



The Rho Chi Society

Minutes of the 83rd Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 18, 2007 Omni International Hotel Atlanta, GA

President Gary E. DeLander presided and called the meeting to order.

President DeLander welcomed the delegates, faculty advisors, members and guests to the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society.

President DeLander explained: The Society's Constitution and Bylaws specify that any chapter absent from three (3) consecutive Annual Meetings of the Society is declared inactive and loses all privileges including the election of new members unless and until reinstated on petition to the Executive Council.

President DeLander called for the Report of the Credentials Committee. The Chair of the Credentials Committee (Charles McDuffie, Alpha Kappa Chapter) read the names and universities of those chapters who had not signed-in and were considered to be absent. The President requested that, if a representative of any absent chapter(s) was present, they should proceed to the Delegate sign-in table. The following chapters did not have a delegate register for the meeting:

Region I: Psi (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences – Boston); Region III: Beta Alpha (University of South Carolina), Alpha Nu (University of Tennessee), Gamma Omicron (Shenandoah University), Iota (University of Florida), Gamma Alpha (Mercer University), Lambda (Virginia Commonwealth University), Gamma Zeta (Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University); Region IV: Beta Mu (Ferris State University), Alpha (University of Michigan), Beta Eta (University of Toledo), Upsilon (The Ohio State University), Beta Psi (Ohio Northern University), Alpha Phi (Butler University); Region V: Tau (South Dakota State University), Alpha Sigma (Drake University); Region VI: Beta Chi (University of Louisiana at Monroe), Gamma Epsilon (Xavier University of Louisiana), Alpha Rho (University of Kansas), Beta Omicron (University of Houston), Gamma Mu (Texas Tech University); Region VIII: Gamma Beta (University of New Mexico), Beta Omega (University of the Pacific)

The President declared there to was a quorum (1/3 of active chapters required) - 63 of 86 active chapters were present.

The Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting and Executive Council Meetings were distributed in the delegate packets. A motion was made and passed that the Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting and Executive Council Meetings be accepted as distributed.

The National President's Report was distributed in the Delegate packets. The President referred the Report to the Executive Council.

Executive-Vice President A. Wayne Pittman presented the Society's financial report and National Office "highlights." Copies of the financial report were included in the Delegate packets. The report was referred the report to the Executive Council.

Chairman Charles McDuffie presented the final report of the Credentials committee.

In the absence of Secretary Paul Jungnickel, Historian J. Douglas Bricker received the report of the Credentials Committee and reported those chapters having no delegate present. President Delander referred the report to the Executive Council.
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Committee Reports:

The President stated that Committees were appointed following the last Annual Meeting and are listed on the Society's Website.

Auditing Committee - John R. (Jack) Reynolds, Chair – Chairman Reynolds reported that he and JoEllen Rodgers (University of North Carolina) had completed the audit of the financial records of the Society for 2006 and found the records to be in good order.

Nominating Committee: Gary P. Stoehr, Immediate Past-President – Chairman Stoehr reported that the Committee's report could be found in the delegate packets as the ballots with the candidates for Regional Councilors for Regions I, III, V and VII and ballots for National Historian and Secretary.

Chapter Awards Committee: President-Elect Karen L. Rascati, Chair reported the following award selections:

The 2005-2006 Chapter Achievement Award was presented to Theta Chapter – University of Southern California. Emmanuelle Mirsakov accepted the award on behalf of the Chapter. Honorable Mention certificates were presented Alpha Alpha Chapter – Creighton University and Alpha Omicron Chapter - University of Pittsburgh.

Two Chapter Proposal Awards were presented for 2006-2007. Alpha Alpha Chapter – Creighton University received an award for their project titled, "Meeting Community Health Care Needs: Pharmacy Students as Pharmaceutical Care Information Providers. Jessica

Peterson/Jocelyn Suchor accepted the award on behalf of Alpha Alpha Chapter and made brief comments. Alpha Beta Chapter – Duquesne University received an award for their project titled, "Research and Scholarship Day." Rebecca Cofsky accepted the award on behalf of Alpha Beta Chapter and made brief comments.

Rho Chi Society - Schering Plough - AFPE First-Year Graduate Student Scholarship Committee. Victoria F. Roche, Chair – Chairman Roche discussed the selection process for this award and introduced the 2007 recipient, Nathaniel Page. Nate will be staying at the University of Buffalo where he will enter the Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program. Robert Bachman from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education made brief comments and presented Nate with an award.

Rho Chi Society Research Fellow Scholarship Committee. Anne Lin, Chair – Chairman Lin discussed the selection process and reported that the 2007 recipient is Maria Tsoras, Pharm.D., who is a first-year metabolic support/critical care pharmacy fellow at Clarian Health and Butler University. (Maria was not able to attend the meeting.)

Faculty Advisor Award: President DeLander indicated that nominations for the 2007 Award are due in the National Office on or before May 15. Delegates were encouraged to nominate their favorite faculty advisor. Eligibility criteria and instructions are found on the Society's Website. The Award is presented during the Faculty Advisors Meeting at the Annual AACP meeting in July. The 2006 Faculty Advisor Award was presented to Melody H. Ryan (Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kentucky)

Comments by Regional Councilors:

Region VI - Gamma Mu Chapter (Texas Tech University) coordinated a Rho Chi reception at the Mid-Year Meeting.

New Business:

President DeLander called Executive Vice President, Wayne Pittman to lead discussion of the House in consideration of the 2006-2007 Revision of the Society's National Bylaws.

Delegates were directed to mark their chapter's vote to approve or reject revision of the National Bylaws. They were also directed to mark their ballots for National Secretary, Historian and Regional Councilors for Regions I, III, V, and VII. Only Delegates representing Chapters in those odd-numbered regions received ballots for Regional Councilor in their packets.

Chapter Delegate Discussions:

The President directed the House to form groups of 8-10 by Regions to discuss the following topics and to present their discussion to the House and in writing to Historian J. Douglas Bricker (Acting in the absence of Secretary Jungnickel):

Point System for Chapters (President-Elect Rascati initiated the discussion)

Identify the one thing that the National Officers could do for your chapter.
How might we improve communication within the Society?

The comments were collected by Historian Bricker to be summarized.

Installation of New Officers:

President Delander called the following elected officers to assemble in front of the podium for installation and administration of the officer's oath.

Secretary - Paul Jungnickel, Auburn University
Historian - J. Douglas Bricker, Duquesne University
Councilor Region I - Gina Garrison, Albany College of Pharmacy
Councilor Region III - Mary Ferrill, Palm Beach Atlantic
Councilor Region V - Robert Soltis, Drake University
Councilor Region VII - Paul Cady, Idaho State University
Student Representative - Emmanuelle Mirsakov, Theta Chapter, USC

2007 Rho Chi Lecture Award

President DeLander introduced Robert L McCarthy, Chair of the 2007 Lecture Award Committee. Chairman McCarthy introduced Daniel A Hussar, Remington Professor of Pharmacy, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Dr. Hussar made a very inspiring presentation to the assemble audience.

Announcements:

President DeLander reminded both outgoing and incoming National Officers, Councilors and the Student Representative from Theta Chapter (Chapter Achievement Award recipient) that the Executive Council would meet at 11:30 AM on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the Durango Oak Fire Steakhouse, 230 N. Peachtree St, NW.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm for a reception.

Respectfully submitted,
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