

# *Rho Chi Society*

## Minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**Sunday, March 17, 2002**

**Philadelphia, PA**

National President, Douglas Bricker, called to order the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Rho Chi Society held in Philadelphia on March 17, 2002 at 3:00 PM. Dr. George Downs, representing the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (Alpha Tau), provided welcoming comments to delegates and guests.

The Annual Meeting was preceded by the sixth annual Rho Chi Luncheon held at the Loews Hotel, in Philadelphia at 12:00 P.M. in conjunction with Phi Lambda Sigma. Dr. Charles O. Rutledge, Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmacal Sciences at Purdue University was the 2002 Rho Chi Lecture Awardee.

The minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Rho Chi Society, and 2001 Executive Council meetings were distributed to all members present. President Bricker announced that the minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Rho Chi Society and the minutes of the Executive Council meeting were distributed to all chapters in the 2001-2002 Chapter Manual and will be published in the 2001 issue of The Report of Rho Chi. A motion to dispense with the reading of these minutes and send them to the executive council was motioned, seconded and unanimously approved.

Dan Canney (Temple University) and Clyde Ofner, III (University of the Sciences in Philadelphia), Co-chairs of the Credentials Committee, reported that delegate credentials submitted to the committee were found to be in order and recommended that they be accepted. Of the 78 active chapters, 65 were present. A list of the official delegate(s) from each chapter is on file in the National Office as well as a record of past attendance.

President Bricker welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and presented his Report of the President to the assembled delegates. He summarized his report and reviewed the mission and vision statement of Rho Chi. The report will be published in the 2002-2003 Chapter Manual. President Bricker called for and received a motion to refer his report to the Rho Chi Executive Council. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bricker called for the Report of the National Office. Executive Vice President Pittman, in summary, reported that the National Office of the Rho Chi Society was financially sound. Additionally, he included financial statements for the consideration of the Society. Executive Vice President Pittman called for and received a motion to refer his report to the Rho Chi Executive Council. The motion passed unanimously.

George Cocolas, Chair of the Auditing Committee stated that the financial records of the Society were in order. President Bricker called for and received a motion and second to refer the report to the Executive Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Immediate Past-President Roche, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that the committee was actively soliciting nominations for next year's slate of candidates and that the ballot would be finalized by the July meeting of Rho Chi. Immediate Past-President Roche notified delegates that their ballot for voting for National President-Elect and Regional Councilors from the even number regions was contained in their delegate packet. They were asked to mark and submit their ballot, thus electing new officers of the Society for 2002-2003.

President Bricker called for and received the report of the Chapter Awards Committee, which was presented by the chair of the committee, President-Elect Dan Robinson. The 2001 **Chapter Achievement Award** went to the University of Washington (Rho Chapter)

Based on the February 1, 2002 submission date the first place **Chapter Project Proposals Award** was given to Duquesne University (Alpha Beta) and second place was awarded to University of Minnesota (Mu). Additionally it was announced that based on the June 1, 2001 submission date a **Chapter Project Proposals Award** was given to Creighton University (Alpha Alpha).

Students representing each awarded University provided a brief summary of their projects. President Bricker called for and received a motion, which was seconded to refer the report to the Executive Council. The motion passed unanimously.

President-Elect Dan Robinson, Chair of the Rho Chi Scholarship/Fellowship Committee, stated that there were 5 applicants for the 2002 Rho Chi, Schering-Plough, AFPE first-year Graduate Scholarship. Lauren Aleksunes from the University of Connecticut was the winner of the 2002 First-Year Graduate Scholarship. A copy of the report from this committee was distributed to all members present. President Bricker called for and received a motion, which was seconded, to refer the report to the Executive Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Wallace Murray, Chair of the National Faculty Advisor Award Committee, urges that applications should be submitted to him by May 1, so that the award would be presented at the next AACP meeting. President Bricker called for and received a motion, which was seconded, to refer the report to the Executive Council. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bricker called for comments from the Regional Councilors. There were none.

President Bricker called for any Unfinished Business. There was none.

New Business:

Election of National Officers and Regional councilors was held. Delegates received a ballot when they registered at the check-in table. All delegates vote for National

Officers, but only delegates from respective regions vote for their regional councilor. A ballot should be cast even if no opponents have been nominated. The nominees for National President elect were Earlene Lipowski (University of Florida) and Gary Stoehr (University of Pittsburgh). Regional Councilor nominees for the even numbered regions were: Anne Y. F. Lin (Wilkes University) and Dong-Churl Suh (Rutgers University); Region IV: Lorne E. Basskin (Butler University) and William C. Lubawy (University of Kentucky); region VI: Beth Holly Resman-Targoff (University of Oklahoma) and Jonathan J. Wolfe (University of Arkansas); region VIII: Theodore G. Tong (University of Arizona) and Joanne O. Whitney (University of California, San Francisco).

President Bricker announced that Hampton University had submitted a petition in order to establish a Chapter of the Rho Chi Society. All members received a copy of the letter of support from Dean Arcelia Johnson-Fannin (Hampton University). President Bricker called for and received a motion, which was seconded, to accept Hampton University as the newest chapter of the Rho Chi Society. The motion passed unanimously.

Chapter roundtable discussions were then held. The following four themes were discussed (presented to the delegates and student members of Rho Chi as questions) and highlights of each discussion were presented. President Bricker announced that the ideas presented would be topics for discussion at future Executive Council meetings. The following is a brief synopsis of the discussion:

1. Should we continue the Rho Chi / Phi Lambda Sigma luncheon and should the Rho Chi lecture occur during the luncheon?
  - Consensus was to continue the luncheon with the lecture but address the cost issues – especially the cost for students.
  - Have additional activities such as chapter activities pictures
  - Increase student participation in the luncheon
2. How can Rho Chi become a more active society and how can delegates become more active during the annual meeting?
  - Have a presence at ASHP
  - Include more information in the delegate packets
  - Notify chapter advisors earlier
  - Have activities based on regions
3. How can we facilitate alumni involvement in Rho Chi? What information would be useful to Rho Chi Alumni members? Should the Society continue to have a booth at the APHA meeting?
  - Consider having alumni delegates
  - Involve alumni at the chapter level
  - Build a data-base for alumni members
  - Discontinue the Rho Chi booth at APHA
  - Consider having a newsletter that would be sent to alumni members
  - Determine the benefits of being a Rho Chi member
4. What do you find most valuable about the Rho Chi website? What would you like to see on the site that is not there now? Does your chapter have a website and is it linked to the National Office?

- Place itineraries of future meetings
- List responsibilities of Delegates, Regional Councilors and National Officers.
- List potential sponsors for Rho Chi activities
- Feature a “Chapter of the Month” link
- Consider having a newsletter that is available to all student members
- Link to other resources

Installation of New Officers:

President Bricker installed the following new officers of Rho Chi: National President-elect, Gary Stoehr, Region II Councilor, Anne Y. F. Lin, Region IV Councilor, William C. Lubawy, Region VI Councilor, Jonathan J. Wolfe, and Region VIII Councilor, Joanne O. Whitney.

President Bricker announced that the Executive Council members (and if possible, all outgoing regional Councilors) should be present, to attend the breakfast meeting of the Executive Council on Monday, March 20, 2002, at 8:30 AM in the Loews Hotel.

President Bricker called for a motion for adjournment.

President Bricker declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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National Secretary