

Executive Committee Meeting May 28, 2020, 3:00pm EST by zoom video conference call hosted by President Steve Ropski

The executive committee met May 28, 2020, 3:00pm EST by zoom video conference call hosted by President Steve Ropski since the national convention was cancelled. By way of roll call those present were President Steve Ropski, Past President Don Roush, Past Vice President Sister Rose Bast, Vice Presidents Julie Ballenger, Adam Ryburn, Tony Schountz, Debra Martin, BIOS editor Lori Kelman, and National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush and assistant Iris Daly.

Steve 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 February 25, 2020.
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**Don Roush moved, and Tony Schountz seconded the approval of the February 25, 2020 minutes with corrections.
Motion Passed.**

President's Welcome

Steve welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their hard work.

We should look to the 2022 National Convention, Alpha Chapter, Oklahoma City University, Chapter Advisor Adam Ryburn. It will be the 100th 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

Steve has done many zoom meetings with chapters for initiations of new members and to just communicate with chapter advisors.

He wanted to keep the research grants at \$75,000.

He wanted to thank the staff for the success in collecting past debt, setting up the drop box for registrations, and a drop box for research grants, and submission for other awards.

He wanted to thank Lori for getting BIOS up to date.

He wanted to thank the national office for getting all the regular, graduate, and honorary members names on the web page.

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The second item of business was committee reports.
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Don reported for the nominations committee. He proposed a vote on the nominations for the executive committee for the next two years be done by mass email to all chapters since the national convention for 2020 was cancelled. There would be one vote per chapter with a return email with a yes or no response by a certain date. The nomination committee proposed the following

President: Julie Ballenger

Vice Presidents

NE -Dr. Fred Brenner

SE – Julie Ballenger -- replacement to be determined later

NC - Dr. Debra Martin

SC -Dr. Adam Ryburn

W -Dr. Tony Schountz

Caribbean - Dr. Felix Velazquez

**Don moved and Debra Martin seconded to take a one time only vote per chapter by mass email to all chapters for the executive committee and new president for the next 2 years.
Motion Passed.**

Lori reported for BIOS. BIOS is completely up to date. She asked for volunteers for the Editorial Board. BIOS is doing a style change to the BIOS citations. Because of COVID-19 there has been a hold on printing and mailing BIOS. The idea is to go online with BIOS instead of any future printing and mailing of the journal. There are three options.

We could try to have a member only log in to view the BIOS Journal. This could possibly retain the revenue from BIOONE and JSTOR

We could have open access to BIOS and lose the revenue from BIOONE and JSTOR

We could email BIOS to each student or chapter advisor or put it in a drop box.

She needed to know what we were to do for the May issue of BIOS. Allen press will charge for the composition of BIOS even if we go online only. We could find someone else to do the composition.

Deb Martin thought we should stop mailing the BIOS. All agreed. We should try to do a member log in only on the web page.

Iris said it would not be possible to email BIOS to everyone.

Iris said a login page could be done on the web page. We can collect email addresses at the time of registration of new members and send emails to them to log in to BIOS.

Lori indicated we needed approval from BIOONE for a webpage secure login to view BIOS only.

Kathy asked for a vote of BIOS for the next issue. Kathy suggested we hold the May issue until fall and try to have BIOS online by that time.

Lori would send us a link to BIOS.

Adam wanted to report for the research grant committee. He wanted to update the research grant application. Don suggested a statement be added that TriBeta does not pay any indirect costs. It was suggested also that a statement be added that a student must have a research facility available for conducting the research to receive the grant. Adam agreed to work on the wording.

**Don moved and Debra seconded to add a statement to the grant application that stated that Beta Beta does not pay indirect cost.
Motion Passed.**

Adam reported for the Bertholf Award Committee
Adam said there were twelve applications

Kathy said she would get the awards mailed to home addresses. The mailing and notification were delayed because of the COVID-19

Don reported for the Yokley Award Committee
There are three types of awards. He asked for nominations. Those nominated were Eugene Burns, Shawnee State University, chapter Xi Upsilon, David Royer, Lincoln University/PA, Chapter Rho Psi for the service award and William Sigmund from Slippery Rock University Chapter Lambda Lambda for the advisor award

**Don moved and Debra seconded the Yokley Awards be approved.
Motion Passed.**

Sister Rose reported for the Budget Committee

Based on the recommendation from the national office she recommended we keep everything the same for the next fiscal year. A budget had to be approved for the yearly audit. Adjustments could be made later if needed.

**Sister Rose moved and Julie seconded that the budget be approved as is.
Motion Passed.**

Don reported for the constitution committee.
Don nominated the following to be added to the Emeritus Member List
2020 Fred Brenner
Sister Rose Bast
Crosby Jones
Larry Kohler
Don Roush
Steve Ropski

**Don moved and Julie seconded to add the above listed individuals to the Emeritus Member List.
Motion Passed.**

Don reported for the investment committee. The committee is Tony Schountz, Lori Kelman, Fred Brenner, Don Roush.

The Raymond James investments have been under question. Raymond James agreed to reduce the fees again from 0.75% per year to 0.5% per year. This is 0.125% of the value of the investment per quarter. This new rate starts July 1, 2020.

Steve recommended we revisit this in September 2020.

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The third item of business was the Vice Presidents reports
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Adam reported for the Southcentral region.
The regional convention was canceled because of COVID-19.

Julie reported for the Southeast region.

The regional convention was cancelled because of COVID-19. The Association of Southeastern Biologist is going to print the abstracts of all the TriBeta grant winners.

Debra reported for the Northcentral region

All district conventions were cancelled because of COVID-19

Tony reported for the western region.

All district conventions were cancelled because of COVID-19

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Fifth item of business is the national office.
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Kathy reported for the national office.

There were no new charters to be approved. There might be some schools that will want to do a zoom installation of a new chapter if Steve was willing.

Emails received

July 30, 2020 a positive vote was recorded for the nominated members to the Executive Committee

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Don moved and Tony seconded to Adjourn.

Respectfully,
Kathy

Email October 2, 2020 Executive committee agreed by email to reduce the research grant for 2020-2021 from \$75,00 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) and 91(2) are available.

PPP Loan received May 2020

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