



The Rho Chi Society

Preliminary

Minutes of the 80th Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 28, 2004

Seattle, Washington

Call to order: President Daniel C. Robinson opened the meeting and introduced Dean Sidney D. Nelson, Jr. from the University of Washington who welcomed delegates to Seattle. Dean William E. Fassett of Washington State University was unable to attend, but Dean Nelson also welcomed the delegates on his behalf.

The Eighth Annual Rho Chi Luncheon preceded the Annual Meeting. Dean Mary Anne Koda-Kimble, University of California, San Francisco was the 2004 Rho Chi Lecture awardee.

President Robinson indicated the importance of the chapter delegates signing in since attendance is required for continued active status of the chapter. The minutes for the 2003 Annual Meeting and the 2003 Executive Council Meeting were presented and accepted. These minutes will be forwarded to the Executive Council.

President Robinson gave a brief report, introduced Executive Vice President A. Wayne Pittman and National Office Representative Gail Moriarty, and reminded representatives of the importance of this annual meeting. Among the benefits coming from the annual meeting are initiatives for the Society, which come from the round table discussions. In addition, he reminded delegates of the importance of alumni and the need to recognize those who remain active in the Society. President Robinson thanked the membership for the support he has received as president during his tenure as National President.

Executive Vice President Pittman discussed items in the delegates' packets. This included:

1. Budget
2. Income
3. Expenses

Other comments concerned the importance and responsibility of chapter advisors and chapter officers. The chapter officers are required to submit various reports such as new officer's list, chapter reports, delegate report, and an annual report. The National Office will be requesting information about individual chapter by-laws which, if not readily available, should be located. He also suggested that members visit the Rho Chi website (look at deadlines) for useful information. Pittman encouraged chapters to

develop their own websites and share their URLs with the National Office so they may be linked from the Society's Webpage.

The Credentials Committee (Shelley Chambers, Washington State University and Nanci Murphy, University of Washington) reported that all but seven chapters were registered for the meeting. The Credentials Committee report was accepted (missing delegates – Zeta Chapter - Auburn University, Beta Mu Chapter - Ferris State University, Beta Kappa Chapter - St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Beta Nu - University of Cincinnati, Beta Omicron - University of Houston, Alpha Chi - Wayne State University, and Gamma Epsilon - Xavier University).

J. Douglas Bricker gave the report of the Nominating Committee and those candidates present were asked to stand. Delegates were asked to make additional nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations and a motion to close nominations was seconded and passed.

The Rho Chi Lecture Award Committee was recognized for their selection of Mary Anne Koda-Kimble as the recipient of the 2004 Lecture Award.

President-Elect Gary P. Stoehr reported the results of the Chapter Awards Committee and discussed the process for the Chapter Achievement Award. Rho Chapter, University of Washington, was recognized for their success in receiving the 2003 Chapter Achievement Award. Ms. Nguyen accepted the award and highlighted the activities of Rho chapter (built a website for the chapter, tutored middle school students in the area of science - science mentor program).

2003 Project Proposal Awards were presented to:

- Xi Chapter – University of North Carolina
- Alpha Xi Chapter- University of Kentucky

Chapter representatives were introduced and received their awards. Brief comments were made - Kentucky developed a dose information workshop for caregivers. North Carolina – Xi Chapter brought students together to help them become aware of clinical applications of basic sciences. This was done through an introduction of clinical case studies and was presented to first year students by upper classmen. There were also organized discussions of the role of clinical practice and shadowing experiences.

President Robinson re-announced the names of the Rho Chi Society Graduate Student and Research Fellow Scholarship awardees. The delegates were reminded of the importance of nominating their advisor for the Faculty Advisor Award.

New Business:

The election of National Officers and Regional Councilors was held. The following candidates appeared on the ballot: National President - Elect - Gary E. DeLander (Oregon State University) and Robert L. McCarthy (University of Connecticut), Region II

Councilor - Dong-Churl Suh (Rutgers University) and Myron Weiner (University of Maryland), Region IV Councilor - Matthias C. Lu (University of Illinois at Chicago) and Melody H. Ryan (University of Kentucky), Region VI Councilor - Keith A. Swanson (University of Oklahoma) and Jonathan J. Wolfe (University of Arkansas), Region VIII Councilor - Anne Y. Lin (Midwestern University-Glendale) and Michael Z. Wincor (University of Southern California).

Election results:

- President-Elect - Gary E. Delander
- Councilor Region II - Dong-Churl Suh
- Councilor Region IV - Matthias C. Lu
- Councilor Region VI - Jonathan Wolfe
- Councilor Region VIII - Anne Y. Lin

President Robinson entertained a motion that the petition to establish a new Rho Chi Chapter at Loma Linda University be approved. The motion was made, seconded, and passed. Delegates from Loma Linda were recognized and seated for the remainder of the meeting.

Executive Vice President Pittman announced the names of the chapters which were celebrating their 75th and 50th anniversaries as well as upcoming anniversaries in 2005. He also indicated that the Constitution and By-Laws limit flexibility of the Executive Council to add new chapters to existing Society regions and to reassign chapters to provide for equitable representation of all chapters in the Executive Council. He asked Delegates to anticipate, within two weeks, an emailed motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws that will attempt to resolve these problems.

President Robinson introduced topics for Delegate Roundtable Discussions and the delegates were asked to begin these discussions. Following their discussion, each table made a short presentation highlighting areas that were discussed at the Roundtable. Themes for discussion and ideas emerging from those were:

Increase interest in faculty positions:

- Academic rotation as part of the 4th year clerkships
- Faculty shadowing program to increase awareness of the role of a faculty member
- Offer a Rho Chi student research grant to encourage student/faculty research (results to be presented at national meeting)
- Expo booth to recruit students into academia
- "Teaching Competition" similar to counseling competition to identify potential teachers
- Academia Night - promote teaching as a career path (must occur early in education)
- Presentations on what teaching is all about
- Highlight benefits of being a faculty member
- Educate students as to where shortages are
- Time requirements to become a faculty member
- Increase student/faculty interactions

- Require an independent investigation for graduation
- Elective course on education

Year to Year Continuity of Rho Chi

- NOTEBOOK and maintaining update of what is done from year to year with timeline and contact names and numbers of previous officers. Job description for each officer
- List projects which have been completed
- Train officers - weekend retreat for outgoing officers and new officers
- Contact list for maintaining resources
- Faculty advisors are very important - dual advisors
- Try to get 4th year students involved (expected to remain active) and working with 3rd year students
- Expose 1st year students to Rho Chi so they are aware of what Rho Chi is all about
- Elect new officers every semester
- Spring election should include a planning meeting for the next year's activities
- Early initiation of members

National Project

- Direct to consumer advertisement - survey to see what people know and bring people together.
- Use advertisements and educate the public how to understand the ad
- Assess what the patient already knows - convey to them their level of knowledge and then get them info appropriate for them
- Education and evaluation of internet ads for patients
- Piggyback on what ASP might be doing
- Set up monthly or weekly screening rather than one day event
- Create a survey to assess patient's literacy
- Announce time and place of events and encourage patients to bring their questions
- Office of President-Elect for exposure
- Make use of Rho Chi students who are on rotation

Increasing visibility of Rho Chi

- Pick specific disease states and have a prize for best presentations (Asthma, Poison Awareness, Cholesterol Screening)
- Target other health practitioners

Health Literacy

- Curriculum development for patient education - understanding directions, reading labels
- Regional involvement
- Develop multi-lingual information and involve multi-lingual students
- Develop customized forms tailored to patients' questions

Chapter Projects

- Involvement with Ronald McDonald House

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- Angel Tree Project
- Alumni banquet
- High School tutoring
- Free clinic
- Peripheral Brain for 2nd year students

President Robinson conducted the installation of new officers. Following installation newly installed President Stoehr adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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