



The Rho Chi Society

Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2010

Grand Hyatt Hotel

Washington, DC

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM by Karen Rascati, Immediate Past President,

Members present: Robert McCarthy-President, Karen Rascati, Jack Reynolds-President Elect, Gary Delander-Outgoing Immediate Past President, Paul Jungnickel-Secretary, J. Douglas Bricker-Historian, Gail Moriarity-National Office Administrative Assistant, A. Wayne Pittman-Executive Vice-President, Andrew DeMott–Alpha Mu Chapter

Regional Councilors Present: Gina Garrison(I)-via telephone, Melody Ryan (IV), Beth Resman-Targoff (VI), Kimberly Cauthon (VIII-incoming), Michael Wincor (VIII-outgoing)

The Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on July 18, 2009 in Boston, MA were approved.

The following reports were considered by the Executive Council:

President's Report – This was presented by President Rascati at yesterday's Annual Meeting.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer's Report - Wayne Pittman reviewed the budget. He reported that jewelry costs did not rise as had been indicated by our vender. Our current cash reserves provide available money should Rho Chi need to acquire outside office space. In 2010, a Rho Chi Clinical Scholarship was not awarded due to lack of applicants. The question was raised as to whether Rho Chi should fund a second fellowship. It was moved (Delander) and seconded (McCarthy) to expand the number of first-year fellowships up to 2 per year, with the AFPE partnering with us on both. AFPE will be asked to increase funding as more funds become available. Motion passed.

Audit Committee - Jack Reynolds (Chair) – A letter has been received from the Committee indicating the financial records of the Society are in good order.

Nominating Committee - Immediate Past President Gary E. Delander (Chair) presented the Committee's nominations at yesterday's Annual Meeting. Chair Delander reported that travel concerns were not voiced as an issue by nominees this year, in contrast to previous years.

Chapter Awards Committee - President-Elect McCarthy (Chair) voiced concern about the length of chapter reports. It was moved (McCarthy) and seconded (Reynolds) to impose a 5 page limit on all chapter reports with a table incorporated into the form to allow chapters to list their meetings, and that appendices and pictures will not be allowed. The motion passed. Suggestions were provided for the structure of chapter reports. Beth Resman-Targoff and Karen Gunning will develop a new revised form. Concern was voiced that Rho Chi chapters should pursue scholarly work, not just the same types of activities that other organizations conduct. It was also emphasized that project proposals have budgets, but seldom any plans as to how the projects are to be funded.

First-Year Graduate Fellowship Committee - The fellowship was presented at yesterday's Annual Meeting. President Rascati (Chair) reported that one application was clearly superior compared to the others received.

Lecture Award Committee - J. Douglas Bricker (Chair) reported that the committee currently has one nomination in hand. A list of other potential nominees has been compiled. Wayne Pittman will follow up with Doug about developing some of these into full nominations (with packets) for consideration at the July Executive Council Meeting.

The Executive Council reviewed the 86th Annual Meeting. The meeting format was reorganized with the idea of having a reception during the break. In order to have a successful reception a larger room, better set up, and more time are needed. Having a reception during the break seemed to be a good idea, but this should be a more substantial event. It was suggested to try to move the start of the Meeting up to 2:30 PM. Roundtable discussions were not held due the time need for consideration of motions during the business session. But the desire is to continue to hold roundtable discussions in the future.

The Executive Council considered the following old business:

And ad hoc committee charged with investigating ways to provide recognition for extraordinary service to the Society had no progress to report.

Alumni Honor Roll – The Executive Council discussed the issue of continuation of this form of recognition. Concern was voiced as to how chapters can access the names of inductees. The National Office will send instructions as to how chapters can access member rosters. The consensus was that we continue the Alumni Honor Roll. Regional counselors will be asked to encourage chapters to nominate members.

The Executive Council considered the following new business:

First-Year Graduate Fellowship/Scholarship – The Council discussed ways that we might encourage applications. The number of applicants increased from 5 last year to 7 this year.

Post-Pharm.D. Scholarship/Fellowship – The Council discussed ways that we might attract more applicants, as there were no applicants this year for the post-Pharm.D clinical research fellowship. Suggestions included sending out advertisement through ACCP fellowship preceptors and appointing a subcommittee member that has ties to ACCP to facilitate advertising. Milhap Nahata was suggested as a possible committee member.

Questions were raised regarding disbursement of fellowship funds. AFPE distributes the money payable to school, not the student. Rho Chi's concern is that the fellowship should provide a benefit to the recipient that goes beyond what other graduate students get. The Committee will follow up with Bob Bachman about this issue. For example, using the fellowship for additional travel funds might be an option.

It was reported that an Electronic New Member Report is available now. The National Office is working with the programmer regarding adjustments. Additional information will be forthcoming.

It was decided that the Executive Council will meet in conjunction with AACP Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, with teleconferencing being available for those who cannot attend in person. An advisor's workshop will be held in conjunction with the reception at the AACP Meeting.

I was suggested to develop a way to disseminate chapter event highlights on the Society's website.

Committee Appointments (Robert McCarthy): Bob will make appointments to complete the following committees:

Awards – Jack Reynolds (chair) and regional counselors

Nominations – Karen Rascati, Chair

Audit – Need volunteers

Lecture Award – Doug Bricker, Chair

First-Year Graduate Fellowship – Karen Rascati, Chair

Website – Need volunteers

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Jungnickel
National Secretary