabeth (Feb 2013)
Sigma Eta – Fairleigh Dickenson University (Feb 2013)
Tau Gamma – Emmanuel College (Mar 2011)
Phi Beta – University of Colorado Denver (April 2011)
Psi Beta – Dominican University (May 2011)
Chi Beta – Coastal Carolina University (April 2013)
Chi Gamma - Frances Marion University (April 2013)

George announced that we have had over 16,500 initiates since 1919

Gamma Zeta remains on probation
Epsilon Beta deactivate
Kappa Epsilon remain on probation
Pi Beta remains on probation
Rho Zeta deactivate
Rho Lambda deactivate
Sigma Delta deactivate
Phi Alpha deactivate

Motion to deactivate five chapters identified for deactivation by Rho Xi - 2nd Phi Beta. *Unanimous*

At the 2011 biennial a motion passed that the Executive Board maintain regular correspondence with the chapters via a biannual newsletter

Discussion:

Should we form a committee to do this?
We could use an electronic discussion forum
Is it really necessary? We are all graduating, chapters function autonomously
Executive Board could send a letter at beginning of each school year to remind chapters of awards and to get correct contact information
Use student officers as contacts. Get information at start of each year
How can we determine that everyone is actually getting the information? Doodle poll?
News letter, feedback on what is done
Rho Nu received special project grant to do after school science with local elementary school
How can we improve communication?
On website can chapter officers log in annually and provide officer contact information?
Can each chapter make a Gamma Sigma email address that remains constant.
Some universities don't want organizations to have a general email
Could use generic gmail account, not school email
Need a second form of contact for each chapter

Motion: Chapters shall be required to have a second form of contact by Sigma Beta, second Upsilon Alpha,
Discussion about who/what that second form is: student president, another faculty member, general email. Leave it up to chapter. *Unanimous*

Motion: Annually, by academic year, in spring semester chapters shall contact executive board with contact information by Kappa Kappa, second by Pi Gamma. *Unanimous*

Discussion about the Initiation Ritual protocol. Wearing test tubes considered hazing. Lit candles are not permitted by some schools. Remind chapters that initiation rituals are suggestions not mandatory

Motion: Each chapter shall have at least one outreach event per year either alone or with other organizations from their school. By Kappa Mu, second by Eta Beta

Discussion:

Define outreach

How can we confirm, are there consequences

Outreach is something that involves anyone not in the organization

Consequences may be to remove access to prizes and awards

In favor 8. Opposed 27 motion fails

Discussion regarding Associate membership

What is it? National organization does not recognize associate members. When they fulfill requirements, they pay dues and become full members

Associate members don't meet all of the requirements of full membership, but can participate with chapter in events, hopefully eventually become full members

Is it more beneficial to keep it a strict honor society, all members must meet requirements?

Associate members may attend biennial convention but not as voting delegates

Associate members serve a purpose for some chapters

Student Executive Board Members

At the 2011 Biennial the Executive Board decided to appoint a student advisor to the Executive Board and assess the situation at this biennial in preparation for a permanent Student Representative position on the Board. There was never any follow through. The student graduated soon after the biennial and we lost contact with her.

How do we work this in since students are not part of the organization for long enough?

Student exec board member could make contact with student contacts from each chapter.

Another suggestion from the 2011 biennial was to hold regional meetings with support from the national organization. That never materialized. Should we keep the regional meeting option open?

We could hold regional meetings in connection with regional ACS meeting.

At this point, no change to the constitution.

Nominations for Executive Board Members:

Frank Switzer for Archivist, nominated by Rho Iota, second by Iota Beta

No further nominations Frank is voted in unanimously

George Fisher for Treasurer, nominated by Beta Delta, second by Beta Zeta

No further nominations, George is voted in unanimously

Lindsey Welch for Secretary by Rho xi, second Pi Gamma

No further nominations, Lindsey is voted in unanimously

Anne Falke for President-elect, nominated by Upsilon Alpha
Declined by Anne Falke

Mark Stauffer from UPitt-Greensburg for President-elect, nominated by Rho Iota, second by Epsilon Epsilon. No further nominations, Mark is voted in unanimously

This year we moved the Biennial to the fall rather than spring. Do we stick with fall biennials to avoid Pittcon and ACS. Yes as long as we avoid national chemistry week
This biennial falls during midterm exam time for some but we can't avoid all exams.
No change to the timing of the Biennial.

Discussion: Do we need a Parliamentarian to insure that Robert's Rules are adhered to
It could be a student volunteer

Motion: Include summary of Robert's Rules in information packet. By Upsilon Alpha, second by Kappa Zeta

Friendly amendment start the meeting with verbal summary of Robert's rules

Executive secretary will compile summary, president-elect will insure that the copy of Roberts' rules are included in the packet. *Unanimous*

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to Meredith Storms for her service as president and wish her a speedy recovery.

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to Peggy Biser for organizing the biennial convention.

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the Gamma Epsilon chapter for hosting the biennial convention.

Motion to adjourn by Upsilon Alpha, second by Beta Zeta
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Anne Falke, Executive Secretary (outgoing)

Minutes reviewed at 8:30 pm.

Motion to accept by Rho Iota, seconded by Epsilon Alpha.

Unanimous

Added motion: Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to Anne Falke for her long service as secretary.