

ALPHA ETA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
2004 Annual Meeting (**REVISED**)
October 22, 2004
Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel
TAMPA, FLORIDA

MINUTES

President Vincent Gallicchio called the meeting to order at 8 a.m., and welcomed the group to the annual meeting. Eighteen members were present representing chapters at Universities of Kentucky, Nebraska, Texas (Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas), Oklahoma, Tennessee, Northern Arizona, Thomas Jefferson, Des Moines, Armstrong Atlantic, and Gwynedd-Mercy College. (See attached sign-in sheet) After welcome and introductions of those present, the secretary/treasurer was asked to give his report.

Secretary/Treasurer Lee Holder reported:

Fund balance as of 10/19/2004 - \$32,010.43 which 15,550.76 is in a CD earning a yield of 4.70% due 5/12/11.

- \$4,000 has been paid to ASAHP to co-sponsor poster sessions for 2002-03-04.
- \$595 has been paid for website design and fees
- \$3,600 has been paid for secretarial services
(See attached Financial Statement for details.)

Minutes of 2003 meeting in Toronto, Canada were distributed and reviewed.

Currently we have 59 chapters of which 29 have no apparent activity (dues, initiates, annual report, or representation at the annual meeting). Eleven chapters have been declared inactive; 27 paid dues and 8 of these paid but have no other activity reported; 3 chapters initiated members but apparently have not paid dues yet. (See Status Report.) Note that it is difficult to get up to date information from chapters due to changes in personnel, etc. Please report changes and errors to Lee Holder so corrections can be made.

Discussion – We need to improve communications and to get more publicity. This year, to encourage participation, we did not charge a registration fee and did not have a prepared breakfast (since ASAHP had a continental breakfast available in the registration area). We had about 40 people signed up for the Alpha Eta Meeting but only 18 showed up. We need to determine what happened and see how we can get better participation in future years.

Awards

New Chapter: Linda V. Reilly was presented the charter for her new chapter at Gwynedd – Mercy College, Pennsylvania.

President's Award for Outstanding Chapter – Vesper Grantham, President of University of Oklahoma chapter, accepted the award for the University of Oklahoma.

Rodenberg Award –Miranda Swain Beeson from Old Dominion University received the Sidney Rodenberg Award as the outstanding allied health student for 2004. She presented a summary of her research in dental hygiene.

Nominations/Elections

Vince Gallicchio accepted the nomination to continue as president for a second term, hence he is listed as president and president-elect for 2004-2005.

Lee Holder's term as secretary/treasurer continues through 2005.

Directors 2004-2006

Ellen Hope-Kearns, California State University, San Dominguez
Susan Peterson- Mansfield – University of Tennessee
Jodi Cahalan – Des Moines University
Tom Miller – University of Connecticut

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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 (Replaces Joe Smey who resigned)

Nominations were approved and elected as presented.

Remarks – President Vincent Gallicchio

- We need to develop better relations and contacts with local chapters. It might be wise to foster national officer/board member visits to local chapters. President Gallicchio visited the Thomas Jefferson University chapter recently with very good effect.
- Regional coordination has not been working very effectively. We need to rethink or revitalize that concept. Perhaps board members would consider providing liaison with chapters in their region.

- We should investigate ASAHP's national office potential for facilitating our national meeting and office functions. For example, we might insert a flyer in the ASAHP conference packet to increase publicity and participation at the next annual meeting (to be held in Houston, TX).
- We need more publicity to get greater awareness about our website (www.alphaeta.net) in order to disseminate Alpha Eta information.
- Lee Holder has requested that we start looking for a person/institution to replace him in the future. He is willing to serve one more term (if asked) but sees the need to orient a new person to operations.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Holder
Secretary/Treasurer