



## The Rho Chi Society

### Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel

San Diego, CA

**Call to Order:** President Gary E. DeLander presided and called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

**Welcome:** President DeLander welcomed the delegates, faculty advisors, members, and guests to the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society.

**First Report of the Credentials Committee:** President DeLander explained that 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 being reinstated on petition to the Executive Council.

President DeLander then called for the first report of the Credentials Committee. Committee Chairs Michael Wincor (Theta) and Wallace Murray (Gamma Sigma) reported the names of those chapters who had not signed-in and were considered to be absent. President DeLander declared a quorum to be present and requested any authorized delegates from those chapters who had not signed-in proceed to the sign in-table.

**National President's Report:** President DeLander referred the delegates to his written report that was distributed in the delegates' packets, and followed with the following remarks.

- Overall the Society is strong. The 95<sup>th</sup> chapter will be initiating new members and at today's meeting we will be voting on addition of the 96<sup>th</sup> and 97<sup>th</sup> chapters. Currently there are 88 active chapters.
- President DeLander encouraged chapters to be timely in their submission of various reports.
- He introduced the national officers, regional counselors, and committee chairs, and acknowledged Gary Stoehr, who will be completing his term as immediate past-president, for his 6 years of service to Rho Chi. President DeLander also expressed appreciation to Gail Moriarty, Administrative Assistant, and Wayne Pittman, Executive Vice-President for their excellent service in the Society's National Office.
- President DeLander concluded his remarks by focusing on the mission and vision of Rho Chi and on the importance of using our gifts.

**Report of the National Office:** Executive Vice-President Pittman provided the financial report and provided comments from the National Office. Important highlights included the following:

- The new website has been implemented and members are being entered into the database. At this point members initiated after 1990 can go to the website and update their membership information. Members are invited to provide feedback on the website.
- Vice-President Pittman discussed the income and expenses for the past year. The cost of jewelry has increased which may result in the need for a dues increase beginning with the 2008-2009 cycle.
- Changes in IRS requirements for reporting may potentially impact individual chapters.
- Vice-President Pittman announced those chapters who were celebrating important anniversaries.
  - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries:
    - Upsilon Chapter – Ohio State University
    - Phi Chapter – University of Illinois at Chicago
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
    - Beta Pi Chapter – University of Rhode Island
- He further commented that it was on March 1, 1908 that 11 senior pharmacy students at the University of Michigan formed a society that officially became Rho Chi on May 19, 1922.
- Chapters were requested to keep the National Office updated on changes to their contact information.

**Final Report of the Credentials Committee:** The Credentials Committee presented their final report to Secretary Paul Jungnickel who reported that 81 of the 88 active chapters had authorized delegates present, and that the following chapters had no delegate present:

- Region III – Alpha Iota (Medical University of South Carolina); Gamma Phi (Wingate University)
- Region IV – Alpha Phi (Butler University); Gamma Kappa (Midwestern University – Illinois)
- Region V – Beta Phi (University of Wyoming)
- Region VI – Alpha Omega (University of Missouri-Kansas City); Gamma Mu (Texas Tech University)

**Note:** The Credentials Committee indicated that Alpha Iota (MUSC) was not present, however this chapter will become inactive when the new chapter for the South Carolina College of Pharmacy is installed. (The Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina are being merged into the South Carolina College of Pharmacy.)

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting and Executive Council Meetings were distributed in the delegates' packets and posted on the Society's website. It

was moved, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed.

**Committee Reports:** President DeLander stated that the Society's Committees were appointed following the last Annual Meeting and are listed on the Society's website. Specific Committee reports were as follows:

- **Auditing Committee** – President DeLander indicated that a letter had been received from the Auditing Committee consisting of John (Jack) Reynolds (Chair) and Jo Ellen Rodgers stating that the financial records of the Society are in good order. It was moved, seconded and passed to refer this report to the Executive Council.
- **Nominations Committee** – Committee Chair Gary Stoehr (Immediate Past-President) reported that ballots for National President-Elect and Regional Councilors for Regions II, IV, VI and VII were in the delegate packets. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded and passed that the nominations be closed. The slate of officer candidates was as follows:

National President Elect – Robert McCarthy  
Councilor Region II – Daniel Canney, Marc Harrold  
Councilor Region IV – Melody Ryan  
Councilor Region VI – Beth Resman–Targoff  
Councilor Region VIII – Michael Wincor, Wallace Murray

- **Chapter Awards Committee** – This report was presented during the awards portion of the meeting.

**Comments by Regional Councilors and Brief Reports:** There were no comments from regional councilors. President DeLander called upon representatives from two chapters to make brief reports.

- Whitney Caron of the Gamma Gamma Chapter (Albany College of Pharmacy) reported that her chapter had hosted a Rho Chi meeting for Region 1 in conjunction with the Academy of Student Pharmacists'(ASP) Region I Meeting. Seven of the 11 schools and colleges from Region I were represented.
- Nick Au of the Rho Chapter (University of Washington) reported on the Region 8 meeting, which was also held at the ASP Regional Meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** A proposed National Bylaws Amendment to Article III (Members) was presented (Please see attached amendment.), regarding disqualification and loss of membership. Executive Vice-President led the discussion on this amendment. After considerable discussion, the Bylaws Amendment passed unanimously (none in opposition and no abstentions).

There was no additional unfinished business.

**New Business:**

- The House unanimously approved petitions establishing chapters at the Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center (Gamma Omega) and the University of Appalachia (Delta Alpha) as the Society's 96<sup>th</sup> and 97<sup>th</sup> chapters. President DeLander welcomed delegates present from these new chapters to join the House.
- President DeLander directed delegates to mark their ballots for National President-Elect and Councilors for Regions II, IV, VI, and VIII. Ballots were collected and counted.
- There was no new business from the floor.

**Chapter Roundtable Discussions:** Chapter roundtable discussions were held by region. The delegates were asked to discuss the following topics: 1) Communication with the National Office, 2) Chapter Bylaws, and 3) Regional Meetings. Comments were submitted to Secretary Jungnickel and have been compiled and appended to these minutes.

**Installation of New Officers:** President DeLander announced and installed the newly elected officers.

National President Elect – Robert McCarthy, University of Connecticut (Alpha Gamma)  
Councilor Region II – Marc Harrold, Duquesne University (Alpha Beta)  
Councilor Region IV – Melody Ryan, University of Kentucky (Alpha Xi)  
Councilor Region VI – Beth Resman–Targoff, University of Oklahoma (Gamma)  
Councilor Region VIII – Michael Wincor, University of Southern California (Theta)

He also recognized the Regional Councilors who had completed their terms of office.

Region II – Dong-Churl Suh, Rutgers University (Alpha Eta)  
Region IV – Karen Kopacek, University of Wisconsin (Eta)  
Region VI – Jonathan Wolfe, University of Arkansas (Beta Iota)  
Region VIII – Anne Lin, Midwestern University – Glendale (Gamma Nu)

**Awards Program:** President Karen Rascati presided over the Awards Program and began by presenting the presidential gavel to Immediate Past-President Gary DeLander to acknowledge the completion of his term as president. The following awards were presented.

- Dong-Churl Suh was acknowledged as the recipient of the 2007 Faculty Advisor Award that was presented at the meeting held in July 2007 in conjunction with the AACP Annual Meeting.
- The 2008 Alumni Honor Roll was read.
  - Ronald L. Alkana, Theta Chapter, University of Southern California
  - Leon E. Cosler, Gamma Gamma Chapter, Albany College of Pharmacy
  - Patricia Rippetoe Freeman, Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kentucky

Peggy Soule Odegard, Rho Chapter, University of Wisconsin

- President Rascati presented the 2008 Chapter Awards on behalf of the Chapter Awards Committee which was composed of the Regional Councilors and President-Elect.

The Chapter Achievement Award was presented to the Gamma Gamma Chapter (Albany College of Pharmacy). Whitney Caron accepted the award and will become a member of the Executive Council for the coming year.

An award for implementation of a chapter project, "Mental Health and Sleep Disorders," was presented to the Theta Chapter (University of Southern California). Amy Eng accepted this award on behalf of the Theta Chapter.

An award for a chapter project proposal, "Special Health Care Needs of the Intellectually Disabled Adult: A Closer Look at Down Syndrome," was presented to the Beta Chapter (Oregon State University). Kaylen Stutz accepted the award on behalf of the Beta Chapter.

- Victoria Roche, Chair of the First-Year Graduate Scholarship Committee and Robert Bachman, President of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education presented the following awards:

The 2008 Rho Chi-Schering Plough-AFPE First Year Graduate Scholarship was presented to Jasmine Talameh, University of Pittsburgh.

The 2008 Rho Chi-AFPE First-Year Graduate Scholarship was presented to Daniel Hertz, Rutgers University.

- Anne Linn, Chair of the Clinical Research Scholarship Committee, presented the 2008 Rho Chi Research Fellow Scholarship to Kevin Brown, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- J. Douglas Bricker, Chair of the 2008 Rho Chi Lecture Committee, introduced the 2008 Lecture Award recipient, William H. Campbell – Dean Emeritus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Campbell's Lecture was entitled, "One Easy Piece." Following the lecture, the Award was presented to Dr. Campbell.

**Announcements:** President Rascati reminded both the outgoing and incoming National Officers and a student representative from Gamma Gamma Chapter that the Executive Council will meet on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 8:30 AM, in Madeline A of the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned and all delegates, alternates, advisors, members, and guests were invited to attend the reception that followed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul W. Jungnickel, Secretary

### **Synopsis of 2008 Round Table Discussions**

Attendees at the Annual Meeting provided what seemed to be a list of random comments that could not easily be grouped together. Listed below are the responses to the three topics that the attendees discussed. In addition, in some groups the discussions seemed to focus extensively on activities and fundraising events of the chapters.

#### **Communication with the National Office:**

- There seemed to not be much discussion on this issue. One region reported that communication with the National Office was good.
- In two regions, it was mentioned that presidents did not receive emails from the National Office.
- One chapter reported difficulties in using the web form to submit the names of their delegates.

#### **Chapter Bylaws:**

- A significant number of chapters apparently do not have chapter Bylaws. Ohio State University, University of Kentucky, Creighton University, and University of South Carolina (prior to the formation of the combined chapter with MUSC) were listed as chapters with Bylaws.

#### **Regional Meetings:**

- Most regions seemed interested in having a regional meeting. Many of the groups began to discuss informal plans for possible regional meetings in conjunction with the ASP's MRMs.