

## **Executive Committee Meeting January 14, 2021, 2:00pm CDT by google meet video conference call hosted by National Office.**

The executive committee met January 14, 2021, 2:00pm CDT by google meet video conference call hosted by the national office. By way of roll call those present were President Julie Ballenger, Past President Steve Ropski, Past President Don Roush, Vice President Adam Ryburn, Tony Schountz, Debra Martin, BIOS editor Lori Kelman, and National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush and assistant Iris Daly.

Julie welcomed everyone. He thanked everyone for all their hard work.

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The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from May 28, 2020.  
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**Steve Ropski moved, and Tony Schountz seconded the approval of the May 28, 2020, minutes. Motion Passed.**

### **President's Welcome**

Julie welcomed everyone and expressed she hoped that all were safe and healthy during these trying times of the pandemic.

We should look to the 2022 National Convention, Alpha Chapter, Oklahoma City University, Chapter Advisor Adam Ryburn. It will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society.

The 2024 National Convention will be held at Columbus State University, Mu Omicron Chapter, Chapter Advisor Julie Ballenger.

### **President's Notes**

It was recommended that the research grant award be reduced to \$50,000 temporarily based on an email vote. It would be returned to the \$75,000 in the fall of 2021 if revenues improved.

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The second item of business was vice presidents report on district and regional convention schedules.  
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Julie reported for the Southeast region. The southeast did not need zoom meeting for the district meeting. SE would be meeting jointly with ASB. There would be oral presentations with video and poster presentations with video provided by ASB .

Steve reported for the Northeast region. NE-3 will be hosted by Duquesne University, Xi Psi Chapter. He was not sure who would need the zoom meeting for the district meeting.

Debra reported Northcentral region. NE-3 will meet jointly with Iowa Academy of Sciences. The zoom will be through the Iowa Academy of Sciences.

Adam reported for the Southcentral region. The Southcentral will be virtual April 10. He may want the national office zoom meeting software.

Tony reported for the Western region. W-2 will be hosted by Aparna Sreenivasan, California State University-Monterey Bay. W-1 will be hosted by Air Force Academy. They will let the national office know if they need zoom meeting. He will try to visit Vanguard University virtually and try to visit University Southwest-New Mexico virtually. He will try to install University of California – Irvine.

Julie suggested that students should be allowed to attend any virtual district meeting and also be allowed to compete for awards. Just in case a district decides not to have a zoom district meeting those students could attend another virtual meeting. Steve agreed.

The national office will email all district conference hosts this information so they can let their students know.

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The third item of business was the committee reports.  
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Lori reported for BIOS. BIOS was online through BIOONE with Allen Press doing the composition. She was almost caught up with BIOS. Lori semi-annual report January 2021 is below.

Adam reported for the Research Grant Committee. He said that \$50,778 was disbursed. There was a greater percentage funded than what we have done in the past. A total of 92 applications were submitted. The total amount awarded was \$50,778.35. Grants ranged from \$50 to \$1,427.

Tony reported for the McClung Award. No check has been sent to the winner for the vol 89 of BIOS.

2018--Crum, Raphael J., Wiebke S. Diestelkamp, and Carissa M. Krane. (2018) "Pravastatin™ suppresses venous shear stress dependent induction of Aquaporin 1 protein expression in human umbilical vein endothelial cells in vitro" BIOS 89(4):174-184.

The Vol 90 published papers have not been reviewed yet.

Adam reported for the Bertholf Award. The suspense for the applications was extended to the end of February. The national office will send an email to all chapters to apply for the Bertholf Award.

Tony asked for the Raymond James monthly statements to be sent to the committee.

Kathy reported for the national office. She presented the tax return and the audit report. All epostcards have been done for all chapters. Kathy presented a spread sheet with a comparison of past years membership numbers. The national office is down about 50% of usual new membership.

Kathy presented one university requesting a charter.

Dakota State University

**Don moved and Tony seconded to grant a charter to Dakota State University.  
Motion Passed.**

The national office will send certificates and plaques for the Yokley Awards, McClung Awards, and Bertholf Awards as soon as we can order the hardware and plaques. Revenues are very reduced right now. Awards will be sent as soon as we can.

Visits to universities requesting a charter of TriBeta can be done virtually. Installation of a new chapter can also be done virtually.

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Fourth item of business is New Business.  
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Steve had recruited some chapter advisors to help at the national convention with judging and other duties.

Lori said the documentary film and questions with Dr. Jim Alison was successful. Lori hoped to ask Dr. Fauci in the spring to meet with TriBeta students.

Lori asked everyone to take screen shots and send reports from District Conventions for publishing in BIOS.

Julie asked if it might be possible to do something to help increase minorities into the work force. National office responded that we do not have information about minorities in our records. Each chapter could encourage minorities to become members of TriBeta.

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Fifth item of business is Old Business.  
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Don reported for the Yokley Award Committee.

Yokley Award Committee nominated and approved for listing on the web page the following.

Yokley Service Award  
2020 Eugene Burns, Shawnee State University, chapter Xi Upsilon,  
2020 David Royer, Lincoln University/PA, Chapter Rho Psi

Yokley Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award  
2020 William Sigmund from Slippery Rock University Chapter Lambda Lambda

Don nominated the following to be added to the Emeritus Member List which were approved and will be added to the constitution list. Certificates will be sent as soon as possible.

2020 Fred Brenner  
Sister Rose Bast  
Crosby Jones  
Larry Kohler  
Don Roush  
Steve Ropski

**Email October 2, 2020 Executive committee agreed by email to reduce the research grant for 2020-2021 from \$75,000 to \$50,000 funding for this year only.**

**Email November 9, 2020 the executive committee agreed by email to grant a charter to CUNY – City College of New York. A visit report was done virtually. They wanted to be installed virtually.**

**May 2020 BIOS a Quarterly Journal officially was moved to online access only. So far BIOS 91(1) was printed and shipped. BIOS 91(2) is now available online.**

**PPP Loan received May 2020.**

**PPP loan forgiveness application was filed December 20, 2020. It may take 90 days for a result.**

**Don moved and Tony seconded to Adjourn.**

Respectfully,

Kathy

Bios semi-annual report Jan 2021

Bios is behind on publication. The September issue is completed but waiting for release (I am not sure what the issue is), and the December issue is at the publisher but has not yet been paginated.

1. I am behind on submissions, submissions in review, and revised manuscripts.
2. The pandemic caused many changes to publication:
  - a. The journal moved online with the May issue (Vol 91 No. 2), which was released in October.
  - b. The National Office created a members-only login for the TriBeta.org website so that TriBeta members can access Bios online (at BioOne.org).
  - c. We need reviewers. Many reviewers have become unresponsive. Several no longer work at the institution they worked at a year earlier; many have auto-replies that state they are on leave or sabbatical; for others I do not know what the issue is.
  - d. As was the case with other journals, submissions were up in 2020, likely because people had time to write.
  - e. Revenue from JSTOR and BioOne will likely decrease although both have committed to maintaining their profit-sharing model.
3. I am holding all accepted papers for 2021 (Volume 92) while I work out the details of the style changes with Allen Press. They have been very slow to respond. I am waiting to see the mockup of our new style (have been waiting for 4 months).
  - a. I'm considering releasing the papers and switching the style in Sept 2021, but the larger trim size will save money and is the only reason I have not moved forward.
4. A new style guide is prepared; I will send it to Iris to post today.
5. Tributes and memorials have not yet been published; they are now scheduled for the May and Sept 2021 issues.
6. Bios is the record of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Society. Consider writing something about your experience with TriBeta, the pandemic, education, research, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kelman, Editor