



The Rho Chi Society

Executive Council Virtual Annual Meeting

March 4, 2024 – 3:00-5:00 pm EST / 12:00-2:00pm PST

In Attendance:

National Officers

Lucio Volino	President
Andrew Smith	President-elect
Emmanuelle Schwartzman	Immediate Past President
Brad A. Boucher	Treasurer
Jelena Lewis	Secretary
Cynthia M. Phillips	Historian

Regional Councilors

Thomas Franko	Region II
Riley Bowers	Region III - East
Kelly Covert	Region III – West
Lynette Moser	Region IV - East
Steven Scott	Region IV - West
Linda M. Sobeski	Region V
Brooke Gildon	Region VI
Angela Stewart	Region VII

Student Representatives

Sophie Wei	Rutgers University
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Staff

Julie Seeger	National Office
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Guest Presenters

Susan Skledar	Chair, Auditing Committee
Lindsay Brust-Sisti	Co-Chair, Student Executive Council Task Force

Absent:

Karen B. Farris	Executive Vice President (Absent, traveling)
Sara Grossman	Region I (Absent, teaching class)
Courtney Watts Alexander abs	Region III – South (Absent, traveling)
Jennifer Trujillo	Region VIII (Absent)
Kelly Gaebel	University of Colorado (Absent)

AGENDA

- I. Meeting called to order 3:03pm EST / 12:03pm PST by President, Lucio Volino
- II. President's Welcome - President, Lucio Volino
- III. Auditing Report Committee - Chair, Susan Skledar
 - Council received report
 - Audit was successful, all financial records are in good order
 - Did not note any discrepancies
- IV. Student Executive Council Task Force – Co-Chair, Lindsay Brust-Sisti
 - Council received report
 - Recommendation to implement regional meetings to bridge communication among regional chapters and national office to allow exchange of ideas, etc, can collaborate with state orgs too
 - Can form a task force that includes Rho Chi committee members, EC members, students, alumni, advisors to create standardized procedures around this
- V. Minutes Approved
 - a. Approved June 27, 2023, Executive Council Meeting Minutes (see meeting documents) – all in favor of approving minutes
 - b. Approved July 21, 2023, Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes (see meeting documents) – all in favor of approving minutes
- VI. Council received report of the President, Lucio Volino
 - Reviewed Society's mission and goals to develop a new strategic plan for 2024-2028
 - National office fully transitioned all business components of Annual Convention to virtual environment
 - Communication Task Force is now Communications Committee
 - EC moved forward with developing alumni engagement through annual reception and external networking opportunities (ie. PLS and Rho Chi collaboration will take place at APhA Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL this year)
 - New task forces: Student Executive Council Task Force, Alumni Task Force, Member Engagement Task Force
- VII. Task Force Reports
 - a. Alumni Task Force Update – Lucio Volino
 - Verbal report was received
 - Still working on report
 - b. Town Hall Task Force – Chair, Emmanuelle Schwartzman
 - Verbal report was received

- Residency and Fellowship Town Hall in October 2023 was very successful, over 327 registrations and over 150 participants, hope to do another event this Fall
- VIII. Committee Reports
- a. Chapter Awards Committee - Chair, Andrew Smith
 - Report received
 - Started process earlier and given less time to make selections
 - Chapter report submissions: 125 chapter submitted reports
 - Most Improved Chapter Award summary
 - 9 chapters were ranked for Most Improved Chapter Award
 - 16 chapters submitted but only 9 were eligible
 - Project Proposal Award
 - 5 submissions in Summer, 7 submissions in the Spring, selected 2 each cycle
 - Limitation is lot of chapter reports don't qualify for award selection
 - Only 41 eligible for chapter achievement award, encourage chapters to get reports in on time
 - b. Communications Committee Report – Chair, Jelena Lewis
 - Report received
 - Committee worked on updating the landing page of website, discussed sending monthly emails to faculty advisors and creating a newsletter
 - Julie will work on updating moderators for social media accounts to make sure these are current
 - c. Faculty Advisor Award Report – Lucio Volino (Chair, Alexa Carlson)
 - Report received
 - 2 nominations submitted
 - Selection made: Daniel J. Canney from Temple University
 - d. Lecture Award Update - Chair, Cynthia Phillips
 - Report received
 - 2024 Rho Chi Lecture Award recipient, Dr. Sean Sullivan, will deliver recorded lecture on Saturday 3/16 during the Rho Chi Virtual Annual Meeting
 - 5 new dossiers received for 2025, will announce winner in June
 - e. Nominating Committee – Chair, Emmanuelle Schwartzman
 - Report received
 - f. Scholarship/Fellowship Report – Lucio Volino (Chair, Nathan Cherrington)
 - Report received
 - No applications received for Clinical Research Scholarship
 - 4 applications received for AFPE First Year Graduate Fellowship 2022-2023
- IX. Report of the National Office – Lucio Volino (EVP, Karen Farris)
- Report received
 - 137 active chapters, 1 new chapter pending election results
 - Focused on strategic planning; will send the strategic plan after the annual meeting
 - Will still use social media as means to connect with members
 - Financial viability of society is positive
 - Will continue to host virtual national conventions
 - Sunday 3/24 6-8PM will host in-person networking reception with PLS at the 2024 APhA meeting in Orlando, FL
- X. Report of the National Treasurer – Brad Boucher
- a. Review of budget and investments
 - Report received

- Revenues exceeded expenses
 - Stable financial situation as an organization
 - This would not be the case if we were to go back to live meeting
 - Budget approved for 2024
- XI. New Business
- a. Executive Vice President Evaluation – Lucio Volino and Andy Smith
 - No new business
 - b. National Office Evaluation – Lucio Volino and Andy Smith
 - Discussed
- XII. Action Items
- a. Julie to update moderators on social media accounts
- XIII. Meeting adjourned 4:10PM EST / 1:10PM PST by President Lucio Volino

Upcoming Meetings:

Rho Chi Society Annual Meeting – Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm EST/10:00 am PST
Virtual Only. Meeting link to be provided in registration email. [REGISTER HERE](#)

APhA Rho Chi-PLS Reception - Sunday, March 24th, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm EST. The
event will be held at Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar – Orlando. [REGISTER HERE](#)

June EC – TBD

September EC - TBD