

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2008  
At the National Convention, Northern Kentucky University, Mu Iota  
Chapter**

The executive committee convened 8:30 EST. President Gary Wolgamott welcomed everyone. By way of roll call those present were President Gary Wolgamott, Past President Larry Koehler, Ted Michaud, Vice Presidents Paul Yokley, Fred Brenner, Jack Seilheimer, Crosby Jones, Sister Rose Bast, Felix Velaquez-Soto, Past Vice President Keith Longpre, District Directors Don Roush, Virginia Martin, Annemarie Bettica, Patrick Ross, Mike Woller, Advisors Miriam Kannan, Rick Boyer, BIOS Editor Lori Kelman, National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

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The first item of business was the 2008 National Convention Report given by Miriam Kannan.

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Miriam Kannan gave the National Convention Report.

Wednesday there is a career fair with representatives from business and graduate schools. There are seven panels in 9 different rooms. The theme is “What Can You Do with a Biology Degree? Field trip sign up is at the tables. There is a social afterwards to interact with the panelists.

Thursday morning will be oral presentations, lunch, then field trips, dinner with a speaker and a social with a band afterward.

Friday morning will be poster sessions, lunch, then field trips, dinner with keynote speaker.

Saturday there are field trips in the morning, box lunches and field trips in the afternoon then a Riverboat Cruise and Awards.

Sunday depart.

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The second item of business was the approval of the executive committee meeting minutes of January 2008.

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**Jack Seilheimer moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded the minutes of January 2008 be accepted. Motion Passed**

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The third item of business was the vice presidents regional reports.

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Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast Region. The District Conventions went well. He thanked Annemarie Bettica for all the work she has done in the NE-1. All the District Conventions went well. NE-2 District Convention was held at St Mary’s. NE-3 District

Convention was held at Edinboro. And NE-4 District Convention was held in Washington D.C. Fred wanted to continue to work with the inactive chapters. Ohio State University was inactive but now is registering members.

Paul Yokley reported for the Southeast Region. Fifty four chapters were represented at the district convention. There were 34 posters and 36 oral presentations. The district convention was held in Spartanburg, SC with Wofford University and Furman University as co hosts. There are several Universities applying for chapters in the SE-1 and SE-2. Paul wanted to continue to work with inactive chapters.

Felix Velaquez-Soto reported for the Caribbean Region. The convention was very successful. The chapters are very active. They conduct workshops and community service projects. Felix gave descriptions of many of the chapter projects. There is a possibility of 2 new chapters in Puerto Rico.

Jack Seilheimer reported for the Western Region. The west represents the rest of the United States including Alaska and Hawaii. There are a total of 41 chapters in the western region, 17 in W-1, 13 in W-2, and 10 in W-3. West -1 continues to add new chapters and is very active because of the district director Tony Schountz. The District Convention for W-1 was held at Colorado State University and was very successful. West -2 and West-3 did not hold a District Convention. Point Loma University asked for the district convention grant for the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research. Tribeta chapters from all western districts attended.

Jack expressed a desire to restructure the western Region from 3 districts to 2 districts combining W-2 and W-3 with one new district director. An email will be sent to all chapters in the western region asking for a director for the new region.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. She reminded everyone that there are 3 new district directors. NC -3 Debra Martin could not be here because of illness. Mike Woller is the district director NC-1. Pat Ross is the district director for NC-2. NC-3 meets jointly with Minnesota Academy of Science one year and jointly with Iowa Academy of Science the next year. She wanted to continue to work with the inactive chapters. University of Missouri/Columbia was inactive but she was trying to contact them.

Crosby Jones reported for the Southcentral Region. He preferred letters be sent to inactive chapters. The regional convention was held in April at Oklahoma Biological Field Station. Angelo State University was host with University of the Ozarks as co-host. Next year they will host. Oklahoma State Univ/Stillwater is now a chapter ready to be installed. Ron Humphrey is retiring from tribeta duties. Crosby will be looking for a replacement. Research grant due date was set for Sept 26, 2008.

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Third item of business was committee reports.  
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Jack Seilheimer reported for the McClung Award. The McClung Award for Bios vol 78 was Bios 78(1):1-9, Bernice Moser and James Rayburn, "Evaluation of developmental toxicity of interaction between caffeine and pseudoephedrine using frog embryo teratogenesis assay-Xenopus (Fetax). The chapter receives a plaque. The student receives a certificate and \$150. The priority criteria seem to work well.

Fred Brenner reported for the Bertholf Committee. He has had more applicants than in the past. University of Puerto Rico/Cayey was the winner for 2006-2007.

Paul Yokley reported for the Yokley Award. He was pleased with the number of recipients for the new award Yokley Award for 25 years of Continuous Participation which involved all chapters that registered members for 25 consecutive years.

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The fourth item of business was the budget report.  
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Sister Rose Bast reported for the budget committee. It was proposed to increase the Research Grant to \$40,000.

**Ted Michaud moved and Paul Yokley seconded the motion to increase the research grant fund to \$40,000. Motion Passed.**

It was recommended to increase the Bios editor salary, office staff salary, and national secretary/treasurer salary.

The Host grant for district conventions would remain the same. Mileage for travel would follow what the IRS guidelines are.

It was questioned whether the Brooks Award winners that publish in Bios receive \$50 award should be continued. The McClung Award for best paper published in Bios would remain.

**Fred Brenner moved and Don Roush seconded the motion to discontinue the monetary award for Brooks winners that publish in Bios. Motion passed.**

The McClung Award for best paper published in Bios would remain the same.

**Crosby Jones moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that the monetary award for the McClung Award would remain the same. Motion Passed.**

The total budget amount for the Chapter Travel Grants to the national convention was increased to \$30,000. The travel grant for Brooks and Johnson individual winners remained the same \$750.

**Ted Michaud moved and Fred Brenner seconded the motion to increase the total budget for the chapter travel grant to the national convention to \$30,000. Motion Passed.**

**Sister Rose Bast moved and Jack Seilheimer seconded that the yearly national office budget be accepted as discussed. Motion Passed.**

Larry Koehler reported for the nomination committee. The committee will nominate Don Roush for president. Each of the vice presidents and district directors will continue in their duties.

**Ted Michaud moved and Jack Seilheimer seconded that the nominations Don Roush as president be accepted and all current vice presidents to be reselected. Motion Passed.**

Kathy Roush reported for the national office. Universities for the executive committee to consider for new chapters are

Pikeville College  
Dominican College

**Paul Yokley moved and Fred Brenner seconded that the executive committee grant the universities a chapter. Motion Passed.**

Kathy was considering a web based program to register and handle the national convention. It sounded promising. The fee for this service was \$14 per person. Abstracts could be sent to this site also. She also wanted to look for a program for the fall and spring membership registration to help manage the data base.

Lori reported for Bios. She reported there were 10 papers ready for publishing. She had 30 manuscripts in her files. She gives the authors a PDF file of their paper. Bios is online now with Bio One.org. JStore.org archive will be released early 2009. We could make this available with a password. JStore charges to down load articles. Tribeta can charge also. Lori wanted to know if we wanted to charge for the articles on JStore. Larry Koehler suggested we make it as inexpensive as possible. The general opinion was to make the articles as inexpensive as possible. Lori said another trend is journals on line. The committee felt like the printed journal was important to keep. An online journal in addition to the printed version could be considered. Lori requested input for the Bios vol 80.

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The fifth item of business was new business.

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Jack Seilheimer wanted to reorganize the western region to be called Pacific Region (Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California) and Rocky Mountain Region (Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico). Gary said he would contact the chapters in the western region and explain the reorganization and ask if anyone was interested regional vice president position who would appoint district directors. There would possibly be a district director for Alaska and one for Hawaii.

There was concern about the dates of the National Convention. Jack expressed a desire to have the national convention a week earlier. The current date set for the national convention was May 24-30, 2010.

Paul requested each region to have an award for the chapters and advisors that have been active in their regions. And that the national office could provide certificates and/or plaques for this award.

Paul asked that President Gary Wolgamott send a letter to the President of University of North Alabama thanking the University for the support of the National Office on their campus.

Keith Longpre suggested we develop a power point for each chapter showing their activities. He also thought we could improve the web page with pictures. Pictures on the web page with the history of TriBeta would be good. Also pictures of the district conventions and national conventions could be put on the web page.

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The sixth item of business is the location of the 2010 National Convention.

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Gary said we have two informal invitations and one formal invitation. The informal invitation comes from Erie, PA Steve Ropski and Montana Tech. Felix has a formal presentation to hold the 2010 National Convention in Puerto Rico. The proposed dates in Puerto Rico are May 24-30, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned until the following morning for the formal presentation by Felix.

Felix wanted to keep the registration cost at \$240. Everyone could fly into San Juan. We were given packets of information covering hotels and food. Transportation would be available to get everyone to and from activities. Speakers with specialties in many different areas including animals and plants in the area would be available for evening dinners and banquets. Students as well as faculty and executive committee would stay in motel. Projected cost in motel would be a package. Felix recommended the Intercontinental Hotel at \$179 per night. It is four or five minutes from airport and 15 minutes from University. Oral presentations would be in the morning and field trips in the afternoon. Presentations would be given on the campus. Meals could possibly be on

the campus. We might consider a hotel option for the convention in Puerto Rico. Gary asked each member for their opinion of the proposal for 2010 convention in Puerto Rico.

Crosby Jones wanted to see firm cost of hotel and transportation. Ted Michaud felt the cost would be determining factor. Paul Yokley agreed that the cost was a concern. Fred Brenner was concerned about cost. Larry Koehler felt this was a real opportunity for students to see ecology they might not otherwise get to see. Sister Rose Bast thought it was a great opportunity for students. She thought if field trips could be tied to the speakers it would enhance the experience. Don Roush expressed concern about the cost. He also felt one positive point was that students could not drive. He wanted to control housing cost and food cost. Fred Brenner wanted to explore other options. Sister Rose Bast wanted to know if we could lock in costs by January 2009.

It was suggested we look for possible packages to Puerto Rico. Gary said we have a solid invitation to go to Puerto Rico with some alternatives if it becomes cost prohibitive. A concern was expressed as to what point is the cost too high? Gary suggested the executive committee make a site visit in January 2009 in Puerto Rico. Other options should be considered such as Montana near Yellowstone. There was concern that Yellowstone would still be in winter weather. The other option Steve Ropski had expressed a desire to have the national convention in Erie, PA.

Gary asked for a motion.

**Fred Brenner moved and Jack Seilheimer seconded that the committee adjourn.  
Motion Passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Roush