

Executive Committee Meeting June 3, 2014, at Gannon University, Chapter Theta Omega, Erie, PA

The executive committee met at the national convention at Gannon University, Chapter Theta Omega, Erie, PA. President Don Roush welcomed everyone. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past Presidents Gary Wolgamott, and Larry Koehler, Vice Presidents Paul Yokley, Fred Brenner, Sister Rose Bast, Crosby Jones, and Felix Velazquez, District Director Steve Ropski, Christi McGrath, Debra Martin, Amy Morris, and Mike Woller, 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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Steve Ropski reported for the national convention. He got the program on the web page the Friday before the convention. All attending were emailed about the program availability on the web page. The speaker Friday night will talk about climate change. Wednesday night will be at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. Thursday morning will be oral presentations. The afternoon will be poster presentations. Thursday evening will be an after hours tour and buffet at the Erie Zoo. Friday is the local field trips. Saturday will be the out of town field trips with box lunches. And Saturday night will be the awards banquet.

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The second item of business was the minutes of February 27, 2014.
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**Gary Wolgamott moved and Fred Brenner seconded the minutes be accepted with corrections.
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 four districts held a district convention. The northeast has several inactive chapters. Fred was going to continue to work with the inactive chapters.

Paul Yokley reported for the Southeast Region. There were three oral sessions and 3 poster sessions in which there were 62 presentations. And there were twenty different chapters represented with about 125 students and faculty attending this year's district convention. He wanted to continue to work with the inactive chapters.

Felix Velazquez reported for the Caribbean Region. There were many oral and poster presentations at the Caribbean Regional Convention. Each chapter reported on activities from the past month and the past year. They discussed multi chapter activities. Felix also reported that he was working with several schools that he hoped become new chapters soon.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. All three districts held their conventions. There were more chapters participating in the district conventions. She wanted to continue to

work with the inactive chapters. The University of Wisconsin/ Eau Claire and McPherson had contacted her about reactivating.

Crosby Jones reported for the Southcentral Region. They held their regional meeting at the Biological Station April 4, 2014. There were 22 universities represented. There were 3 oral sessions and 3 poster sessions. The next regional meeting will be 1st week in April 2015. Oklahoma City will host the regional meeting. They requested to host the national meeting at the 100 anniversary. He wanted to continue to work with the inactive chapters. He wanted to recall Trinity University, Chapter Epsilon Rho in SC2 district.

Crosby Jones moved and Gary Wolgamott seconded to recall the charter for Trinity University Chapter Epsilon Rho SC2 district.

Motion Passed.

Lori reported for BIOS. BIOS volume 84 published 22 research articles, 6 preliminary reports, and 2 student forums. According to BIOS the research grants were established in 1992. In 1996-1997 the first research grants were awarded giving \$38,000 in grants for two years to 63 students. BIOS may go to a different binding if the number of research articles published continues to increase. Submissions are increasing each year. She thought we should consider moving to an online Journal through BIO ONE.

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The fourth item of business is the committee reports.
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Felix reported for the e book committee. He proposed a separate competition for the e-books. Felix and a student presented methods for making a digital scrapbook and examples of e history books. If they get the judging criteria developed, they will present judging criteria at the next executive meeting. It was agreed that there would be two separate competitions. The scrapbook competition will remain the same. Felix will present limits and judging criteria for the e-book / or digital format competition. If the criteria are developed by this fall, a conference call executive meeting will be arranged to discuss judging criteria for the e-book/digital scrapbook.

The McClung Award winner for BIOS Vol 84, 2013 was announced.

Kaylynn Coates and Katherine Robertson, “Muscarinic acetylcholine receptors are required for nestmate-odor memory retrieval but not for olfaction in harvester ants (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*)” BIOS 84(3):158-164, 2013.

Fred Brenner reported for the Bertholf Committee. He wanted to try to get more chapters to submit the application.

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.

Gary Wolgamott and Larry Koehler reported for the constitution committee. Gary requested the constitution be updated with a star beside the names of the deceased members.

Chris Johnson

Ted Michaud
Dawn Rohrs
Fred Claus

Gary would submit a tribute to Dawn Rohrs and Fred Klaus to BIOS. He would also read tributes to Chris Johnson, Ted Michaud, Dawn Rohrs, and Fred Klaus at the Saturday night awards banquet.

Larry Koehler reported that corrections to the constitution recommended at the last executive meeting were incorporated into the constitution.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the budget committee. The committee recommended the research grant fund, Host district convention grant, McClung Award, Chapter Travel Grants, Travel Grants for Brooks and Johnson Winners, new chapter application fee, and mileage for travel remain the same. Pay raises were recommended for Managing Editor, Copy Editor, Office Staff, temporary part time staff, and National Sec/Treasurer.

**Mike Woller moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded the motion to approve the budget for 2014-2015.
Motion Passed.**

Larry Koehler reported for the personnel committee. Sister Rose Bast wanted to be replaced as the chairperson on the budget committee in 2016. All other officers and committee members were nominated to return for another two years. The nominees are:

President - Dr. Don Roush

Vice Presidents

NE – Dr. Fred Brenner

SE – Dr. Paul Yokley

NC—Dr. Sister Rose Bast

SC – Dr. Crosby Jones

W – Dr. Tony Schountz

Caribbean – Dr. Felix Velazquez

Larry Koehler will make the nominations at the business meeting at the Saturday night awards banquet.

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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 579 chapters as of May 2014. There were 11,391 members registered in 2012-2013. As of May 2014 there were 10,091 members registered. The revenue form BIOONE and JSTOR pays for half the cost of the printing of BIOS A Quarterly Journal.

There are six Universities and one club requesting a charter.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	SE-1 Magrath 11/14/2013
Ave Maria University	SE-1 Sutton 1/7/2014
Colorado State University/Fort Collins	W-1 Thomas 11/1/2013

Cazenovia College
Northeastern University
Framingdale State College

NE-1 Bettica 5/8/2014
NE-1 Bettica 1/22/1014
NE-1 Bettica 2/25/2014

Las Positas College (club)

W-2 1/22/2014

Gary Wolgamott moved and Larry Koehler seconded to grant a charter to the six universities listed and one club.

Motion Passed.

Kathy proposed adding a bead that was similar to the Pandora bead to the list of jewelry items that regular members could order.

Gary Wolgamott moved and Debra Martin seconded to add the bead to the jewelry list that regular members could order.

Motion Passed.

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The sixth item of business was new business.
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The national convention for 2016 will be in Minnesota May 25-29, 2016. The National Convention may be on Bethel University campus.

Oklahoma City University the Alpha chapter wanted to host the national convention for 2022 to celebrate 100 years.

Larry Koehler moved and Gary Wolgamott seconded to have Oklahoma City University host the national convention in 2022.

Motion Passed.

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?

Sister Rose Bast moved and Gary Wolgamott seconded to adjourn.

Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Roush