

Executive Committee Meeting March 18, 2015, 1:30 CST by conference call.

The executive committee met by conference call at 1:30PM CST. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past Presidents Larry Koehler, Vice Presidents Paul Yokley, Fred Brenner, Sister Rose Bast, Crosby Jones, and Tony Schountz, BIOS Editor Lori Kelman, National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

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The first item of business was the National Convention Report.
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Debra Martin submitted an email report for the national convention 2016. The National Convention will be held at Bethel University May 30- June 5, 2016. The tentative schedule is
May 30- Monday – Executive Committee Arrive
May 31- Tuesday – Executive committee meeting
June 1 –Wednesday- Students—Students arrive welcome dinner
June 2 – Thursday-Presentations and posters
June 3 – Friday – Field Trips -possible trips—zoo, science museum, hiking
June 4 – Saturday – Field Trips
June 5 – Sunday – depart

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The second item of business was the minutes of June 3, 2014.
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**Sister Rose Bast moved and Fred Brenner seconded the minutes be accepted.
Motion Passed.**

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The third item of business was the Vice Presidents reports.
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Paul Yokley reported for the Southeastern Region. He requested the Yokley Awards listed in BIOS be updated. He also wanted corrections made to the Yokley Awards. He wanted Kathy, Sarah and Lori’s names moved to the Yokley Leadership Award for National Officer in BIOS. The Southeastern Regional convention will be organized by Dr. Lee Sutton and held in Chattanooga, TN April 1-4, 2015. He wanted to keep working with the inactive chapters in the Southeast.

Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast Region. All four districts have their district conventions scheduled. The northeast has several inactive chapters. Fred was going to continue to work with the inactive chapters. He wanted a letter sent to Chatham University.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. All three districts have their conventions scheduled. She wanted to continue to work with the inactive chapters.

Crosby Jones reported for the Southcentral Region. The regional meeting at the Biological Field Station was scheduled for April 10-12, 2015.

Tony Schountz reported for the Western Regions. The W- 1 and W-2 district conventions were scheduled. He wanted to continue to work with the inactive chapters.

Lori said she would submit a report for BIOS by email at a later time. She requested the memorials be resent.

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The fourth item of business is the committee reports.
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Crosby Jones reported for the research grant committee. There were 111 grants awarded. The total amount awarded was \$55,497.87 ranging from \$200 to \$2000. He wanted to request an increase in funding for the grant at the next budget meeting.

Fred Brenner reported for the Bertholf Committee. He announced the Bertholf Award winners

Lloyd M. Bertholf Award for academic year 2013-2014

Gamma Epsilon Chapter ST Mary’s University/MN

Delta Sigma Chapter Southwestern University – Honorable Mention

Outstanding Chapter

Zeta Lambda Chapter University of Puerto Rico/Aguadilla

Theta Omega Chapter Gannon University

Fred Brenner moved and Tony Schountz seconded to accept the Bertholf Awards.

Motion Passed.

Paul Yokley reported for the Yokley Award Committee. He requested everyone to submit nominees for the award. There are 3 types of Awards, Yokley Faculty Advisor, Yokley Service Award, and Yokley Leadership Award. Each award requires ten years of service. The Award winners are printed in BIOS. There is also a Yokley Chapter Award for registering new members for 25 consecutive years. He requested the Yokley Award list be updated in BIOS.

Larry Koehler reported for the nominations committee. He requested anyone who wished to step down from their duties to let him know. And to please make a recommendation for a replacement.

Larry Koehler reported for the constitution committee. Don Roush requested a change in the wording in the constitution page 19, section 2, (d) to read “ (c) an overall B average and (d) good academic standing “

He would submit the wording for approval.

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The fifth item of business is the national office report.
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Kathy Roush reported for the national office. There are 582 chapters.

There are two Universities requesting a charter.

**Larry Koehler moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded to grant a charter to the two universities.
Motion Passed.**

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The sixth item of business was old business.
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Complaints were presented to the executive committee concerning conduct of Iona College at the NE1 district convention 2014. Witnessed by several other college faculty and students, Iona College students and faculty ridiculed other presentations during and after the presentations loud enough for many others to hear. Iona College will be sent a letter questioning the events and ethics of behavior and given a chance to respond.

Attendees at the NE1 district convention requested that Iona College not host the 2015 district convention. Until there is a resolution Iona College will not host the 2015 district convention. The 2015 NE1 district convention will be hosted by St Joseph College.

It was suggested that a code of conduct or ethical behavior during presentations be developed as guidelines and published with other guidelines for conduct. Should there be guidelines for punishment?

Paul Yokley moved to adjourn.

Adjourn.
Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Roush