The executive committee met by conference call at 1:30 pm CST. President Don Roush welcomed everyone. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past Presidents Larry Koehler, Vice Presidents Paul Yokley, Sister Rose Bast, Crosby Jones, and Tony Schountz, Fred Brenner, District Director Steve Ropski, BIOS Editor Lori Kelman, National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

Don Roush asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

**Paul Yokley moved and Fred Brenner seconded the motion to accept the agenda**

**Motion Passed.**

The first item of business was a 2014 National Convention report.

Steve Ropski reported for the 2014 National Convention. The date for the convention is June 2-8, 2014. Location is Gannon University, Erie, PA. The executive committee will arrive Monday June 2, 2014. The students and other delegates will arrive Wednesday June 4, 2014 and depart Sunday June 8, 2014. The executive committee will stay at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel. Students will stay in Gannon University dormitories. Food for the convention delegates will be at Gannon University. The executive committee will met on Tuesday June 3, 2014 at Gannon University. There will be Gannon University vans to transport people to and from Gannon University and the hotel. The Saturday night banquet will be held at Gannon University. Oral sessions and Poster sessions will be Thursday on Gannon University campus. Friday and Saturday will be field trips. The field trips are planned for half day so the students can take several different trips.

**A tentative schedule**
- **Monday June 2, 2014** Executive Committee arrives
- **Tuesday June 3, 2014** Executive Committee meeting on Gannon University campus
- **Wednesday June 4, 2014** Students arrive
- **Thursday June 5, 2014** Oral and poster presentations on Gannon University campus
- **Friday June 6, 2014** Field Trips
- **Saturday June 7, 2014** Field trips
- **Sunday June 8, 2014** depart

Some possible field trips are
- Hiking and/or bike trail with Gannon University Faculty as tour guide
- Kayaking or pontoon boat ride through a lagoon
- Erie zoo behind the scenes /after hours tour
- Visit to the state park or possibly Niagara Falls
- Erie Art Museum
- Erie Maritime museum
- Glacial Park
- Tours of the Osteopathic medicine school
- Tour of the Pharmacy School
- Tour of the Dental School
There might be some type of community service or volunteerism on one day of the conference. There will be speakers one night maybe from the wildlife federation.

Erie, PA has three airlines that service the area United, Delta, and US Air.

The second item of business was the approval of the minutes of May 15, 2012.

Paul Yokley moved and Larry Koehler seconded the minutes be accepted. Motion Passed

The third item of business was the vice presidents reports.

Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast Region. All four district conventions are scheduled. NE-1 will be held at Dominican College Nu Psi Chapter, Dr. Ann Marie DelliPizzi, April 27, 2013. NE-2 will be held at Lincoln University/PA, Rho Psi Chapter, Dr. David Royer, March 23, 2013. NE-3 will be held at University of Pittsburg/Johnstown, Phi Delta Chapter, Dr. Jill Henning, March 23, 2013. NE-4 will be held at University of Dayton, Theta Kappa Chapter, Dr. Carl Friese, March 23, 2013. Fred wanted to recall Central Connecticut State University, Chapter Chi Beta, Framingham State College, Chapter Chi Omega, Rutgers University/Newark, Chapter Lambda Delta, and Baldwin Wallace College, Chapter Xi Theta for inactivity. He wanted letters sent to Tristate University and Villanova University, and CUNY/Lehman.

Fred Brenner moved and Paul Yokley seconded to recall the charters of Central Connecticut State University, Chapter Chi Beta, Framingham State College, Chapter Chi Omega, Rutgers University/Newark, Chapter Lambda Delta, and Baldwin Wallace College, Chapter Xi Theta for inactivity. Motion Passed.

Paul Yokley reported for the Southeast Region. There is a new district director for SE-1 Dr. Lee Sutton from East Carolina University...Dr. Steve Coggin stepped down from district director because of his position as Dean.

The Southeast regional meeting will be held in Charleston, WV April 10-13, 2013. Dr. Christi Magrath with organize the SE1 and SE2 meeting. Field trips will be Kayaking on Thursday and Oral and poster presentations will be on Friday. The awards banquet will be Friday night.

Berea College was recalled. But before action could be taken Berea College asked to be reactivated.

Paul wanted letters to be sent to the inactive chapters.
Tony reported for the Western Region. W-1 district meeting will be held at Colorado Mesa State University April 12-13, 2013. W-2 district meeting will be held at Azusa Pacific University, Epsilon Gamma, April 6, 2013.

He wanted letters sent to the inactive chapters. California State University /Los Angeles registered members. California State University/Monterey Bay wanted to host a National Convention. Will come to Erie, PA national convention to make a presentation for 2018.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. All three districts have scheduled there conventions.
NC-1 Will be held at Bradley University, Omega Epsilon April 20, 2013, Dr. Jennifer Jost
NC – 2 will be held at Camp MaHa, Papillion, NE, April 12-14, 2013, Dr. Amy Morris, Hastings College will host.
NC-3 will be held at Simpson College, Beta Chapter, April 19-20, 2013.

Sister Rose said she would work with inactive chapters. University of Wisconsin/Eau Claire advisor was on sabbatical. He said they had registered members but not sent the names to the national office.

Sister Rose wanted to report that she was contacted by the accountant that performs the audit and the tax return. He has a new federal requirement that he must contact the chairperson of the budget committee to discuss the audit.

Crosby Jones reported for the Southcentral Region. The regional convention will be held at the Biological Field Station, April 5-7, 2013. Angelo State University and Sam Houston State University will cohost the meeting.

He wanted letters sent to the inactive chapters.

The fourth item of business was the committee reports.

Crosby Jones reported for the research grant committee. The total amount awarded was $57,200.00. The grants ranged from $300 to $1200. A total of 101 grants were awarded. The list of those awarded is on the web page.

The FAQ is on the web page. And an example of a grant application is also on the web page.

Crosby thought it would be a good idea to try to find a donor to match the research grant fund.

Larry Koehler asked about the statement concerning the use of Chordate animals in research. Something was suppose to be put on the research grant application such as a check box for “If research uses vertebrate animals or human subjects, has it been approved by your university?”

This will be added to the research grant application before the fall 2013 application process begins.

Fred Brenner reported for the Bertholf Committee.
1st Place – Zeta Epsilon Chapter, University of Puerto Rico/Cayey
2nd Place – Rho Chi Chpater, Bloomsburg University
3rd Place – Delta Sigma Chapter, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Outstanding Chapter
Zeta Alpha Chapter, University of Puerto Rico/Mayaguez
Zeta Lambda Chapter, University of Puerto Rico/Aguadilla
Pi Omicron Chapter, Hastings College

Paul Yokley reported for the Yokley Award. He asked for nominations. A list of eligible advisor was given to the executive committee.

Larry Koehler reported for the constitution committee. They were looking at the constitution for some editorial changes. It was decided that the statements in the constitution concerning the presentations of the research.

The fifth item of business was the report from the national office.

Kathy Roush reported for the national office.

A total of 317 attended the national convention
National Convention $200 travel grant applied to registration ---- 83 students -------- $16,600
Johnson or Brooks winners applied part of $750 to registration 15 students --------3,378
Travel grants $200 paid by check to student 11,400
Johnson or Brooks winners paid by check 20,238.90
Hotel, Field Trips, transportation 175,433.40
Hotel deposit in 2011 30,000
Travel to National Convention, Executive Committee, District Directors 12,696.30

Total Expenses $269,746.60
Total payments received $54,770.71
Total Cost $214,975.89

Kathy submitted 10 colleges and universities requesting a charter of the honor society to the executive committee. The schools were
Indiana University/South Bend
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Centenary College of Louisiana
Rockland Community College
Ferrum College
St Petersburg College
Auburn University/Montgomery
St John Fisher College
University of Houston/Victoria
Central Christian College

The executive committee reviewed and discussed each school individually.
St John Fisher College was reviewed and discussed.

**Larry Koehler moved and Fred Brenner seconded that St John Fisher College be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.**
**Motion Passed.**

St Petersburg College was reviewed and discussed.

**Paul Yokley moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that St Petersburg College be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.**
**Motion Passed.**

Auburn University/Montgomery was reviewed and discussed.

**Paul Yokley moved and Larry Koehler seconded that Auburn University/Montgomery be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.**
**Motion Passed.**

Ferrum College was reviewed and discussed.

**Crosby Jones moved and Fred Brenner seconded that Ferrum College be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.**
**Motion Passed.**

Centenary College of Louisiana was reviewed and discussed.

**Fred Brenner moved and Crosby Jones seconded to request more information and take an email vote later.**
**Motion Passed.**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania was reviewed and discussed.

**Fred Brenner moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that Indiana University of Pennsylvania be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.**
**Motion Passed.**

University of Indiana/South Bend was reviewed and discussed.

**Crosby Jones moved and Fred Brenner seconded to request more information and take an email vote later.**
**Motion Passed.**

Rockland Community College sponsored by Pace University/NY Upsilon Iota chapter was reviewed and discussed.

**Larry Koehler moved and Fred Brenner seconded that Rockland Community College be granted a club charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.**
**Motion Passed.**

Central Christian College/KS was reviewed and discussed.
Larry Koehler moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that Central Christian College/KS be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society. 

Motion Passed

Kathy reported that the society has 570 chapters with 7 new chapters approved and 4 withdrawn giving a total of 573 chapters. She also reported that a total of 10,736 new members were registered in 2011-2012 fiscal year. There were a total of 7,352 regular members, 2,421 associate members, 808 promoted members, 131 graduate members, and 24 honorary members registered in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The sixth item of business was the BIOS report.

Lori Kelman reported for the BIOS journal. 

2013a Report
February 15, 2013

1. Things are going well with Allen Press, with a few “glitches” we’re working on. The Dec. 2012 issue (Vol. 83 No. 4) was mailed Jan. 31, 2013. I’m trying to get the issues out closer to the publication date. The really good news is that we’ve seen significant savings on producing and printing the journal.

2. Statistics: 48 papers submitted in 2012. 1 was immediately rejected by the Editor. Of the papers processed in 2012, 33% required major revision, 54% required minor revision, and 13% were not acceptable.

3. In Volume 83, 15 Research Articles and 1 Preliminary Report were published.

4. We have a need for more reviewers. 191 reviewers were invited to review a paper in 2012. 94 completed reviews, 4 are still working on a review from 2012, 36 declined to review, 53 were uninvited (typically because they never responded to the invitation), and 4 were terminated by the Editor. There are only 104 reviewers in the database so some people are reviewing several papers, and although most are doing this cheerfully I wish I had more people I could ask.

Crosby asked how long the process was to see a paper in print: Lori reported it was about a year.

The seventh item of business was new business.

Dr.

Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Roush