

ALPHA ETA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
2005 Annual Meeting
October 21, 2005
Intercontinental Hotel
HOUSTON, TEXAS

MINUTES

Presiding: Vincent Gallicchio, President

Present Gallicchio asked each of the 29 persons present to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the 2004 meeting in Tampa Bay, Florida were reviewed and approved. One correction was noted by Gordon Green. The correct name of his institution is University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Treasurer's report was approved as submitted by Lee Holder. Balance on hand (as of 10/17/2005) was \$32,088.16 of which \$16,280.96 is invested in a CD expiring 5/12/11.

Awards – Two major awards are available each year: 1) The Rodenberg Award for the outstanding allied health student and 2) the President's Award for the outstanding chapter. President Gallicchio encouraged chapters to submit applications for each award. No applications were received for the President's Award this year. The Rodenberg Award was received by Melissa Prasatik, physician assistant student at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. She received a plaque and \$1,000.

Ms Prasatik summarized a portion of her study about problems of medical extended hours work shifts (e.g., 24 hours). Extended hour work shifts result in doubling accident rates due to fatigue.

Nominations/Elections – President Gallicchio presented nominations for officers/board members.

1. Vincent Gallicchio was elected to a second two year term at the 2004 meeting; hence he will serve another term – 2006-2007.
2. Lee Holder consented to serve another 3 year term if elected; however, he requested a person and/or institution to agree to serve at the end of his term and agreed to transition the duties/responsibilities in the interim. His term would be 2005-2008.
3. Directors whose terms are expiring this session (2005) need to be re-elected or replaced: James Temme (University of Nebraska); Gordon Green (University of

Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas); Mary Haven (University of Nebraska); David Lake (Armstrong Atlantic State University).

Both Gordon Green and Mary Haven will be leaving their deanships in the near future and asked to be replaced. Nominated to replace them are: Lynn Little (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas), and Mike Paquet (Thomas Jefferson University).

There were no nominations from the floor and all nominated were elected (Holder, Temme, Lake, Little, Paquet).

Old Business – Status Report 2005 was reviewed by Lee Holder. Several notations were made:

1. Although only 12 chapters have paid their \$100 annual dues to date, the notices were sent late this year.
2. Of the 62 chapters listed, 11 have declared themselves inactive (Note that University of Nebraska is erroneously listed twice in the report).

A number of other chapters have no apparent activities listed – This could be because they have been inactive or that they have not communicated with the National Office.

- 12 chapters have paid dues thus far
- 14 have submitted an annual report
- 28 have inducted initiates (for a total of 821 new members)
- 2 chapters paid dues but show no activity

General Discussion

1. Several members in attendance indicated that they intend to take steps to reactivate their chapters. They were advised to:
 - a. Pay chapter dues of \$100.
 - b. Elect officers and inform National Office
 - c. Contact National Office to order certificates, pins and academic cords.
2. Additional information is available on the website: www.alphaeta.net or by contacting Lee Holder at University of Oklahoma.
3. Board member liaison with chapters – Last year, each board member was asked to contact specific chapters in his/her region to ascertain status of the chapter and to see what kind of help or support might be needed. It was suggested that we repeat the activity this year in order to facilitate communications and follow-up.

4. Additional effort to involve the two year schools (NN2) was suggested. William Frey, University of Tennessee, was asked to coordinate that effort.

New Business –New Award Suggested

President Gallicchio referred to his presidential remarks contained in the Fall 2005 issue of the Alpha Eta Society newsletter. Traditionally we have given the Sidney Rodenberg Award for the outstanding allied health student. Originally it was intended for undergraduate students; however, most of the recipients have been graduate students. As allied health programs transition to graduate level clinical and academic programs, it might be wise to develop an additional award for graduate students and differentiate between undergraduate and graduate students.

President Gallicchio suggested a new award be named the “Lee Holder Award for Excellence in Graduate Allied Health Education” and be awarded starting in 2006.

Discussion centered around graduate vs. undergraduate education. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Holder award be established for graduate education and the Rodenberg Award be continued for undergraduate education.

Board members were thanked for their work on behalf of the Society.

The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Holder
Secretary/Treasurer