

Executive Committee Meeting May 6, 2021, 2:00pm CDT by google meet video conference call hosted by National Office.

The executive committee met May 6, 2021, 2:00pm CDT by google meet video conference call hosted by the national office. By way of roll call those present were President Julie Ballenger, Past President Steve Ropski, Past President Don Roush, Vice Presidents Adam Ryburn, Tony Schountz, Debra Martin, David Forestier, BIOS editor Lori Kelman, and National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush and assistant Iris Daly.

Julie welcomed everyone. She thanked everyone for all their hard work.

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The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from January 14, 2021.
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Lori stated there were two periods to be corrected. David Forrestier corrected the spelling of his name.

Steve moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes from January 14, 2021, with corrections. Motion Passed.

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The second item of business was the discussion of the 2022 National Convention at Oklahoma City College, Alpha Chapter
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Adam reported for the 2022 National Convention. May 31 – June 5, 2022.

Tentative schedule is below

Arrive on Tues May 31, 2022, depart Sunday June 5, 2022

Tuesday May 31

Executive Committee arrives

Dinner for Executive Committee (off campus)

Wednesday June 1

Executive Committee Meeting in SSM (or Great Hall) – coffee /snack setup up morning and afternoon and catered lunch. Dinner may be on campus or off campus

Thursday June 2

All other participants arrive and check in to housing

Lunch for all participants in Cafeteria

Dinner for all participants in Cafeteria

Friday June 3

Breakfast for all participants in Cafeteria

Oral Presentations in SSM

Lunch for all participants in Cafeteria

Poster Sessions in Great Hall

Dinner for all participants in Cafeteria

Saturday June 4

Breakfast for all participants in Cafeteria

Morning Field Trips

Lunch for all participants in Cafeteria

Afternoon Field Trips

Awards Banquet in Great Hall

Sunday June 5

Breakfast for all participants in Cafeteria

Participants depart

Expected # of Participants: ~120 (100 students, 20 faculty)

Facilities Needed:

Residence Halls for ~100 students (faculty will likely stay off campus)

McDaniel Student Center

- Cafeteria: lunch and dinner on Wed. June 1; three meals on Thurs. June 2; three meals on Fri. June 3; breakfast and lunch on Sat. June 4; breakfast on Sun. June 5
- Great Hall:
 - Poster Session on Thurs. June 2
 - Awards Banquet on Sat. June 4

Sarkeys Science and Math: numerous rooms needed during Thursday, June 2 for presentations (will coordinated with College of Arts and Sciences)

Steve asked if we had ideas for a giveaway item to students for the 100th anniversary of TriBeta. Some suggestions were coin, magnetic pin, water bottle, bandana, stainless seal straw. We have had a writing tablet, flash drive, mouse pad, fold up frisbee, leather folio. Adam said that a student designed a coin about the size of a half dollar for graduation. We could email advisors and students and ask for suggestions. Steve asked for a 100th anniversary certificate for national convention participants. Or a Brooks and Johnson certificate 100th anniversary.

Kathy asked Adam for field trips this summer for the national convention registration.

The 2024 national convention will be held at Columbus State University, Mu Omicron Chapter. We will have the same accommodations and field trips.

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The third item of business was the Regional Reports.
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Lori reported for BIOS. She submitted a semi-annual report. She needed input on color figures. She thought a student incentive to publish in BIOS might be free page charges and free 1st color figure charge. The non TriBeta members pay. Members do not pay. She suggested a \$20 per page charge for nonmembers. If one student author is a TriBeta member no charge with consideration.

**Don moved and Tony seconded that TriBeta member will not be charged for pages and 1st color figure and nonmembers will be charged page fees and color figure fees.
Motion Passed.**

Lori's Bios semi-annual report May 2021

1. Bios is still behind on publication. The December 2020 issue is at Allen Press waiting for page numbers.
2. The March 2021 issue is in first proofs (authors have proofs and I am getting them back next week).
3. I am behind on submissions, submissions in review, and revised manuscripts.
4. We are making changes to the style due to the switch to online-only that will take effect in 2022. Allen will charge us hourly (up to \$450) for the redesign. We will meet in June (Zoom).
5. The Instruction to Authors has not been posted.
6. We still need more reviewers.
7. Bios is the record of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Society. Consider writing something about your experience with TriBeta, the pandemic, education, research, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Kelman, Editor

Julie reported for the Southeast. SE-1 and SE-2 met jointly with ASB. The meeting was March 25 and 26. All posters and oral presentations were available to review that week. Following thirteen oral presentations there was a live question and answer period. There were 9 awards given. Following twenty-one posters there was no live question and answer period. Email questions were sent. There were 6 awards given. We recognized 29 TriBeta research grant awards. The next 2022 ASB joint TriBeta meeting will be in Little Rock, AR late March – early April.

David Forrestier reported for the Caribbean Region. The regional meeting was March 20, 2020, 8:30-6:00pm at University of Puerto Rico-Ponce by video. All chapters participated. Twenty-one students presented. Presentations were available a week before. There was a 5-minute live question and answer after the oral presentations. There were 6 poster presentations. There was a live 5-minute question and answer. There were 93 participants. We were pleased with the hybrid format of the convention and may want to do that again. The field trip was to an island with hummingbird migration tracking.

Steve asked if other districts used the zoom platform that the national office provided? He said the platform they used in NE3 was outstanding. Iris responded that the national office provided the 3 zoom platforms to chapters that said they might need it. Only one was used. She did not receive any feedback concerning the use. David said they did not charge students with the platform they used. Students told him of platforms that were easier to use. But he was not familiar with these platforms. He could make inquiries about them if we wanted that. Kathy said that some schools wanted to use their own platform and ask for a reimbursement. But she never got any requests for reimbursement. Steve said that Duquesne University used a platform that was superb and called Voyager 1. Their school had a license for this platform, so it was free for them to use for the district meeting. Posters were available a week before.

Debra Martin reported for the Northeast Region. NC1 held their meeting by zoom April 17, 2020. NC3 met jointly with Minnesota Academy of Science using Zfair program. There were only oral presentations, no posters. Thirty-five students participated, one from NC2 since they did not have a meeting.

Adam Ryburn reported for the Southcentral Region. SC1 and SC2 met April 10 using zoom platform. There were about 121 participants. Thirteen posters and 33 oral presentations. Students stood with their poster behind them and answered questions. There were 13 posters. There were 33 oral presentations. Next year regional meeting will be in early April.

Tony reported for the Western Region. We had a combined meeting with one school Azusa Pacific University from W2. The Air Force Academy used zoom platform. We had a speaker talk about the Tropical Forest and Climate Change. Saturday morning, we had about 10 poster presentations which was a 5-minute explanation and then live questions and answers after the presentation. Then there were 5 oral presentations with live question and answer after the presentations. Later there was a speaker. Next year meeting is not set yet. We will try to do that in the fall.

Iris let everyone know to send us the list of winners with email addresses and mailing addresses. We will mail the plaques and certificates directly to the student winners.

Lori asked if we see a role of using zoom for future meetings. Steve said at the end of their meeting it was very much favored to possibly having a hybrid meeting encouraging in person meeting but also have a portion that would be a video format.

Julie said that would be something to consider. The hybrid teaching did not work well. She was not sure that hybrid meetings would work well. The virtual meetings may be in the future because of the travel cost and lodging cost. It is something to consider.

Adam said the lodging is expensive for the SC. He thought that if given a choice to meet in person with the expense of lodging and food might be \$110. And attending virtual cost \$10 no one would show up for the meeting. He feels that we need to have in person meetings because there is so much done in person that is not done when they meet virtually.

Lori suggested that maybe we could do a virtual nationwide initiation done by the national office.

Don said ODK in Montgomery did that trying to get circles across the southeast to participate. Only 6 out of 100 circles participated. He did not know if they would try it again.

Julie said this is something to think about. We would want to do a lot of advertising and try to do a very good job if we did this.

Steve wanted to talk about both in person and virtual presentations. He suggested a smaller group for a virtual meeting limiting maybe to 4 oral presentations and 4 poster presentations. And these presentations would not be eligible for awards. The rest of the meeting would be in person. Julie said this would be something to consider. It is good that we are considering this possibility now. We are looking at the positive points and negative points to the virtual meeting. It could be something we do in the future. It might be left to the individual host chapter and that district to decide if they want to try a hybrid meeting.

David thought the students recording their presentations and submitting the presentation was good. It made the students practice their presentations and improve their presentations. It was good feedback for the student. It was good to have these recordings of the presentations for other uses.

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The fourth item of business was the committee reports.
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Adam Ryburn reported for the Bertholf Award Committee. There were 10 applications.

2019-2020

- Bertholf Award Winner - University of Puerto Rico, Aguadilla - Zeta Lambda Chapter
- 2nd Place - College of New Jersey - Chi Upsilon Chapter
- Honorable Mention - Northwestern State University - Delta Theta Chapter
- Outstanding Chapters:
- Johns Hopkins University - Rho Phi Chapter
- University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez - Zeta Alpha Chapter
- University of Puerto Rico, Ponce - Zeta Kappa Chapter
- St. John Fisher College - Upsilon Rho Chapter
- University of Puerto Rico, Cayey - Zeta Epsilon Chapter

We are trying to get more chapters to apply for the Bertholf Award.

Tony reported for the McClung Award for BIOS 90. This is still under review.

Don reported for the Yokley Award. He has requested nominations.

Kathy reported for the national office.

Financial reports are provided for 2019, 2020, 2021 to date.

The national office received the PPLoan. We did get the forgiveness for the 1st loan. The national office applied for the 2nd PPLoan. The national office is now applying for the forgiveness of the 2nd loan. This added \$80,000 to TriBeta bank account.

Kathy provided an excel spreadsheet comparing the number of students registered each year. We see a decline in student membership in 2020 because of the shutdown from COVID 19. Registration of new members is slowly coming back in 2021.

We have a new Vice President for the Caribbean Dr. David Forrestier from the University of Puerto Rico- Ponce. We welcome David. Thank you

The Budget in brief was presented. Monetary awards for the Bertholf Award were added to the budget. These monetary awards were sent this year.

Kathy proposed that we go back to the \$75,000 for the research grants the academic year 2021-2022.

Inventory will be purchased summer of 2021 such as honor cords and jump drives. Any Bank CDs that mature will not go back into a CD but used in a different investment. One CD matures January 2022, another matures June 2022.

Travel grants for Brooks and Johnson winners has been \$750 for a long time.

Staff in the national office and BIOS have not received a pay raise since 2018.

District Convention Host Grant is \$600.

David Forrestier wanted to find out if all Puerto Rico chapter members have paid their membership fees. The national office sends emails to those who owe money. Please send an email if you want to request any specific information.

**Steve Ropski moved and Tony Schountz 2nd a 3% pay raise for the national office staff and BIOS staff effective immediately.
Motion Passed.**

The travel grant was increased from \$750 to \$900 for 1st place Brooks and Johnson winners. If 1st place winner cannot attend the national meeting, then the 2nd place winner can receive the travel award to attend the national meeting and present.

**David Forrestier moved and Deb Martin 2nd to increase the travel grant to \$900.
Motion Passed.**

**Tony Schountz moved and Steve Ropski 2nd to approve the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.
Motion Passed.**

Kathy presented two new requests for a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society

University of the Southwest-NM
Westchester University

**Don Roush moved and Tony Schountz 2nd to grant University of Southwest-NM and Westchester University a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.
Motion Passed.**

Deb Martin was concerned that Bemidji State University has lost interest in getting a charter. The national office will contact them to determine if they were still interested in a charter.

Kathy asked everyone to look at the committee assignments and decide where you would like to serve.

**Don Roush moved and Tony Schountz 2nd to
Adjourn.**

**Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Roush**