



**The Rho Chi Society**  
**Minutes of the Executive Council**

**Monday, March 19, 2007**

**Durango Oak Fire Steakhouse**

**Atlanta, GA**

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President Gary E. DeLander called the Meeting to order at 11:45 am.

Members Present: Immediate Past-President Gary P. Stoehr, President Gary E. DeLander, President-Elect Karen L. Rascati, Executive Vice-President A. Wayne Pittman, Historian J. Douglas Bricker, and National Office Administrative Assistant Gail R. Moriarty

Members Absent: Paul W. Jungnickel, Secretary

Regional Councilors Present: Jack Reynolds (Immediate Past Councilor I), Jonathan J. Wolfe (VI), Paul Cady (VII), and Anne Y. Lin (VIII).

Regional Councilors Absent: Gina Garrison (I); Dong-Churl Suh (II), Mary J. Ferrill (III); Karen Kopacek (IV); Robert Soltis (V);

Student Representative Present: Emmanuelle Mirsakov (Theta - University of Southern California).

The minutes from the March 20, 2006 (San Francisco, CA) and July 10, 2006 (San Diego, CA) Executive Council Meetings were approved. All committee reports had been referred to the Executive Council and the President's report had been distributed in the Delegate and Executive Council packets.

Consideration of Reports:

President's Report – President DeLander's report was distributed in the Delegate and Executive Council packets at the Annual Meeting on March 19.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Wayne Pittman's detailed Financial Report was included in the Executive Council packets. Executive Vice President Pittman suggested that a timely strategy be developed to utilize some of the Society's funds. A recommendation was also made that financial support for regional meetings be increased. President-Elect Karen Rascati made a motion that support in the amount of \$1000 be available for regional project proposals. The motion was approved. (Need to contact Advisors and Regional Councilors.)

Audit Committee (Jack Reynolds - Chair): The audit was completed as instructed. Chairman Reynolds presented his report at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 18.

To facilitate registration, a recommendation was made that a specified number of badges be mailed to advisors for distribution in advance of the meeting for Presidents, Members, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Advisor.

Nominating Committee (Gary P. Stoehr, Chair) – Chairman Stoehr reported on the 2007 slate of candidates for Regional Councilors for the odd-number regions, Historian and Secretary. For 2008 elections, the Committee will seek candidates for Regional Councilors for the even-

numbered regions as well as the office of President-Elect. A slate of candidates will be prepared for presentation to the Executive Council by October.

Chapter Awards Committee (Karen Rascati - Chair): Chairman Rascati reported that the Committee was pleased with the chapter awards process and results this year. The Committee would like to see if the process could be improved if the deadlines are pushed a little. If chapters want to be considered for awards, the reports should be submitted by the published deadline. For 2008, Chairman Rascati will initially review the reports and pare down the numbers to the top ten reports from the even numbered and top ten reports from the odd number regions. These will be forwarded to the Regional Councilors for their evaluation/recommendations. Council members discussed the evaluation process for the reports. Copies of the proposed point system were distributed to delegates at the Annual Meeting on March 18. The consensus of the Council was that the point system should not be punitive. The three main objectives of the report should be: impact of the chapter, member participation and originality of activities. A recommendation was made that the system and outline be used as a guide this year to provide more structure to the reports. Chairman Rascati and Jack Reynolds will work to tweak the report and point system.

The Council also discussed broadening the awards recognition to include most improved chapter -- at present, there is not much incentive for small chapters to develop award proposals. After much discussion of recognition for chapter awards, proposals and innovative ideas, Karen Rascati and Doug Bricker will help develop recognition for top chapters and chapters deeming honorable mention and will bring their recommendations to the Council.

First Year Graduate Scholarship Committee (Victoria F. Roche, Chair) – President DeLander reported for Chairman Roche. It was a struggle to get applicants for this award; however, it was a good candidate pool this year. Victoria Roche has agreed to chair the Committee again for next year.

Research Fellowship Scholarship Committee (Anne Y. Lin, Chair) – Chairman Lin reported there were four applicants for the award this year – the Committee would like to have more candidates. Anne Lin has agreed to chair the Committee again next year. The Committee will seek ways to distribute information regarding the availability of the award. Continued support from Eli Lilly and Company will be pursued.

Lecture Award Committee: J. Douglas Bricker will chair the committee for 2007-2008.

Faculty Advisor Award – An email reminder will be sent to Chapter Presidents reminding them of the deadline for submission of nominations for the Faculty Advisor Award which will be presented at the AACP meeting in July, 2007.

### Review of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

The Council discussed and commented on the 2007 Annual Meeting:

- Meeting was too long
- Too much business
- Order of the meeting should be reversed
- Most of the information is in the delegate packets – no need to review – will address questions if necessary
- Format should be Awards – Lecture – Business

- Better advertise the Lecture Award
- Other items: Need multiple reminders of deadlines
- Add other officers to the listservs (include President, Secretary and Advisor on all correspondence to chapters)

New Business:

The Council discussed possible nominees for the Lecture Award. Council members were asked to submit names of nominees to Doug Bricker. Nominees need to exemplify the mission/vision of the Society.

Executive Vice President Pittman distributed a handout on member disqualification and discussed the wording in the current Constitution and Bylaws (1999 Revision) and proposed wording for the proposed 2007 Revision. The process would start at the Chapter level, however, in many instances because of confidentiality rules, the Chapter Advisors may not be aware of problems. If the infraction is public record, a process could be started to remove a member. It was recommended that the wording should be changed to a “letter from the Dean’s Office” and “after all appeals are exhausted or waived.” After discussion, it was recommended that Executive Vice President Pittman will make changes and present the recommendations in the Fall of 2007.

Executive Vice President Pittman reported that he talked with Julie Webb of ASHP prior to the Executive Council Meeting regarding their Vantage Program. The Council had previously discussed developing a sustaining program that could be identified with Rho Chi. Council members discussed several ideas regarding this type of program and felt that it deemed further pursuit. Council approved Executive Vice President Pittman working with Julie via a meeting in Chapel Hill or she is invited to the Executive Council Session at AACP in July.

Executive Vice President Pittman discussed the status of Alpha Chi Chapter, Wayne State University with the Council. The Council will defer action until Executive Vice President Pittman can talk with Dean Schmoll from Wayne State.

Executive Vice President Pittman also discussed a request from the current President of Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Xavier University of New Orleans regarding replacement of jewelry and certificates lost by members in Hurricane Katrina. The Council supported this replacement once appropriate information is received from the Chapter.

President DeLander reported that he will be updating the Committee assignments for 2007-2008.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Next meeting: July 14, 2007, at AACP Annual Meeting in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Moriarty  
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