

Executive Committee Meeting February 27, 2014, 1:30 pm CST by conference call.

The executive committee met by conference call at 2:00 pm CDT. President Don Roush welcomed everyone. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past Presidents Gary Wolgamott, Vice Presidents Paul Yokley, Fred Brenner, Sister Rose Bast, Crosby Jones, and Tony Schountz, District Director Steve Ropski, BIOS Editor Lori Kelman, National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

Don Roush asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

Gary Wolgamott moved and Paul Yokley seconded the motion to accept the minutes. Motion Passed.

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The first item of business was the Vice Presidents Report.
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Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast Region. All districts have scheduled their conventions. The Northeast has added several new chapters. Fred wanted to continue to work with the inactive chapters.

Paul Yokley reported for the Southeast Region. The southeast district convention will be held in Spartanburg, SC April 2-5, 2014. Dr. Lee Sutton SE-1 district director will be the organizer for the meeting. The southeast has added several new chapters. Paul wanted to work with the inactive chapters.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. All districts have scheduled conventions. Sister Rose wanted to work with the inactive chapters.

Crosby Jones Reported for the Southcentral Region. The regional conference will be held at the Biological Field Station April 4-6, 2014. The southcentral region has added several new chapters. Crosby wanted to work with the inactive chapters.

Tony Schountz reported for the Western Region. The W-1 and W-2 districts have scheduled their conventions. W-1 is scheduled for April 4&5 and W-2 is scheduled for April 26, 2014. Tony wanted to work with the inactive chapters.

Lori Kelman reported for BIOS.

1. Allen Press has been great, and BIOS is back on schedule! The March issue should be mailed the last week of March.
2. In Volume 84, 22 Research Articles, 6 Preliminary Report, 2 Student’s Fora were published.
3. I would like to attend the Council of Science Editor’s annual conference in May. This will require plane flight to San Antonio, TX, a hotel room for 2 or 3 nights, \$185 in membership fees, and either \$33 (1 day) or \$609 (2 day – the whole conference) in registration fees.
4. For the past 15 years I have been using printers scrounged from a variety of sources in the BIOS office but no one has old working printers anymore, and the last one just died. May I purchase a printer and be reimbursed? I do not get reimbursed for office supplies (I write them off as a business expense) but a printer is a “major” expense.
5. I will give the “statistics” update at our face-to-face June meeting. Short story: we are swamped with

papers.

6. We still have a need for more reviewers.

Lori's request to purchase a new printer was approved. Lori's request to become a member of the Council of Science Editors was approved by email.

Steve Ropski reported for the national convention. All information concerning the field trips is detailed on the web page and detailed in the registration. Registration is open. Registration for the hotel is open. A guest speaker is scheduled for Friday night. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday night 6:30pm. . The meeting rooms and room for scrapbook and judges are scheduled.

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The second item of business was the committee reports.
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Crosby Jones reported for the Research Grant Committee. The national executive committee awarded \$55,557 in research grants. There were 124 recipients for the 2013-2014 academic year. The research grant was introduced at the national convention at Drew Universtiy in 1992. The research grant guidelines were developed after the national convention in Erie, PA in 1994.

Tony Schountz reported for the McClung Committee. The winner for the McClung Award for BIOS volume 83, 2013 was --

Kaylynn Coates and Katherine Robertson, "Muscarinic acetylcholine receptors are required for nestmate-odor memory retrieval but not for olfaction in Harvester ants (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*)". BIOS 84(3):158-164, 2013.
Westminster College/UT

Fred Brenner reported for the Bertholf Award 2012-2013,
Angelo State University Epsilon Sigma Chapter Bertholf Winner

Hastings College, Phi Omicron Chapter -- 2nd Place
University of Puerto Rico/Mayaguez, Zeta Alpha Chapter -- 3rd Place

Outstanding Chapter
Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Zeta Beta Chapter
University of Puerto Rico/Aguadilla, Zeta Lambda Chapter

Presentations will be made at the regional, district and national conventions.

Paul Yokley reported for the Yokley Award. He requested everyone to submit recommendations. Crosby Jones recommended Seab Smith for the Yokley Service Award and the Yokley Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award.

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The third item of business was the National Office report.
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Kathy reported for the national office. There were a total of 11,391 members registered in 2012-2013. There were 9 new requests for a charter.

Robert Morris University

NE-3 Ropski 4/18/2013

Fontbonne University	NC-2 Morris 4/8/2013
Spelman College	SE-1 Sutton 5/29/2013
North Greenville University	SE-1 Sutton 4/24/2013
Trinity College /CT	NE-1 Bettica 10/2013
Rose Hulman Institute of Technology	NE-4 Burns 12/2/2013
Schreiner University	SC-2 Azghani 11/12/2013
University of Houston/Clearlake	SC-2 Azghani 12/2/2013
Penn State University/Altoona College	NE-3 Ropski 11/25/2013

Paul Yokley moved and Gary Wolgamott seconded that all nine universities be granted a charter.

Motion Passed.

It was suggested that Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society make a donation of \$250 in memory of Dawn Rohrs, the Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society national secretary /treasurer 1989-2002, to "J Edwin Givens Employee Educational Scholarship Fund" At Covenant Woods, Development Office, 7090 Covenant Woods Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-9944.

Gary Wolgamott moved and Crosby Jones seconded the motion to send a donation in memory of Dawn Rohrs to the scholarship fund at Covenant Woods.

Motion Passed.

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The fourth item of business was old business.
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Crosby Jones reported for the ebook committee. No progress was made on the judging criteria for an ebook. The committee has not had any discussions for the new award. They will discuss this new award at the national convention. Crosby requested to step down from the chairman of the scrapbook committee.

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The fifth item of business was new business.
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Debra Fadool Advisor at Florida State University requested students that are registered at a school that have students with dual enrollment at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Florida State University be allowed to become members of TriBeta through Florida State University. All certificates would reflect Florida State University, Sigma Tau Chapter.

Paul Yokley moved and Tony Schountz seconded to allow students with dual enrollment at Florida State University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to become TriBeta members of Sigma Tau chapter located at Florida State University.

Motion Passed.

Paul moved to adjourn.

Adjourn.
Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Roush