



96th Annual Meeting

March 2020

AGENDA AND MEETING MATERIALS

The 96th Annual Meeting of the Rho Chi Society was held virtually due to extenuating circumstances (COVID-19 pandemic) that resulted in cancellation of the APhA annual meeting. The alternate, virtual format for the business meeting of the Rho Chi Society was approved by the Executive Council and executed by staff. Online voting was used to elect new officers.

- I. Report of the National President: President Susan M. Meyer
 - a. Recognition of Officers and Regional Councilors completing their terms of office
 - i. Immediate Past President Brad Boucher
 - ii. Steven Scott – Region IV-West
 - iii. Amanda Stahnke – Region VI
 - iv. Veronica Bandy – Region VIII
- II. Report of the National Office: Executive Vice President Karen B. Farris
- III. Report of the Auditing Committee: Paul Jungnickel, Chair
- IV. Report of the Nominating Committee: Immediate Past-President Bradley A. Boucher, Chair
 - a. Sample Ballot for:
 - i. President-elect
 - ii. Regional Councilors for Even-Numbered Regions: II, IV-E, IV-W, VI, V

Note: The following information is presented on slides in the materials

- V. Result of the Lecture Award Committee: Historian Cynthia Phillips
 - a. Postponed
- VI. Result of the Chapter Awards Committee: President-Elect Emmanuelle Schwartzman, Chair
 - b. **Chapter Achievement Award** - The Chapter Achievement Award is based on the activities and accomplishments reported by chapters for the preceding year (2018-2019) and their relationship to the mission of the Rho Chi Society. Chapter reports also include a description of how the chapter's activities add value to local member's Rho Chi experience. The achievements and videos of the finalists for this award are posted [on our website](#).

2018-2019 Regional Finalists for Chapter Achievement Award

Region I	Beta Delta, St. John's University
Region II	Omicron, University of Maryland
Region III-East	Lambda, Virginia Commonwealth University
Region III-South	Chi, University of Mississippi
Region III-West	Alpha Nu, University of Tennessee



Region IV-East	Delta Kappa, Sullivan University
Region IV-West	Phi, University of Illinois
Region V	Kappa, North Dakota State University
Region VI (tie)	Beta Upsilon, Southwestern Oklahoma State Univ
	Gamma Omega, Texas A & M Health Science Ctr
Region VII	Delta Gamma, University of British Columbia
Region VIII	Theta, University of Southern California

Alpha Nu Chapter, University of Tennessee was selected as the recipient of the 2018-19 Chapter Achievement Award. The chapter will receive a plaque recognizing this accomplishment and a student representative from the chapter will participate as a member of the Executive Council for the 2020-21 year.

- c. **Most Improved Chapter Award** - The Most Improved Chapter Award is awarded to a chapter whose current students and advisors have made great strides to increase the activities/projects of the chapter in the recent year.

2018-2019 Finalists Most Improved Chapter Award

Alpha Eta Chapter	Rutgers University
Alpha Omega Chapter	University of Missouri
Beta Delta Chapter	St. John's University
Chi Chapter	University of Mississippi
Phi Chapter	University of Illinois

Phi Chapter, University of Illinois at Chicago, was selected as the 2018-2019 Most Improved Chapter Award. The chapter will receive a plaque recognizing this accomplishment and a student representative from the chapter will participate as a member of the Executive Council for the 2020-21 year.

- d. **Chapter Project Proposal Awards** - Chapter Project Proposal Awards are given to selected chapters for their descriptions of chapter projects that are consistent with the mission and vision of the Society. These Chapters receive \$500 award to execute their project.
- 2020 (Spring Submissions)
 - Alpha Iota Chapter***, Medical University of South Carolina, for its project "Implementing Education and Training Related to Opioid Overdose and Reversal for Healthcare Students.



2. **Gamma Sigma Chapter**, Western University of Health Sciences, for its project "Clearing the Air: Delivering Updates on Electronic Cigarettes to the Community and Health Professionals."

ii. 2019 (Summer Submissions)

1. **Alpha Xi Chapter**, University of Kentucky, for its project "New Beginnings: providing personalized education to pregnant women and new mothers struggling with substance use disorder as well as assessing and addressing their healthcare needs."
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VII. Result of the Faculty/Advisor Award Committee

- e. The National Faculty Advisor Award recognizes the Faculty Advisor who consistently makes unique contributions to his or her chapter and continuously supports the chapter members in their endeavors. *The 2020 recipient is **Bradley Boucher** from Alpha Nu Chapter, University of Tennessee.*

VIII. Result of the Scholarship/Fellowship Committee: Secretary Andrew Smith, Chair

- f. The Rho Chi Clinical Research Scholarship is applied toward fellowship funding or research costs during the second year of a clinical research fellowship. *The 2020-21 recipient is **John Saunders**, member of Gamma Alpha Chapter, University of Utah.*
- g. In partnership with the American Foundation of Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) the First Year Graduate Scholarship is awarded to a pharmacy student in the final year of professional studies. *The 2019-20 recipient is **Keito Hoshitsuki**, Alpha Omicron, University of Pittsburgh.*

IX. National Office Recognitions: EVP Karen B Farris

- h. Alumni Honor Roll - Chapters can honor their outstanding alumni and it is the Society's pleasure to recognize them as members of the Alumni Honor Roll. The names of these individuals are added to the Society's Web site and they receive recognition through their chapters.

The 2020 Chapter Alumni Honor Roll designees are:

- Cameron C. Lindsey, Alpha Omega Chapter, University of Missouri at Kansas City
- Gail D. Anderson, Rho Chapter, University of Washington
- Marcus T. Autry, Gamma Chapter, The University of Oklahoma



- i. Advisor Recognition – 5, 10, 15, 20+ Years of Service
 - j. Chapter Anniversaries
- X. New Business
- k. Social Media Profiles – Join us, tag us, like us on:
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. LinkedIn
 - iii. Instagram
 - iv. Twitter
 - l. Announcements
 - m. Three petitions to establish a new chapter of The Rho Chi Society:
 - i. University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas
 - ii. West Coast University, Los Angeles, California
 - iii. Keck Graduate Institute (KGI), Claremont, California
- XI. New President's Welcome Message

To be reported online March 27, 2020

- a. President-elect
- b. Regional Councilors from Even-Numbered Regions (Regions II, IV-E, IV-W, VI, VIII)
- c. Two student representatives for Executive Council
- d. Status of three new chapter petitions

April 2020 Executive Council Meeting (online)

- I. Installation of New Officers -will take place during the April Executive Council meeting under the direction of President Schwartzman
- II. The Credentials Committee Report will be shared to the Executive Council in April 2020, based on completed voting by active chapters.

The Rho Chi Society

Report of the National President

96th Annual Meeting

March 2020

It is my pleasure to provide you with this summary of the Society's activities and accomplishments since the 2019 annual meeting in Seattle, Washington.

At the close of calendar 2019, we successfully completed the launch of our national office in its new home at the University of Michigan. The leadership torch was passed from Interim Executive Vice President A. Wayne Pittman and long-time Society administrator Gail Moriarty. The Society flourished under their leadership and we are grateful for their guidance through the transition. Our new staff, Executive Vice President Karen Farris and Program Manager Cindy Diakow, led us through the first full year of activity under our Strategic Plan, revised in 2018, that will take us through 2023.

For records of the work of the Executive Council, I refer you to the archived approved minutes, accessible on the Society's Web site. The Audit Report submitted by Audit Committee Chair Paul A. Jungnickel and the Financial Summary provided by the National Office indicate that the Society is in good financial health. These reports are also accessible in the business materials on the Society's Web site.

In addition to the Society's standing committees, whose charges are outlined in our bylaws, four task forces were appointed and charged with efforts directly tied to the strategic plan.

- Former Rho Chi National President Jack Reynolds (Dean, Northeastern University) led a Mission Critical Task Force charged to recommend revised criteria for initial membership in the Society consistent with emerging definitions of intellectual excellence; a revised application process to reflect updated member eligibility determinations; and criteria, if appropriate, for sustained membership in the Society beyond initial induction. The task force completed this challenging task and its recommendations will be considered by the Executive Council. Proposed changes with implications for our bylaws will be presented to the delegates for a vote in 2021.
- President-Elect Emmanuelle Schwartzman led a task force that developed clearer expectations for chapter annual reports and created the rubric that is now used by Regional Councilors to more effectively evaluate those reports. This work was intended to stimulate chapter activities that more directly advance the mission and vision of the Society.
- Secretary Andy Smith led a Communications Task Force that has recommended strategies to foster communication and collaboration among chapters; more effectively use the Alumni Honor Roll distinction; increase the visibility of Rho Chi members' professional achievements; and actively engage members who serve as faculty and preceptors at schools and colleges of pharmacy. Throughout the coming year, you will notice improvements to the Society's Web site, including changes to its structure, content, and accessibility, that were recommended by the task force.

- Looking forward to the Society's centennial in 2022, Rho Chi Historian Cynthia Phillips led the Centennial Planning Task Force, which is developing a portfolio of events to commemorate the Society's first 100 years and look forward to the Society's next 100 years. A year-long series of events will launch in 2021 and run through 2022.

My two-year term as national president comes to a close under unusual health, social, and economic circumstances. It is at times such as this that we are reminded of the critical roles pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists have -- in the care of patients and communities; in the response to national and global health emergencies, in meeting longer-term health needs; and in the discovery of new knowledge, tools, and processes to protect and improve health. The Rho Chi Society's commitment to the pursuit of intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession has withstood the test of time and remains as important today as it was at our founding in 1922. I am enthusiastic about the work underway to assure that the Society continues to recognize intellectual achievement and stimulate critical inquiry in ways that are meaningful in the contemporary pharmacy education environment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Meyer, PhD
National President 2018 - 2020
The Rho Chi Society



Karen B. Farris, PhD, Executive Vice President
The Rho Chi Society

EVP Report
2020 National Convention
March 17, 2020

This report is divided into five sections.

1. Context

Early 2020 is an interesting time in our lives as the coronavirus has caused us to practice 'social distancing' and to work from home, and all of our universities are teaching online to complete the semester. We are working as a society to stem the spread of the virus to reduce its health impact, yet we can already see the economic impact as our restaurants, schools, sports, and social events are all canceled. In early March, The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) canceled their annual meeting, causing our National Convention to move to an online format. For the first time, business meeting items will be posted on **rhochi.org** and delegates will vote online.

2. Moving the Rho Chi Society National Office

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, where I am a Professor, is pleased to host The Rho Chi Society National Office. I took the oath of office at the 2019 Rho Chi Society National Convention/annual meeting, and we set about to execute a contract between the University of Michigan and The Rho Chi Society. The contract was finalized July 23, 2019, and Cindy Diakow joined the National Office on July 29, 2019. We began to move the National Office from Chapel Hill, NC to Ann Arbor, MI in August, and all chapter support, financial transfers and inventory were moved to the Ann Arbor office effective December 20, 2019.

3. 2019-2020 Priorities

Our priorities in the National Office have been:

- Move day-to-day operations of the National Office to Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Support the work of the standing committees as well as Task Forces established by President Meyer
- Implement recommendations from the Communications Task Force to hire a new web designer to implement greater online functionality including member payments, submission of yearly reports, and purchasing of Rho Chi products
- Initiate and grow our social media presence to engage Rho Chi members, including alumni so that they can mentor and support our active chapter members
- File articles of incorporation in Michigan and hire an attorney to work with us to change our tax status from 501c7 to 501c3
- Develop and execute a cycle of quarterly meetings of the Executive Council and monthly meetings of the National Office and President



4. Updates on Budget

The financial viability of The Rho Chi Society is positive, and the audit report attests to this status, but it also raises significant concerns. In 2019, the operating expenses were \$328,002.29 and income was \$234,902.69, resulting in a deficit of **\$93,099.60**. Part of the deficit was due to the maintenance of two National Offices as well as increasing National Convention expenses. We also had deficit in 2018, arising for similar reasons. While we have \$620,684.37 cash on hand, we must take action to ensure the financial viability of the organization.

We must take immediate steps to increase revenue and decrease expenses. I am recommending an increase in the life-time membership fee from \$65 to \$100 to begin Fall 2020. This recommendation will be voted on at the March 21, 2020 Executive Council meeting, per guidance in By-law Article III, Section 9. Notably, life-time membership fees have not increased since 2007.

In addition to a fee increase, the National Office is working to generate revenue from Rho Chi promotional products, particularly those related to the Centennial celebration. We are also working to reduce expenses by lowering product inventory, reducing postage/handling via online purchasing of Rho Chi insignia, and lowering National Convention/annual meeting costs.

Finally, the change in our tax status to 501c3 provides opportunity for us to grow our financial investments to support our Centennial celebrations as well as grow our scholarship and award programs. Sponsorships and donations are expected to allow us to fund our Centennial celebrations with minor impact on our current expenses.

5. The Rho Chi Honor Society 100th Celebration 2021-2022

We look forward to launching our Centennial Celebration activities at the 2021 Rho Chi National Convention in Los Angeles, CA and continuing them through 2022. We will soon be posting the State of Michigan 1922 articles of incorporation and many relics under History at **rhochi.org**!

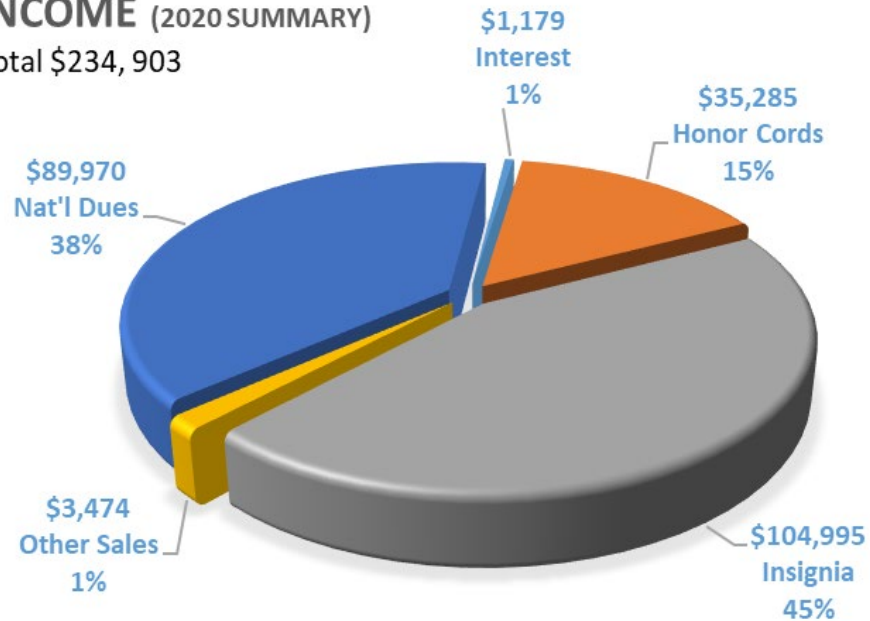


The Rho Chi Society

2019 Financial Summary The Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society

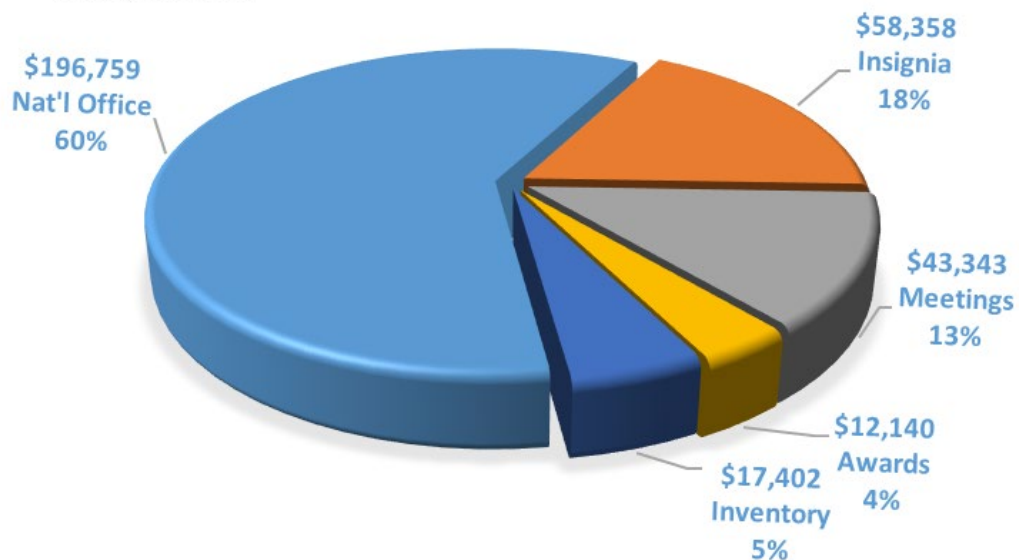
INCOME (2020 SUMMARY)

Total \$234,903



EXPENSES (2020 SUMMARY)

Total \$328,002





AUBURN UNIVERSITY
HARRISON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

March 17, 2019

Susan Meyer, Ph.D.
National President
Rho Chi Society

RE: Report of Audit of 2019 Rho Chi Financial Records

Dear Dr. Meyer:

The Rho Chi Audit Committee consisting of Gary DeLander, Susan Skledar, and Paul Jungnickel (Chair) was charged to review the Society's 2019 Financial Records. Cindy Diakow, Program Manager, provided the Society's Financial Records to the Committee's members.

The Society's financial records were complicated somewhat by the transfer of funds associated with the relocation of the National Office from the University of North Carolina to the University of Michigan. These changes included closing the Wells Fargo Checking Account, liquidating a money market account, and liquidating 3 certificates of deposit. Money from all aforementioned accounts was transferred to a new checking account at the Bank of Ann Arbor.

The Committee finds all financial records to be in good order, with only minor discrepancies that need to be addressed:

- On page 2 of the 2019 Treasurer's Report, the year 2017 needs to be corrected to the correct year of 2019.
- On August 27, 2019, the balance (\$118,213.19) in the Wells Fargo Money Market Account was transferred to the Bank of Ann Arbor. The amount shown in the Quicken entry is \$118,146.17 which was the ending balance of this account on December 31, 2018.
- For November 29, 2019 the Wells Fargo account shows an interest payment of \$1.11, while the entry in Quicken shows an amount of \$1.00 for this transaction.
- For December 31, 2019 the Wells Fargo account shows an interest payment of \$1.89 and a \$2.00 monthly check return/image fee. Neither of these transactions were found in the Quicken records provided to the Committee.

While not directly related to the Committee's auditing function, the Committee did notice that 2019 was the second consecutive year where the Society's operating expenses significantly exceeded the revenue received. Relevant financial issues are as follows:

- The operations deficits were \$93,009.60 for 2019 and \$47,762.59 for 2018.
- Total expenses were \$328,002.79 for 2019 and \$271,267.84 for 2018.
- Net equity at the end of 2019 was \$620,684.37 compared with \$715,309.36 at the end of 2018.

The Committee realizes that the Society has had significant additional expenses during the past two years related to multiple relocations of the National Office. Of particular note is that the amount spent on staff salaries in 2019 was about \$70,000 more than for 2018; this is explained by the simultaneous maintenance of two offices. The Committee also noted the \$5,000 gift to the Wincor Family Endowment in memory of former Executive Vice President Michael Wincor, which is not a typical expense. While

these are logical explanations, the Committee does consider consecutive years with significant deficits to be a concerning trend that the Executive Council needs to address with additional revenue or reduced expenses.

Given the extraordinary times we are living in, other more important priorities prevented Gary DeLander from reviewing the Society's Financial Records at this time. I am submitting this audit report on behalf of the Committee, even though it reflects the review of records by only Susan Skledar and myself. I am requesting the National Office to allow Gary DeLander to review the Society's Records at later time and to submit any additional comments that he may deem to be appropriate.

On behalf of the Committee's members, thank you for the opportunity to serve Rho Chi in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul W. Jungnickel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Paul W. Jungnickel, Ph.D., R.Ph.
Chair, Rho Chi Audit Committee

C: Karen Farris, Executive Vice President
Cindy Diakow, Program Manager
Susan Skledar
Gary DeLander

2020 Rho Chi Society Elections

The voting body of the National Convention shall consist of one delegate from each chapter and the National Officers. Voting delegates from one-third of the active chapters shall constitute a quorum to conduct elections (43 out of 129 must submit a vote). In the event of a quorum being unobtainable, business may be transacted and then communicated to chapters for ratification, which will require a two-thirds affirmative vote. <http://rhochi.org/2020-elections>

President-elect Candidates

Lucio Volino

(Rutgers – Executive Council Member 2014-2018) [bio](#)

Melody Ryan

(University of Kentucky – Executive Council Member 2008-2010) [bio](#)

Regional Councilor Candidates (Regions II, IV-E, IV-W, VI, VIII)

Vote for one candidate **in your region**:

Region II:

Elena Umland (Thomas Jefferson) (incumbent) [bio](#)

Thomas Franko (Wilkes University) [bio](#)

Region IV-East:

Esther Penni Black (University of Kentucky) (incumbent) [bio](#)

Lynette Moser (Wayne State University) [bio](#)

Region IV-West:

Scott Hanes (Rosalind Franklin University) [bio](#)

Milena McLaughlin Murray (Midwestern University – Chicago) [bio](#)

Region VI:

Amy Franks (University of Arkansas) [bio](#)

Mallory Turner (Harding University) [bio](#)

Region VIII:

Jennifer Trujillo (University of Colorado) [bio](#)

Jelena Lewis (Chapman University) [bio](#)

The Vote for New Chapters

An affirmative vote of three-fourths of the active chapters shall be necessary for the granting of a charter.(97 out of 129 chapters must approve each chapter).



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2020 Lecture Award

Postponed

Chapter Achievement Award Finalists

- ▶ Region I Beta Delta, St. John's University
- ▶ Region II Omicron, University of Maryland
- ▶ Region III-East Lambda, Virginia Commonwealth University
- ▶ Region III-South Chi, University of Mississippi
- ▶ Region III-West Alpha Nu, University of Tennessee
- ▶ Region IV-East Delta Kappa, Sullivan University
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- ▶ Region VIII Theta, University of Southern California

Congratulations!

*** Alpha Nu Chapter ***

University of Tennessee

Chapter Achievement Award

Most Improved Chapter Finalists

- ❖ Alpha Eta Chapter, Rutgers University
- ❖ Alpha Omega Chapter, University of Missouri
- ❖ Beta Delta Chapter, St. John's University
- ❖ Chi Chapter, University of Mississippi
- ❖ Phi Chapter, University of Illinois

Congratulations!

*** Phi Chapter ***

University of Illinois

Most Improved Chapter Award

Chapter Project Proposal Award Spring 2020

Alpha Iota Chapter

Medical University of South Carolina

“Implementing Education and Training Related to Opioid
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Faculty Advisor Award

Bradley Boucher

Alpha Nu Chapter
University of Tennessee

Clinical Research Scholarship Recipient 2020

John Saunders

Gamma Alpha Chapter

University of Utah

First Year Graduate Scholarship Fellowship Recipient 2019

Keito Hoshitsuki

Alpha Omicron Chapter
University of Pittsburgh
(In partnership with AFPE)

Alumni Honor Roll 2020

Cameron C. Lindsey

University of Missouri Kansas City

Gail D. Anderson

University of Washington

Marcus T. Autry

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

Advisor Recognition

20+ Years of Service

Twenty+ Years of Service as a Chapter Advisor:

- ▶ Robert M. Riggs, Ph.D
 - ▶ Beta Beta Chapter, 25 years at Samford University
 - ▶ Alpha Xi Chapter, 4 years at University of Kentucky
 - ▶ Happy Retirement!
- ▶ Gary Theilman
 - ▶ Chi Chapter, 20 years at University of Mississippi

Advisor Recognition

15 Years of Service

Fifteen Years of Service as a Chapter Advisor:

- ▶ Linda Garrelts MacLean - Epsilon, Washington State University
- ▶ Jeff Aeschlimann - Alpha Gamma, University of Connecticut
- ▶ Margaret A. Weck - Beta Kappa, St. Louis College of Pharmacy
- ▶ Gina Garrison - Gamma Gamma, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS)

Advisor Recognition

10 Years of Service

Ten Years of Service as a Chapter Advisor:

- ▶ Nathan J. Cherrington - Alpha Psi, University of Arizona
- ▶ Amy Franks - Beta Iota, Univ of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- ▶ Mary Ann Cooper - Gamma Pi, MCPHS University
- ▶ Mohammad T. Nutan - Gamma Omega, Texas A & M HSC

Advisor Recognition

5 Years of Service

Five Years of Service as a Chapter Advisor:

- ▶ Karen Marlowe - Zeta, Auburn University
- ▶ Nicole Noel - Alpha Zeta, Purdue University
- ▶ Steven Scott - Alpha Zeta, Purdue University
- ▶ Jennifer Trujillo - Alpha Theta, University of Colorado
- ▶ Patrick S. Callery - Alpha Mu, West Virginia University
- ▶ Molly Steed - Alpha Rho, University of Kansas
- ▶ Elizabeth Englin - Alpha Omega, Univ of Missouri at Kansas City

Advisor Recognition

5 Years of Service

Five Years of Service as a Chapter Advisor:

- ▶ Lisa Cillessen - Alpha Omega, University of Missouri at Kansas City
- ▶ Erica Ottis - Alpha Omega, University of Missouri at Kansas City
- ▶ Kimberly Schmude - Beta Eta, University of Toledo
- ▶ Katie Lynn Axford - Beta Mu, Ferris State University
- ▶ David C. Bruch - Beta Phi, University of Wyoming
- ▶ David J. Hutchinson - Delta Zeta, St. John Fisher College

Advisor Recognition

5 Years of Service

Five Years of Service as a Chapter Advisor:

- ▶ Yen Dang - Delta Sigma, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- ▶ Jennifer Bailey - Delta Tau, Notre Dame of Maryland University
- ▶ Daniel Berlau - Delta Psi, Regis University
- ▶ David A. Gettman - Epsilon Beta, D'Youville College
- ▶ Lloyd F. Alfonso - Epsilon Beta, D'Youville College
- ▶ William J. Lindblad - Epsilon Gamma, Husson University

Advisor Recognition

5 Years of Service

Five Years of Service as a Chapter Advisor:

- ▶ Michael J. Lee - Epsilon Delta, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - Georgia Campus
- ▶ Dean L. Arneson - Epsilon Zeta, Concordia University Wisconsin
- ▶ Beth DeJongh - Epsilon Zeta, Concordia University Wisconsin
- ▶ Christopher Cunningham - Epsilon Zeta, Concordia Univ Wisconsin
- ▶ Milena McLaughlin - Gamma Kappa, Midwestern University-Chicago
- ▶ Adegoke Adeniji - Gamma Upsilon , South University

2020 Anniversary Chapters

- ❖ Diamond Anniversary - 75 years

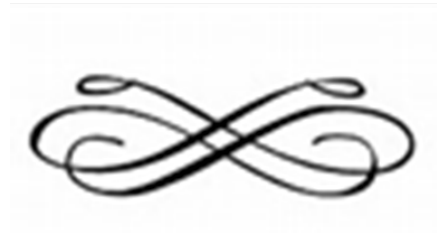
Alpha Zeta

Purdue University

- ❖ Silver Anniversary - 25 years

Gamma Kappa

Midwestern University, Chicago



Join Us, Like Us, Tag Us!

New Social Media Profiles

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of Pharmacy ([Group](#))*

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[Rho Chi Society](#)

LINKEDIN



*Rho Chi Society - Academic Honor Society of
Pharmacy ([Group Page](#))*

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REMINDER

Annual Chapter Report Due by May 15, 2020


New online form will be ready and available by April 1st

REMEMBER VOTE ONLINE

Ballot link will be sent to registered chapter delegates

Deadline March 25, 2020

Must vote in order to be considered in attendance at Annual Meeting

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*See you next year for the
launch of our Centennial
celebrations!*

All Rho Chi members are welcome!

New National Office Location!

Rho Chi Society National Office

University of Michigan

College of Pharmacy

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21 August 2019

The Rho Chi Society
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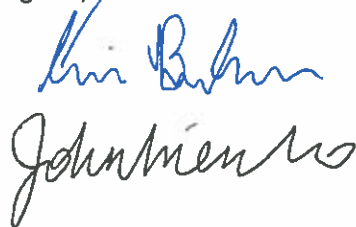
Please accept this request for consideration for establishment of a chapter of The Rho Chi Society at the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy (FCOP) at The University of Texas at Tyler. Our mission is to advance public health and wellness in East Texas and beyond through innovation and collaboration in pharmacy education, scholarship and advocacy. FCOP is dedicated to developing the next generation of pharmacists and the profession of pharmacy through pharmacy practice, education, scholarship, and public service. The opportunity to establish a new chapter of The Rho Chi Society would be an honor and great achievement for FCOP.

FCOP was founded in 2013 and graduated its inaugural class of students in May of 2019. This was a great accomplishment for the College, University and the East Texas community. Subsequent to that achievement, we received full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) in July 2019. Now that we have met the necessary milestones, we hope to found a chapter and grant charter memberships to those eligible from our pioneer class.

FCOP is dedicated to academic excellence and intellectual leadership, and we fully support the mission and vision of The Rho Chi Society. We would like to honor our students who meet the requirements for induction, and who have distinguished themselves through academic excellence.

In conclusion, we feel that FCOP meets all the requirements necessary to charter a chapter of The Rho Chi Society. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Kevin Burham, Hien "John" Ho, Cristina Rodriguez, Cherryl Joy Tronzon, Kevin Varughese
Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy
The University of Texas at Tyler

The Rho Chi Society

August 21, 2019

University of North Carolina
Eshelman School of Pharmacy
3210 Kerr Hall, CB#7569
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Re: Rho Chi Society Recommendation letter

Dear Rho Chi Society,

It is with great humility that I offer my recommendation to the Rho Chi Society in support of establishing a Rho Chi Society Chapter in the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy of The University of Texas at Tyler.

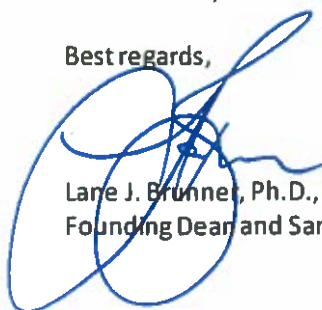
This past May we graduated our Pioneer Class of Doctor of Pharmacy Students. Furthermore, the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education granted the Fisch College accredited status during their June 2019 Board meeting.

Each on the list of eligible petitioners below has met the requirements set forth in Article III of the 2018 Revision of the National Bylaws of the Rho Chi Society and the petitioners have no known disciplinary action for academic reasons or unprofessional conduct.

Kevin Burnham, Hien "John" Ho, Cristina Rodriguez, Cherryl Joy Tronzon and Kevin Varughese

Thank you for your gracious consideration for allowing our College to establish a Chapter in the Rho Chi Honor Society. We look forward to many years of service to the Society and the profession.

Best regards,



Lane J. Brunner, Ph.D., R.Ph.
Founding Dean and Sam A. Lindsey Chair

September 25, 2019

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The Rho Chi Society
University of Michigan
College of Pharmacy
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Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1065

Re: West Coast University School of Pharmacy's Petition to Establish a Rho Chi Chapter

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter on behalf of West Coast University School of Pharmacy as a petition to establish a new chapter of the Rho Chi Academic Honor Society.

We are a group of committed students who, with faculty support, have taken the lead in establishing this chapter within our university. As petitioners, our goal is to motivate students to be persistent and acknowledge those who demonstrate excellence throughout the program's curriculum. This goal reflects the mission of Rho Chi Society and its aim to encourage students to attain the highest levels of achievement and recognition, thereby expanding the pharmacy profession by creating intellectual leaders.

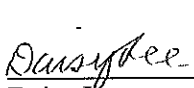
West Coast University School of Pharmacy is a small enrollment institution, which allows for provision of a student-centric culture and accommodation to the needs of its students. In addition, the university is committed to providing academic and supportive services to enhance student success.

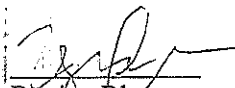
The establishment of this chapter is fully supported by West Coast University School of Pharmacy, with hopes to inspire students to achieve the highest honors and recognition by the Rho Chi Academic Honor Society.

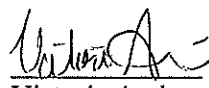
Our students' commitment and dedication to the pharmacy profession deserve recognition and we are excited to work alongside Rho Chi Society in furthering our mission.

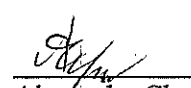
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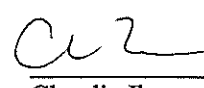
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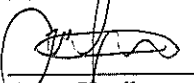

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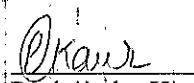

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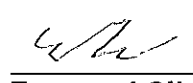

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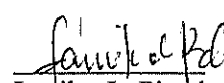

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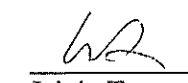

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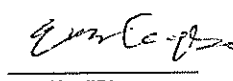

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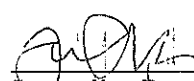

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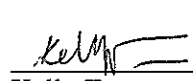

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Jaixin Tan,
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Jacqueline Raz
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Kelly Tran
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RE: Letter of Recommendation for School of Pharmacy Rho Chi Chapter

Dear Board Members,

I am delighted to support the establishment of the Rho Chi Society here at West Coast University's School of Pharmacy. In accordance with the requirements to establish a new chapter, I certify that the list of eligible petitioners from our program have indeed met all the requirements set forth in Article III of the national bylaws: "Members of the 2018 Revision of the National Bylaws of The Rho Chi Society" and that the petitioners have no known disciplinary action for academic reasons or for unprofessional conduct. To support the establishment of this organization within our School of Pharmacy, I have appointed Dr. Keri Hurley-Kim (Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice) as chapter advisor.

If you require additional information, please feel free to reach out to me directly at the contact information provided below.

All the best,



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To Whom It May Concern,

The students at Keck Graduate Institute, School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, located in Claremont, California, would like to request the establishment of a Rho Chi chapter. Our intent in establishing this chapter aligns with the mission of Rho Chi, which is to "encourage and recognize intellectual achievements." We, the petitioners, all come from various backgrounds; although we may have different plans to advance the science of pharmacy, we are all leaders on campus. In addition to distinguishing ourselves academically, we also take pride in our roles as valued members of our respective organizations (e.g. American Pharmacists Association, Industry Pharmacists Organization, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, among others), and in the contributions we make to our communities.

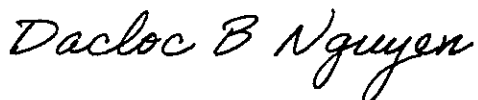
We plan to embody values that the Rho Chi Society represents by hosting events that align with its mission. A few programs that we plan to initiate once our chapter is established include a structured method for our colleagues to request tutoring and mentorship from our members. This will allow our members, who have consistently demonstrated academic excellence, to promote intellectual achievement and camaraderie within the School of Pharmacy. We also intend to create education and roundtable events where third- and fourth-year members can provide academic and experiential education advice to the rest of the student body. This would be achieved by hosting review sessions for classes, or recommending elective courses and rotations that our members believe have best supplemented their education. This will foster collaboration among the members with other pharmacy students and help establish a strong presence for the organization on our campus. Of course, we would also want to celebrate the achievements of those who fully embody the mission and values of the Rho Chi Society, by featuring a member to highlight their accomplishments and recognize their leadership. This could serve to motivate those featured or those who strive to be featured to continue to work hard and make meaningful contributions to their profession.

We further corroborate the vision of the Rho Chi Society by dedicating our careers to the progression of pharmacy. To be recognized by the Rho Chi Society for our scholarly

achievements would be an honor. Given the opportunity, we plan to uphold the intellectual excellence expected of Rho Chi members.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

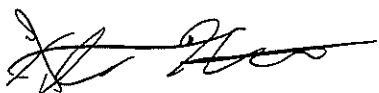
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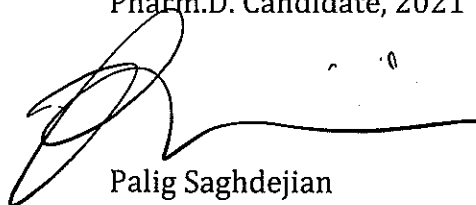
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Venie Pham
Pharm.D. Candidate, 2021



Amirsalar Sheykhsooltan
Pharm.D. Candidate, 2021



Palig Saghdejian
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RE: Letter of intent

Dear Rho Chi Society,

It is my pleasure to fully support our students in their efforts to develop a chapter of the Rho Chi Honor Society here at the KGI School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Our school is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. I am certain that our students and faculty members would appreciate and fully support a chapter on our campus. As a Rho Chi inductee of the Beta Delta chapter, St. John's University 1989, I am also pleased to serve as their faculty advisor.

List of eligible petitioners have met the requirements set forth in Article III: Members of the 2018. Revision of the National Bylaws of The Rho Chi Society and that the petitioners have no known disciplinary action for academic reasons or for unprofessional conduct:

Class of 2020: Diana Le, Briana Figlio, Sandy Dinh, Dacloc Nguyen, Thomas Lee, Christopher Baladad, Gerald Chen, Adrienne Desens, Wengel Haile, Taguhi Tagakchyan, Jessica Tran, Brian Ngo, Jessica Han, Emily Tat, Hongmy Pham

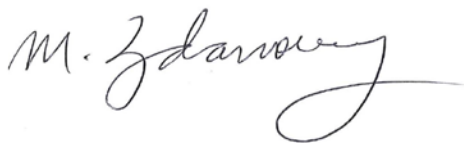
Class of 2021: Amirsalar Sheykhsoltan, Ali Hasan, Venie Pham, Chidozie Olumba, Palig Saghdejian, Samantha Garcia, Arian Farahani, Daniel Sah, Weichen Wu, Kevin Kanu, Phuong-Lan Nguyen, Bianca Ogues

Faculty Member:

Quintin Broussard
535 Watson Drive
Claremont, CA
Phone: 909.607.0110
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Please accept this letter as my official endorsement

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Zdanowicz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Martin Zdanowicz, PhD, MPH, MAED, CPH
Dean and Professor
KGI School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences



New President's Welcome Address

Dear Rho Chi Members,

The other night, as I was writing this welcome address that would normally be read at the end of our annual meeting, I couldn't help but reflect on how much our 'normal' has shifted in these last couple of weeks. Out of this new daily life of self-isolation and virtual meetings, I am reminded how amazing humanity is. Our ability to adapt quickly, to innovate and find new ways to do business and communicate, to adjust to a new lifestyle and continue to provide a continuity of care at the highest level to our patients, showcases what we are made of. In this vein, I am especially proud to be a member of this remarkable society.

As a student, I was captivated by what Rho Chi symbolized with its vision and mission – seeking to advance pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership. The Society brings together the brightest individuals of our profession, members who are the epitome of morality and hard work coming together under one organization to promote academic excellence and the pursuit of knowledge. I aspired to contribute and continue the rich traditions of our society and its highly regarded reputation within the profession of pharmacy. I am encouraged to see the next generation of students who have been innovating in their chapters and continue the spirit of the Society. It is humbling to witness the student chapters and our Executive Council band together to find creative solutions in the current environment, which our founding members could not have foreseen.

In these ventures, our leadership has been even more inspirational. As I step into my new role of National President, I would like to first thank the executive council and the regional councilors who have worked tirelessly this past year on creating new initiatives for our society and preparing for our centennial events. I want to recognize and thank Dr. Susan Meyer, for her mentorship, leadership, vision and her hard work during her time as President. Dr. Meyer put forth the groundwork for many initiatives that will have a lasting, positive impact on the Society. As incoming President, I envision continuing the initiatives of creating a new digital platform, planning for centennial celebrations, and connecting and engaging our alumni network. I look to each and every one of you to contribute with your ideas, input, innovations and implementation.

I leave you with a reflection on the words of William Faulkner: "you cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore." While our lives (or what we were once accustomed to) may be forever changed by these recent events, let us have the courage to lose sight of our current shore and swim together with hope and the unified vision of creating new legacies of excellence for The Rho Chi Society.

With warm regards,

Emmanuelle Schwartzman
National President 2020 - 2022
The Rho Chi Society