



## The Rho Chi Society

### Minutes of the Executive Council

**Saturday, July 19, 2008**

**Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers**

**Chicago, IL**

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President Karen L. Rascati called the meeting to order. Members present introduced themselves.

Members Present: President-Elect Robert L. McCarthy, Executive Vice-President A. Wayne Pittman and National Office Administrative Assistant Gail R. Moriarty.

Regional Councilors Present: Gina Garrison (I); Mary J. Ferrill (III), Robert P. Soltis (V), Beth Resman-Targoff (VI).

Immediate Past-President Gary E. DeLander, Secretary Paul W. Jungnickel, Historian J. Douglas Bricker and Regional Councilors Marc W. Harrold (II), Melody H. Ryan (IV), Paul S. Cady (VII) and Michael Z. Wincor (VIII) were not present.

President Rascati announced that A. Wayne Pittman was reappointed for a five-year term as Executive Vice President.

Executive Vice President, A. Wayne Pittman, asked if the Executive Council wished to continue meeting concurrent with the AACP meeting since Council member attendance is less than at APhA. The consensus was that the Council would continue to meet concurrent with AACP and any business requiring a vote would be conducted via email or teleconference.

Council members discussed election/responsibilities of Regional Councilors. When potential nominees are contacted regarding nomination for office, they will be briefed regarding responsibilities as well attendance at the Executive Council meeting the day after election. It was recommended that Council members should attend at least one meeting in four during their two-year term as Councilor. The National Office will send a letter to Deans encouraging their support of attendance of Regional Councilors at the meetings. The National Office will also send reminders earlier regarding upcoming meetings.

Executive Vice President Pittman initiated discussion regarding new chapter petitions. (Changes would be incorporated into the Bylaws – Article IV – Member Chapters.) A draft proposal was distributed as a discussion point. The Council decided at the March 2008 Executive Council meeting that no new chapter petitions would be accepted until the Executive Council revised the current guidelines for establishing new chapters. Central to the discussion was the accreditation status of petitioning schools. The advantages (pros) and disadvantages (cons) of installing a chapter or Rho Chi prior to a school receiving full accreditation were discussed. Discussion points were:

- Students attending schools not fully accredited risk graduating from a non-accredited school and will not be able to sit for NABPLEX.
- Does the Society want to have members from non-accredited Schools?
- Denying chapters affiliation with Rho Chi until they are fully accredited denies students the experience of being a student member of Rho Chi
- The first class of students at a new school does not have the opportunity for student affiliation if the school initiates third and fourth-year level students
- With flood of new schools and more stringent accreditation standards, there may be more schools not achieving full accreditation
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After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the advantages and disadvantages will be summarized by President Rascati and President-Elect McCarthy and electronically distributed to the Executive Council for further comment. A final recommendation will be presented to chapters for vote in October.

The revised chapter petition will more clearly define how the top 20% of students is determined (how do schools determine when 50% of the didactic coursework is completed or will the determination be base on 50% of the curriculum).

Executive Vice President Pittman recommended that National Dues be increased to \$65.00 effective September 1, 2008. The National Office had been informed that jewelry costs would increase 40%.

Information regarding the Outstanding Service Award will be disseminated electronically.

President Rascati announced (on behalf of J. Douglas Bricker, Chair, Lecture Award Committee) that Dr. Henri Manasse had been selected as the 2009 Lecture Award recipient. President Rascati shared a list of potential nominees for 2010. The list will be forwarded to the Lecture Award Committee with a request that a short list of nominees be provided for consideration.

President-Elect Robert McCarthy announced that two Summer Project Proposals were received and approved: Alpha Nu, University of Kentucky and Alpha Xi, University of Kentucky. Each chapter will receive a \$500 award in September.

Dr. KarenBeth Bohan is the recipient of the 2008 Faculty Advisor Award. Dr. Bohan will receive a plaque and monetary award at the Advisor's Reception.

Historian J. Douglas Bricker will provide information (electronically) regarding service recognition.

President-Elect McCarthy discussed Alumni Recognition. Historically there has been very little response from chapters. He recommended that the guidelines be revised and the recognition be through the Regions with 8 being awarded per year. Recipients would receive a plaque and travel grant for attendance at the Annual Meeting. This will be further discussed.

Executive Vice President Pittman discussed the division of Region III. There are 21 schools in the Region and a proposal was made to divide the region: North Carolina, South Carolina,

Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia would comprise the Mid-Atlantic Area with 10 chapters. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Puerto Rico would comprise the Southeast Area with 11 chapters. Future chapters would be assigned to the appropriate Region. The proposal was unanimously approved by Council members in attendance. An additional Regional Councilor will be appointed for the Mid-Atlantic Area.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be April 6, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

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