



## The Rho Chi Society

### Minutes of the Executive Council

**Saturday, July 14, 2007**

**Orlando, Florida**

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Present: Gary DeLander, President; Karen Rascati, President-Elect; Gary Stoehr, Immediate Past President; A. Wayne Pittman, Executive Vice President; Mary Ferrill, Region III Councilor; Dong-Churl Suh, Region II, Councilor; Jonathan Wolfe, Region VI, Councilor, Gina Garrison, Region I Councilor; Paul Cady, Region 7 Councilor, Robert Soltis, Region V Councilor, Gail Moriarty, National Office Administrative Assistant

President DeLander called the meeting to order. Council member introductions were made.

Council members discussed adding a category for Most Improved Chapter to the current chapter awards. Since the annual chapter report is the basis of selection for the Chapter Achievement Award, it was suggested that a means of self nomination be added to the Annual Chapter Report form. A category of Honorable Mention was also discussed.

September 1 was set as the deadline for selection of the Lecture Award nominee. The Council discussed potential nominees.

Council members discussed the content of past lectures and how directed the recipient should be in preparation of the lecture. Some suggestions were for value led commentary (values that influenced pharmacy education), humor interjected with personal stories which has been well received in the past, the mission of Rho Chi, etc. A link could be provided for the award recipient to previous lectures to provide sample of types of lectures presented in the past. Members were asked to consider ideas and share them with the Lecture Award Selection Committee, Doug Bricker, Chair.

The Council discussed the merging of the two South Carolina pharmacy schools into one school, the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. This was briefly discussed at the March 2006 Executive Council Meeting. There has been a request that two Rho Chi chapters be maintained - Alpha Iota at the MUSC campus and Beta Alpha at the USC campus. Paul Cady commented that allowing two chapters would be setting a precedent. Gina Garrison suggested that two chapters be allowed, if combined it would be setting a barrier since they are geographically separated. Bob Soltis suggested that it is one college/one function and that ACPE accredits one entity. After a lengthy discussion, Wayne Pittman suggested that we reject the request and allow one chapter. The two existing chapters would be inactivated and the new chapter could have chapter leadership at each campus and could even hold separate induction ceremonies.

However, they would still be limited to the top 20% of the collective class of students. The new chapter name would be Gamma Psi. Details will be worked out with the current leadership of the College and the advisors.

Wayne Pittman discussed disqualification of members and the addition of a section in the National Bylaws. Details will be worked out through the National Office and presented at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Gary DeLander announced that Dong-Churl Suh had been selected as the 2007 National Advisor. He will be recognized at the Advisor's Reception.

The timing of the Annual Meeting and Lecture Award presentation was discussed. The following timetable was suggested: 3-4 pm for business; 4-5 pm for Lecture Award and 5-6 pm for a reception. All awards would be presented in one session and committee reports will be available in the packets. Any questions regarding the reports would be answered but the formal presentation of reports would be omitted.

Jonathan Wolfe commented that he was very pleased with the revisions and redesign of the website.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. Members were reminded of the Advisor reception to follow.

Gail Moriarty