



## The Rho Chi Society

### Minutes of the Executive Council

**Monday, March 17, 2008    Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel    San Diego, CA**

**Call to Order:** Immediate Past-President Gary DeLander called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

Members Present: Immediate Past-President Gary DeLander, President Karen Rascati, Outgoing Immediate Past-President Gary Stoehr, President-Elect Robert McCarthy, Secretary Paul Jungnickel, Historian J. Douglas Bricker, Executive Vice-President A. Wayne Pittman, and National Office Administrative Assistant Gail Moriarty.

Regional Councilors Present: Paul Cady (VII) and Michael Wincor (VIII)

Regional Councilors Absent: Gina Garrison (I), Marc Harrold (II), Mary Ferrill (III), Melody Ryan (IV), Robert Soltis (V), and Beth Resman-Targoff (VI)

Student Representative Present: Whitney Caron (Gamma Gamma – Albany College of Pharmacy)

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the Executive Council Meetings on March 19, 2007 (Atlanta, GA) and July 14, 2007 (Orlando, FL) were approved at the Annual Meeting on March 16, 2008.

**Consideration of Reports:** The Executive Council considered the Committee Reports for the past year.

Executive Vice-President Pittman discussed the Society's 5-year financial analysis and indicated that the cost of jewelry had recently increased by 50 percent. The Council discussed the need for a dues increase. It was noted that the last dues increase was 6 or 7 years ago, with national dues being increased from \$39 to \$50. The National Office was asked to explore alternative vendors to see if the Society could obtain a lower price for jewelry without compromising quality and service. It was moved, seconded and passed to increase the national dues by the amount necessary to offset the increase in jewelry costs.

**Review of the Annual Meeting:** The Council discussed the previous day's annual meeting, particularly related to possible changes in format. Suggestions included separating the business

meeting from the awards program and presenting the awards ceremony and lecture prior to the business meeting. Executive Vice-President Pittman will consult with APhA to explore the changes in format that might be allowed.

Secretary Jungnickel briefly reviewed the notes from the roundtable discussions. He will compile a synopsis of the comments that will be appended to the Annual Meeting Minutes and posted on the Society's website.

This led to a discussion of regional meetings. It was decided to have the regional councilors contact those chapters whose schools will be holding the ASP Midyear Regional Meetings (MRMs) and suggest that these chapters host regional Rho Chi Meetings in conjunction with the ASP MRMs. It was moved, seconded, and passed to provide the greater amount of \$200 per chapter attending or \$1000 to support those regions that hold regional meetings.

**Unfinished Business:** A discussion of the chapter awards program centered on the criteria for and selection of the most improved chapter award. The Council also discussed the format and submission of reports. Chapters are also encouraged to consider how their activities relate to the Mission and Vision of Rho Chi.

Executive Vice-President Pittman discussed the possibility of moving the Executive Council Meeting from Monday Morning to Sunday Evening. There was no interest in this proposal.

Immediate Past President DeLander stated that the University of British Columbia was interested in establishing a Rho Chi Chapter. He indicated that he will work with Dean Sindelar to assist him in contacting some successful Rho Chi Chapters. President-Elect McCarthy suggested that we invite the Canadian Pharmacy Schools to attend our reception at the AACP Meeting in Chicago.

An ad hoc committee was appointed to explore Society awards on Recognition for Extraordinary Service to the Society. Historian Bricker will chair this committee, which will also include Immediate Past President DeLander and Region II Councilor Harrold. They will develop a proposal for such awards, including selection criteria, to be presented at the July 2008 Executive Council Meeting.

**New Business:** The Executive Council discussed various issues related to the Rho Chi Lecture Award. It was moved, seconded and passed to identify Dr. Henry Manassee as the 2009 Lecture Award recipient. It was a general consensus that Lecture Award nominees need to be indentified two years in advance and the Lecture Award Committee needs to follow-up with individuals who can champion specific nominees. A goal of three nominees for the 2010 Lecture Award was suggested.

In 2008 there were only 4 chapters that selected individuals for the Rho Chi Alumni Honor Roll, and the Council discussed the relevance of the award and ways to get more participation from chapters. It was suggested that chapter faculty advisors be more strongly encouraged to help identify individuals for consideration. It was suggested that the Council develop additional means that the Alumni Honor Roll could be recognized, including publishing the names as a preamble to the American Journal of Pharmacy Education publication of the Lecture. President Rascati will consider the appointment of an ad hoc committee to explore these issues.

In 2008, two First-Year Graduate Scholarships were awarded, instead of one as in past years. The Executive Council discussed the possibility of altering criteria to allow for the awarding of more than one scholarship. It was suggested to change the Society's website to say that "generally one scholarship is given." This would give the Society the discretion to award more than one scholarship.

Considerable time was spent discussing the issue of new chapter petitions in light of the many new schools of pharmacy that have been and are being opened. The Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville petition could not be considered at yesterday's Annual Meeting because it was not evident that the members being inducted had completed at least one-half of the didactic curriculum.

Currently the Society allows new chapters to be established at schools and colleges of pharmacy with candidate status from ACPE. Significant concern was expressed about this practice given that some of the new schools/colleges may not become accredited by ACPE. They could use the establishment of a Rho Chi chapter as a means to support their application for ACPE accreditation.

It was moved, seconded and passed to ask the Society's Bylaws Committee to develop proposed Bylaws revisions to limit the establishment of new chapters to only those schools and colleges of pharmacy that are fully accredited by ACPE. It was further suggested that the Bylaws Committee be asked to explore changes that would make it possible for graduates of schools/colleges in candidate status to be eligible for full membership in the Society at the time their chapter is installed after receiving full accreditation.

It was moved, seconded and passed (one opposed, one abstention) that the Society place a moratorium on the approval of petitions (with the exception of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville) from schools and colleges of pharmacy that are not fully accredited by ACPE.

The Executive Council Meeting held in conjunction with the AACP Annual Meeting in Chicago, will tentatively be a dinner meeting on Saturday, July 19, 2008.

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul W. Jungnickel, Secretary