

## **Executive Committee Meeting May 31, 2016 at Bethel University, Gamma Omega Chapter, Minnesota**

The executive committee met May 31, 2016 at Bethel University, Gamma Omega Chapter. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past Presidents Larry Koehler , Vice Presidents Felix Velazquez, Julie Ballenger, Fred Brenner, Sister Rose Bast, Adam Ryburn, District Directors Rick Monzon – NC1, Debra Martin-NC3, Steve Ropski –NE3, Christi Magrath-SE2, and Amy Morris-NC-2, Chapter advisors Brian Hyatt, Bryan Anderson, and National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

President Don Roush asked for a moment of silence for the committee members that had passed this last year.

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The first item of business was the National Convention report.

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Brian Hyatt reported for the National Convention 2016 committee. The 2016 National Convention will be held at Bethel University May 30 – June 5, 2016. The hotel for the executive committee is the Courtyard by Marriott. There was a two hour river boat dinner cruise for the executive committee Tuesday night. The program was emailed to the TriBeta email address. A printed copy would be available soon. All field trips were scheduled. Registration for the arriving students would start Wednesday at noon. Breakfast was at 8 am each morning.

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The second item of business was the minutes of March 17, 2016.

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**Steve Ropski moved and Julie Ballenger seconded the minutes of March 17, 2016 be accepted.  
Motion Passed.**

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The third item of business was the Vice Presidents reports.

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Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast Region. All districts held their conventions. Fred wanted letters sent to the inactive chapters.

Julie Ballenger reported for the SE region. The SE met jointly with the Association of Southeastern Biologist. The district director for SE2 organized the TriBeta meeting. Julie sent emails to the inactive chapters. She will try to contact the inactive chapters again.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the NC region. All three districts held their conferences. She asked for letters to be sent to inactive chapters.

Adam Ryburn reported for the SC region. The regional conference was hosted and held at Dallas Baptist University. There were about 170 participants, 19 chapters attending, with 24 oral presentations and 26 poster presentations. The next SC regional meeting will be held in the same location with Angelo State University as the host.

Felix Velazquez reported for the Caribbean region. They had a very successful regional meeting. He was working with UPR/ Rio Piedre to register students.

Don Roush reported for BIOS. BIOS is on schedule. The national office received \$4600 revenue from BIO ONE in March and \$3200 revenue from BIO ONE in May.

Kathy asked everyone to review the committee list and decide where they wanted to serve. The budget committee is the entire executive committee. The subcommittee of the budget committee are listed: Steve Ropski, Sister Rose Bast, Adam Ryburn, Julie Ballenger, Fred Brenner, and Kathy Roush.

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The fourth item of business was the committee reports.  
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Fred Brenner reported for the Bertholf Award committee. The committee reviewed 12 applications this year. The winners of the **Bertholf Award 2015** were

1<sup>st</sup> place University of Puerto Rico/Cayey, Zeta Epsilon Chapter

2<sup>nd</sup> place Gannon University, Theta Omega Chapter

3<sup>rd</sup> place California Polytechnic /Pomona Epsilon Nu Chapter

4<sup>th</sup> place University of Puerto Rico/ Aquadilla Zeta Lambda Chapter

**Outstanding Chapter**

InterAmerican University/San German Zeta Beta Chapter  
College of New Jersey Chi Upsilon Chapter

Guidelines for a district level outstanding chapter award was proposed. This award was patterned after an outstanding district chapter award in the southcentral region. The guidelines will be posted on the web page.

**Adam Ryburn moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that a district level outstanding chapter award be approved.  
Motion Passed.**

Don Roush reported for the **Yokley committee**. Nominations for Yokley faculty advisor were Felix Velázquez for 2015  
Julie Ballenger for 2016.

**Steve Ropski moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that Felix Velazquez receive the Yokley Faculty Advisor Award for 2015.  
Motion Passed.**

**Adam Ryburn moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that Julie Ballenger receive the Yokley Faculty Advisor Award for 2016.  
Motion Passed.**

Sister Rose Bast reported for the budget committee. The total budget for the Research Grant was increased to \$60,000. The Host grant for district conferences was increased to \$500. The mileage was set at the IRS current rate. As of January 1, 2016 the IRS mileage rate is 54 cents per mile.

**Sister Rose Bast moved to accept the budget as presented.  
Motion Passed.**

**Adam Ryburn moved and Steve Ropski seconded that Kathy could work with the broker concerning investments with the executive committee’s oversight.  
Motion Passed.**

Larry Koehler reported for the nomination committee. According to the constitution “page 22 Article V – Officers, Section 7. Election of the President and Vice Presidents shall be an item of business at the biennial convention..... Their term of office shall be two years, and they may succeed themselves. They shall assume their duties on September 1. The tenure of the President shall be not more than four successive terms.

- Nominations are
- Dr. Steve Ropski –President
- Dr. Amy Morris -- VP NC
- Dr. Adam Ryburn – VP SC
- Dr. Julie Ballenger –VP SE
- Dr. Fred Brenner – VP NE
- Dr. Tony Schountz – VP W
- Dr. Felix Velazquez – VP Caribbean

**All Nominations were approved by the attendees of the national convention on June 4, 2016.**

Larry Koehler reported for the constitution committee. No changes were recommended at this time.

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The fifth item of business was the report from the National Office.  
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There are three universities requesting a charter and one club.

- Indiana University East / Richmond, IN
- Lagrange College/GA
- SUNY Cobleskill

**Steve Ropski moved and Fred Brenner seconded to grant Indiana University East, Lagrange College, and SUNY Cobleskill a charter.  
Motion Passed.**

There was one school requesting a club charter  
NASSAU Community College

**Adam Ryburn moved and Fred Brenner seconded to grant NASSAU Community College a club charter.**

**Motion Passed.**

Revision of the research grant application was discussed. Questions concerning vertebrate research were added and signature of the chapter advisor was added. The revised research grant application would be posted on the web page immediately.

**Steve Ropski moved and Julie Ballenger seconded to make these changes to the research grant application for use this fall.**

**Motion Passed.**

The proposed National Conventions are listed below.

2018 National Convention -- California State University –Monterey Bay, Phi Beta Chapter (if the faculty advisor, vice president, and district director can be contacted and verify the location of the 2018 national convention.

2020 National Convention – Florida Institute of Technology, Sigma Psi Chapter

2022 National Convention – Oklahoma City University Chapter Alpha Chapter (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the honor society)

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The sixth item of business was new business.  
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It came to the attention of the national office that there was an error in the middle word at the bottom of the shield / coat of arms image.

**Larry Koehler moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded to correct the middle word in the words at the bottom of the shield/coat of arms.**

**Motion Passed.**

Steve moved to Adjourn

Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Roush