



The Rho Chi Society

Minutes of the 85th Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Marriott Rivercenter Hotel

San Antonio, TX

The meeting was called to order at 3:41 PM by President Karen Rascati, who welcomed the delegates, members, and other attendees.

President Rascati called to the podium J. Douglas Bricker, Chair of the 2009 Rho Chi Lecture Award Committee, who introduced the 2009 Rho Chi Lecture Award Recipient: Henri R. Manasse, Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Dr. Manasse's lecture was entitled "Interdisciplinary Health Professions Education: A Systems Approach to Bridging the Gaps." At the conclusion of the lecture, President Rascati presented the lecture award plaque and an honorarium to Dr. Manasse.

Victoria Roche, Chair of the First Year Graduate Scholarship Committee presented the Rho Chi – AFPE First Year Scholarship in absentia to Melanie R. Nichol of Ohio Northern University. The presence in the audience of Dr. Joseph Fink, a representative from AFPE, was acknowledged.

In the absence of Selection Committee Chair Alan H. Lau, President Rascati presented the Clinical Research Fellow Scholarship to Ninh (Irene) My La, University of North Carolina, who presented brief remarks concerning her research.

President Rascati recognized KarenBeth Bohan, Gamma Lambda Chapter, Wilkes University, as the recipient of the 2008 Faculty Advisor Award, which was presented at the Rho Chi Advisors' Reception in July, 2008, in conjunction with the AACP Meeting held in Chicago, Illinois.

President Rascati called on Robert L. McCarthy, Chair of the Chapter Awards Committee (which was composed of the President-Elect and Regional Councilors) to present the chapter awards.

The Chapter Achievement Award was presented to Gamma Gamma Chapter, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Gamma Gamma chapter president John Jezak received the award on behalf of the Gamma Gamma chapter and will serve as a member of the Executive Council for the coming year.

Awards for implementation of chapter project proposals were presented to Theta Chapter, University of Southern California and Alpha Mu Chapter, West Virginia University. Ian Almazan of Theta Chapter described their Chapter's project on Mental Health and Sleep Disorders, and Erin Bailey of Alpha Mu Chapter described their project entitled Curricular Learning Experience at the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

President Rascati read the 2009 Alumni Honor Roll and indicated that the recipients were listed in the Awards Program.

Ralph E. Bouvette, Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kentucky
James Clair Eoff, Alpha Nu Chapter, University of Tennessee
Kathleen A. Johnson, Theta Chapter, University of Southern California

President Rascati recognized those chapters that hosted Regional Meetings in 2008
Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kentucky
Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Idaho State University

Following the Awards Program, President Rascati opened the Business Meeting of the Society

President Rascati explained that The Society's 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.

Secretary Paul Jungnickel announced the report of the Credentials Committee, reporting that 78 of 89 active chapters had delegates present. The following chapters did not have a delegate present:

Gamma Xi, Hampton University
Beta Theta, Long Island University
Beta Psi, Ohio Northern University
Gamma Upsilon, South University
Gamma Delta, Texas Southern University
Delta Alpha, University of Appalachia
Alpha Lambda, University of California-San Francisco
Alpha Theta, University of Colorado
Alpha Kappa, University of Georgia
Alpha Epsilon, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Alpha Tau, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

President Rascati declared a quorum to be present.

President Rascati stated that the National President's Report would be posted on the Society's website and referred to the Executive Council. In her comments, she commended those regions that had held regional meetings. She briefly discussed the potential for developing Canadian chapters and acknowledged the work of the officers and the National Office employees, A. Wayne Pittman and Gail Moriarty.

Executive Vice-President, A. Wayne Pittman provided a financial report and stated that the report is in the delegate packet. He also provided additional updated information related to the National Office, acknowledging the ongoing role of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy serving as home for the National Office. He also reported on improvements to the Society's website and emphasized importance of chapters reporting changes in advisors and officers to the National Office. President Rascati stated that the report will be referred to the Executive Council.

President Rascati reported on the work of the Standing Committees of the Society that were appointed following the last Annual Meeting and are listed on the Society's Website.

Auditing Committee: President Rascati indicated that the committee, consisting of John R. (Jack) Reynolds, Chair and Jo Ellen Rodgers, provided a letter stating that the financial records of the society are in good order.

Nominating Committee: President Rascati indicated that the Report of the Nominating Committee chaired by Gary E. DeLander, Immediate Past President, is the ballot for National Historian, National Secretary and Regional Councilors for Regions I, III-Mid-Atlantic, III-Southeastern, V and VII found in the delegate packets.

Chapter Awards Committee: President Rascati stated that the Committee's report consisted of the awards presented during the annual awards portion of the meeting.

President Rascati stated that each of the above reports will be referred to the Executive Council.

President Rascati invited faculty advisors Jessie Hamilton (Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kentucky) representing Region IV, and Paul Cady (Alpha Upsilon, Idaho State University) representing Region VII to make brief comments about the Regional Meetings hosted by their chapters.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the delegates considered a petition to establish a new chapter of The Rho Chi Society submitted by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of British Columbia. President Rascati stated that the Executive Council had reviewed a letter of request from the University of British Columbia's student petitioners with a supporting letter from their Dean and advisor designee, which are included in Delegate's packets. She further stated that the Executive Council recommends that Delegates approve the petition. The Delegates voted to approve this new chapter, which will be the Delta Gamma chapter, with no votes in opposition and no abstentions.

Immediate Past President Gary DeLander presented a commemorative plaque to Robert D. Sindelar, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the University of British Columbia. He briefly discussed the initiative to incorporate Canadian Schools into Rho Chi and his discussions with Dean Sindelar regarding the University of British Columbia's petition.

President Rascati directed all delegates to mark their ballots for National Historian and National Secretary, and delegates representing those chapters located in odd-numbered regions to mark their ballots for their respective regional counselors. Nominees were as follows:

National Historian	J. Douglas Bricker	
National Secretary	Paul W. Jungnickel	
Councilor Region I	Gina Garrison	Michael Gonyeau
Councilor Region III - Mid-Atlantic	Robert E. Dupuis	
Councilor Region III - Southeast	Mary J. Ferrill	Sacha Rivera Sarate
Councilor Region V	Jeanne Frenzel	Robert P. Soltis
Councilor Region VII	Karen Gunning	Shelley Chambers

There was no new business from the floor.

At this time, President Rascati directed the Delegates to assemble by regions to discuss the following topics:

What strategies can be developed by Rho Chi members to be involved:

- a. Within your college or school
- b. With other health professionals
- c. Within your community.

Written comments were provided to Secretary Jungnickel, which are summarized and are included with these minutes as an appendix.

Following the roundtable discussions, President Rascati announced the election results and installed the following newly elected officers.

National Historian	J. Douglas Bricker
National Secretary	Paul W. Jungnickel
Councilor Region I	Gina Garrison
Councilor Region III - Mid-Atlantic	Robert E. Dupuis
Councilor Region III - Southeast	Mary J. Ferrill
Councilor Region V	Robert P. Soltis
Councilor Region VII	Karen Gunning
Student Representative	John Jezak, Gamma Gamma Chapter

President Rascati expressed the appreciation of the Society and its members to the Executive Council member whose term of service was completed at this meeting.

Paul S. Cady (Region VII)

President Rascati reminded both outgoing and incoming National Officers, Councilors, and a Student Representative from Gamma Gamma Chapter (winner of the Chapter Achievement Award) of the Executive Council's meeting at 8:30 am on Monday, April 6, 2009, in Conference Room 11 of the Rivercenter Marriott.

President Rascati invited Delegates, Alternates, Advisors, members and guests to join the Society in a light reception Grand Ballroom J.

President Rascati adjourned the meeting at 5:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul W. Jungnickel, Secretary

**Appendix to Annual Meeting Minutes
Synopsis of Roundtable Discussions
Rho Chi Annual Meeting
April 5, 2009**

Round table discussions centered on the following topics – What are strategies that can be developed for Rho Chi members to become more involved

(a) Within the school or college?

- Team up with other organizations
- Tutoring program/services (7 groups)
- Encourage more options than tutoring
- Trivia night fundraiser
- Faculty (or faculty/students) family feud (2 groups)
- Training sessions for clinical skills and patient counseling competitions
- Incentive program (not sure what this means)
- Recycling paper/cans
- Recycling printer cartridges – Fundraiser
- Review sessions for courses (2 groups)
- Residency show cases for programs in the state
- Rho Chi Scholarship for P1s
- Disease state presentations
- Jeopardy – bring different organizations together – fundraiser
- Rho Chi Week – How to succeed (financial seminar, movie night, thank you faculty dinner, induction ceremony, service)
- Welcome P1s – “How to survive pharmacy school” (2 groups)
- Orientation – Organizations fair (2 groups)
- Education about what Rho Chi is involved in (“are you smarter than a rho chi member”, “pharmacy bowl”)
- Encourage chapters to submit proposals
- Awards for students for research project, other achievements
- Offer scholarship to outstanding member
- OTC and IV workshops
- Collaborate with other organizations to promote academic excellence
- Blood drive
- CV workshop
- Post-graduate experience night
- Med chem tables
- Lists of adverse drug events
- Picnic at beginning of school year
- PDA informational speaker
- Speaker on financial advising
- Create website for instant communication between school faculty, Rho Chi members

- Pharmacy school spelling bee sponsored by alumni with awards
- Calendar fundraiser
- Case books given to P2s and P4s going on rotation
- Certified for “open airways” by Am. Living Assoc.”
- Annual student/faculty basketball game
- Spring formal with other organizations - \$1500 raised for Children’s Hospital
- In conjunction with Phi Lambda Sigma, Professional Event Series “Lunch and Learn” focused on patient care issues
- Sale of lab value cards – Profit was used to purchase med cart for Malawi
- Journal club that is mandatory for P1 students
- Silent auctions

(b) With other health professionals?

- Dress for success fundraiser – information session
- Health Fairs with screenings, vaccinations (4 groups)
- Campus initiatives (undefined) – Note: a challenge due to 3-year accelerated curriculum
- Combined honor societies with other health professions students
- Health care symposia
- Health literacy program (PA, Nursing, Pharmacy)
- Leadership week
- Shadowing opportunities with faculty
- Interprofessional Day (speaker about importance of collaborative practice)
- Clarion Interdisciplinary Competition
- Community wellness festival
- Service learning projects which involve nursing and medical professionals in developing countries
- Activity involving case studies written by interdisciplinary faculty members for interdisciplinary teams to work on
- Simulation lab collaboration with neighboring colleges with other health science fields
- Guest speakers from other professions
- Adverse drug event lists
- Program on comorbidities associated with Down’s Syndrome
- Blood drive with dental school
- Postcards to prepare for board exams sold right before rotations
- Big brother/big sisters programs

(c) Within the community?

- Judge high school science project contest/science fairs (2 groups)
- Health fairs and Screenings (2 groups)
- Booths before games (presumably football games –this was from USC)
- Talk to middle school students about pharmacy
- Gathering donations for community organizations (e.g., womens’ shelter)

- Adopt a family
- Cinderella project
- Soup kitchen
- Medicare Part D tutorials
- Consider adopting a patient care project for Rho Chi (e.g. autism)
- Put projects on National website so we can install them at all chapters around the nation
- Service projects: collecting /raising money for OTC drugs, Rx drugs, and clothing for underserved populations
- Tutoring for middle or high school students at libraries
- MS charity walk
- Discussions of ethnic group differences regarding drug responses
- Wellness clinic
- Mandate community services
- Open house of the pharmacy school for local high schools
- Assisted living center events
- Pajama and children's book drive for women's homeless shelter
- Poison prevention projects
- "Melanoma Monday" – campus screening with faculty
- Monthly health talks at Salvation Army Rehab Center
- Brown Bags at long term care facilities