

## **Executive Committee Meeting May 18, 2010 at the National Convention, Fort Lewis College Chapter Epsilon Upsilon, Durango, CO**

The executive committee convened 8:00am MT. President Don Roush welcomed everyone. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past President Larry Koehler, Gary Wolgamott, Vice Presidents Paul Yokley, Fred Brenner, Crosby Jones, Sister Rose Bast, Felix Velazquez-Soto, Past Vice Presidents Keith Longpre, District Directors, Steve Coggin, Christi Magrath, Tony Schountz, Steve Ropski, Debra Martin, BIOS Editor Lori Kelman, and National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

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The first item of business was the approval of the agenda.  
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### **Agenda Approved.**

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The second item of business was the 2010 National Convention Report.  
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Tony Schountz gave the National Convention Report. Programs were being printed. Copies will be available soon. Mini vans have been reserved. Volunteers are needed to drive the vans. The vans are needed to pick people up at the airport and take them back to the airport. Also to drive people to places for the field trip pick up and then pick them up when they return from the field trip.

Oral sessions are scheduled for Saturday morning. Poster sessions are scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

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The third item of business was the approval of the minutes of February 11, 2010  
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**Larry Koehler moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that the minutes be accepted with corrections.**

### **Motion Passed**

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The fourth item of business was the Vice Presidents Reports  
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Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast. Northeast 1 held their district convention at the University of Vermont. NE-2 held their district convention at the College of New Jersey, Chapter Chi Upsilon. Fred attended the NE-3 district convention held at Gannon University Chapter Theta Omega. NE-4 district convention was held at Hillsdale College chapter Iota Psi. All district conventions were successful and had many oral presentations and poster presentations.

Paul Yokley reported for the Southeast Regional Convention, SE-1 and SE-2. The Regional Convention was held in Asheville, NC. There were about twenty oral presentations and twenty

poster presentations. Christi Magrath from Troy University was the organizer for the TriBeta regional convention. Steve Coggin represented SE-1 for Virginia Martin. There were more students at this meeting than ever before. The next SE regional meeting will be in Huntsville, AL and Steve Coggin will be the organizer.

Felix Velazquez reported for the Regional meeting in Caribbean Region. They had a very successful regional meeting with many oral presentations and many poster presentations. All chapters in the region participated.

Tony Schountz reported for the Western Region. The West 1 district meeting was held at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, CO. There were about 60 participants with many oral presentations and poster presentations. He installed 7 new chapters and visited 2 new universities. There is a lot of interest in the biology honor society in many of the universities in the western region.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. All three regions had successful district meetings. Northcentral 1 meeting was held at the University of Wisconsin/Whitewater, Chapter Gamma Mu. Northcentral 2 meeting was held at Hastings College, Chapter Pi Omicron. And Northcentral 3 meeting was held at University of St Thomas Chapter Gamma Tau. She was keeping track of the research grants and their presentations. She wanted to thank Debra Martin for being here today to make presentation on a possible site for the National Convention.

Crosby Jones reported for the Southcentral Region. They had a very successful regional meeting. They had about 45 oral and poster presentations and a speaker. Angelo State University was the host organizing chapter. Gary attended the regional meeting this year. The Texas schools are discussing meeting separately because of the distance they have to travel. Dr. Ali Azghani from the University of Texas/Tyler will be the new District Director for SC-2.

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The fifth item of business was the committee reports.  
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Crosby Jones reported for the Research Grant Committee. He wanted to know who was on the committee so they could have a discussion. He wanted anyone who had problems or issues to let him know. He wanted to know if any grant winners two years in a row could win awards. Could they present both poster and oral presentations and win awards. He also wanted to look at applications concerning use of animals and human subjects. Travel to a conference to present work is sometimes included in the proposed budget. Paul did not want travel to present at a conference to be included in the grant budget. That should be taken out before the award is made if it has been included in the budget of the grant application. Maybe a statement needed to be added to the application that travel to present work at a conference should not be included in the grant proposal budget. A copy of the research grant application should be sent to all the vice presidents to possibly formulate a statement concerning use of animals and human subjects. And possibly formulate a statement concerning travel to present research at a conference.

There was no report from the Bertholf Committee. The past year winner would be presented the plaque at the awards banquet.

Paul Yokley requested suggestions for the Yokley Award.

Sister Rose reported for the budget committee. Recommended changes to the budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 are as follows.

Research Grants are recommended to go up to \$55,000. Host grants for district meetings remain at \$400. McClung Award remains at \$150. Total travel grants to national meetings for students go to \$35,000. Individual student travel grants to national meetings for Brooks and Johnson winners remain the same \$750. Travel grant to national meetings for students that have not received the grant for the Brooks or Johnson award travel grant remains the same at \$200. The new chapter application fee remains the same at \$300. Pay raises were recommended for office staff, temporary spring staff, BIOS editor, and National Secretary/Treasurer.

Postage and shipping has gone down. TriBeta is on a contract with the University of North Alabama with UPS for a reduced price for next day and 2<sup>nd</sup> day shipping at the ground shipping price.

**Sister Rose Bast made a motion to accept the budget recommendations.  
Budget Accepted**

Larry Koehler reported for the nominating committee. All officers are returning except for Jack Seilheimer vice president of the western region. Jack has recommended Tony Schountz as the vice president of western region.

**Tony Schountz was approved for Vice President of Western Region at the Awards Banquet business meeting**

It was recommended that Jack Seilheimer be nominated as a National Honorary Member to be listed with the other Honorary members and the Emeritus Members in the constitutional amendments.

**Larry Koehler moved and Paul Yokley seconded that Jack Seilheimer be added to the National Honorary members.  
Motion Passed**

**Larry Koehler moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that Gary Wolgamott be added to the National Honorary members.  
Motion Passed**

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The sixth item of business was a report from the National Office  
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Kathy Roush reported for the National Office. There were two new chapters for the executive committee to approve.

Southwest Mississippi Community College  
California State University/Monterey Bay

**Paul Yokley moved and Steve Ropski seconded that California State University/Monterey Bay and Southwest Community College be granted a charter of the Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.  
Motion Passed.**

There were eight chapters installed

Azusa Pacific University	W-2 Schountz 5/8/2009
Chapman University	W-2 Schountz 11/2009
San Jose University	W-2 Schountz 11/2009
Fairleigh Dickerson Univ/Florham	NE-2 Boone 8/2009
Albright College	NE-2 Boone 8/2009
Centenary College	NE-2 Boone 11/2009
High Point University	SE-1 Coggin 11/2009
Regis University	

There are four universities to be installed

University of Iowa	NC-3 D Martin
Maplewoods/ Metropolitan Community College	NC-2 Morris 1/21/2009
St Michael's College	NE-1 Bettica 9/2009
University of Arkansas/Fort Smith	SC-1 Cluck 11/2009

And there are three universities to be visited

Millikin University	NC-1 4/26/2010
University of Dallas	SC-2 Cluck 4/26/2010
Georgia Gwinnett College	SE-1 Coggin 3/3/2010

The national office purchased a data base management software program (EventsPro) for managing the membership and other details of the office which is to be used on a server. The University of North Alabama is providing the server which is used for this program and tech support to help us. The national office is also using conference program called event for the registration and details of the national meeting.

The web page was redesigned to look a little more modern and easier to navigate. We are still using pay pal on the web page for membership registration payment. The use of the pay pal has stayed about the same for a couple of years.

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The seventh item of business was the BIOS Report

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Lori Kelman BIOS editor reported for BIOS A Quarterly Journal. The printing of BIOS has slowed some. Sheridan Press reorganized and made changes causing delays in the printing. September 2009 is available online. BIO ONE.org has all abstracts. And all abstracts are searchable. JSTOR has all BIOS archived. We get a small share of the revenue from BIO ONE. Subscription online is available with BIO ONE.org.

The online submission portal is still being tested. When it is ready, reviewers will have to learn how to use it. It may be available in September. Question – Will this submission portal help with

the backlog of publishing BIOS? No. The back log is not about the review process. The back log is about the printing process.

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The eighth item of business was old business.  
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The Student Guide “Acts of Impropriety” on the web page should be updated to address alcohol use. TriBeta will not provide insurance coverage for any TriBeta function that includes alcohol. Kathy will send a copy of the Student Guide to the Executive Committee to update the section on “Acts of Impropriety”

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The ninth item of business was new business.  
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There will be three presentations for the site location of the 2012 National Convention. The proposed dates for the 2012 National Convention were May 21-26.

**Steve Ropski moved and Crosby Jones seconded the date for the 2012 National Convention be May 21-26, 2012.  
Motion Passed**

Steve and Meagan Ropski from Gannon University presented a proposal to have the 2012 National Convention at Gannon University, Erie, PA.

Debra Martin from St Mary’s University/MN presented a proposal to hold the 2012 National Convention at St Mary’s University, Winona, MN.

Felix Velazquez-Soto presented a proposal to hold the 2012 National Convention in Puerto Rico.

This was the third time Puerto Rico has proposed to host the national convention and second time Gannon University had proposed to host the national convention. An anonymous paper vote was taken. After careful deliberation and after counting the paper vote in view of the executive committee the following was proposed.

**Larry Koehler moved and Tony Schountz seconded that the tentative schedule of site locations for the National Convention would be Puerto Rico 2012, Gannon University, Erie, PA 2014, and St Mary’s University, Winona, MN 2016.  
Motion Passed**

Paul Yokley moved and Gary Wolgamott seconded we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Roush