

ALPHA ETA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
2003 Annual Meeting
October 23, 2003
HILTON HOTEL
TORONTO, ONTARIO CANADA

MINUTES

PRESENT: Nineteen (19) members attended the annual breakfast meeting at the Hilton Hotel, Toronto. (See attached sign in sheet).

President-elect Vincent Gallicchio presided in the absence of President Mary Pat Wohlford-Wessels and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

- I. Introductions – Each member in attendance was asked to introduce himself/herself and comment about their chapter activities.
 1. Allan Hoffman – Des Moines University told about their induction ceremonies and special Alpha Eta lecture sponsorship.
 2. James Temme – University of Nebraska reported that their induction ceremony coincides with a research forum.
 3. Susan Mansfield – University of Tennessee reported that they have two inductions per year.
 4. Gordon Green, University of Texas Southwest at Dallas questioned the timing of inductions immediately prior to graduation, observing that this doesn't allow for student involvement in Alpha Eta while in school. This led to some discussion about inductions earlier in the senior year of School.
 5. Cheryl Samuels – Old Dominion University.
 6. Jean Will – Drexel (Hahnemann)
 7. Elizabeth Wark – Medical College of Georgia reported that their induction is at graduation time.
 8. Mary Haven – University of Nebraska supported James Temme's report.
 9. James Blagg –Northern Arizona University reported that as a new chapter, they are in their first year and will induct a charter class on Honors Day in April.
 10. Jack Gordy – University of Mississippi reported that they initiate new members in November, after mid-term evaluations. Their student group participates in Research Day, Habitat for Humanity and a number of other research and service projects.

11. Susan Belinsky and Valerie McCarthy said they are interested in forming a chapter at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

- II. Minutes of 2002 meeting in Las Vegas were reviewed. It was moved, seconded and carried that they be approved as presented.
- III. Treasurer's Report was distributed and summarized by Lee Holder. Balance as of October 2003 is \$35,373.14 of which \$15,296.40 is in a CD earning 1.976% interest; due 11/3/03. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve treasurer's report as presented.
- IV. Nominations/Elections – Allan Hoffman asked for nominations for four board members to replace those whose terms are expiring (Gallicchio, Green, Haven, Smey). Following were nominated and/or volunteered to serve for another two-year term:
 - James Temme (replaces Vince Gallicchio who becomes national president)
 - Mary Haven
 - Gordon Green
 - Joe Smey (subject to his agreement to serve)Those present voted to approve the slate.
Officers/Board Members are:
President – Vincent Gallicchio (2003 - 2005)
Immediate Past President – Mary Pat Wohlford-Wessels (2003 - 2004)
Secretary/Treasurer – Lee Holder (2003 – 2005)
Directors 2002 – 2004
 - Allan Hoffman – Des Moines University
 - Tom Miller – University of Connecticut
 - Susan Peterson – Mansfield – University of Tennessee
 - Jodi Cahalan - Des Moines UniversityDirectors 2003 – 2005
 - James Temme – University of Nebraska
 - Gordon Green – University of Texas Southwest Medical Center – Dallas
 - Mary Haven – University of Nebraska
 - Joe Smey – University of Connecticut
- V. Awards
 - Lee Holder presented a plaque and gift honoring retiring president Mary Pat Wohlford-Wessels to Allan Hoffman to deliver to her.

He also presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing board members, honoring their service to the Society.

VI. Remarks – President Vince Gallicchio

Goals for the future include:

- Improve membership
- Increase student involvement
- Develop an international thrust, opening membership to international colleagues. Dr. Gallicchio is director of an international project, funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant. It links 8 institutions in the U.S. and Europe in a Trans Atlantic Health Sciences consortium. (Universities of Kentucky, Alabama, Kansas, Puerto Rico with universities in Sweden, Spain, and England). Allied Health, as a term and concept, is not well understood, so his grant had to focus more narrowly on clinical laboratory sciences.

The group agreed that developing an international thrust is commendable and a goal that we should pursue.

General Discussion

1. Cheryl Samuels called attention to the 4th World Congress, planned for Brussels, Belgium in 2005.
2. Cheryl Samuels recommended that we link up with the NN2 (two year) institutions. Next year's ASAHP annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the NN2 schools in Tampa, FL. This would be a good time to recruit their schools for Alpha Eta membership.
3. Format and scheduling for future meetings. Recent annual breakfast meetings have often conflicted with various ASAHP committee meetings, reducing attendance. It was suggested that we alter the schedule for perhaps an afternoon meeting (wine and cheese?) or Saturday morning or some schedule that would allow greater participation of members and prospective members and to keep registration fees to a minimum.
4. Awards –
 - a) This year there was no competition for a President's award for an outstanding chapter as in the past. We would like to consider continuing this competition in the future.
 - b) Announcements about the Rodenberg Award for an outstanding student were distributed late, with a deadline of November 15. This will necessitate making the award later, perhaps at the mid-winter meeting. Vince Gallicchio will follow up.

5. Regionalization

- a. We will try to get email addresses for all chapters and share them with all to foster communications. This is particularly important for regional coordinators.
- b. We should consider sponsoring student bowl competition within regions (or nationally) to foster interaction and scholarships among peers. As an example, Clinical Laboratory Sciences have this kind of competition.
- c. Website construction is in process and will facilitate communications. It is being developed at University of Oklahoma.
- d. Alpha Eta needs to connect with regional deans groups.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Holder
Secretary/Treasurer