

**Executive Committee Meeting March 17, 2016, 1:30pm CST by conference call.**

The executive committee met by conference call March, 2016 at 1:30pm CST. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past Presidents Larry Koehler , Vice Presidents Felix Velazquez, Paul Yokley, Julie Ballenger, Fred Brenner, Sister Rose Bast, Crosby Jones, and Tony Schountz, Brian Hyatt, BIOS Editor Lori Kelman, National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

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The first item of business was the National Convention report.

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Brian Hyatt reported for the National Convention 2016 committee. The 2016 National Convention will be held at Bethel University May 30 – June 5, 2016. The hotel for the executive committee is the Courtyard by Marriott. Deposits have been made for the dorms and cafeteria at Bethel University. The executive committee will have the business meeting Tues May 31 on the campus. The presentation rooms are reserved. All field trips are scheduled. The registration is open on the web page. The Mayo Clinic trip is about an 1 ½ hour trip. The local trips are shorter.

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The second item of business was the minutes of September 3, 2015 Report.

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**Sister Rose Bast moved and Fred Brenner seconded the minutes of September 3, 2015 be accepted.  
Motion Passed.**

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The third item of business was the Vice Presidents reports.

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Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast Region. The Northeast has a lot of new chapters. All the District Conventions are scheduled. Fred wanted letters sent to the inactive chapters.

Julie Ballenger reported for the Southeast Regions. The district conventions will be held April 1-4. Julie will contact the inactive chapters.

Felix reported for the Caribbean Region. The regional convention is scheduled. He has one new chapter. He will work with the inactive chapters.

Tony reported for the West. The district conventions are scheduled. Adams State University will host W-1. Cal Poly will host W-2. Several new chapters have been installed. He asked that University of Laverne chapter be recalled. He will work with the inactive chapters. He still wants 2018 national convention to be held at CSU/Monterey Bay. There are many opportunities for field trips. He thought the 2018 convention would be scheduled in June.

**Tony moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded to recall the charter at the University of Lavergne.**

**Motion Passed.**

Sister Rose reported for the Northcentral Region. All district conventions were scheduled. She requested letters be sent to inactive chapters. She recommended the charter at University of Nebraska/Omaha and Southern Illinois University be recalled.

**Sister Rose Bast moved and Fred Brenner seconded that the charter at University of Nebraska/Omaha and Southern Illinois University be recalled.**

**Motion Passed.**

Sister Rose will contact and work with other inactive chapters. She asked for letters to be sent to Chadron State and Park University.

Sister Rose recommended Dr. Amy Morris from Hastings College for her replacement as Vice President of Northcentral Region.

Dr. Ricardo Monzon from St. Xavier University was recommended as a replacement for Dr. Mike Woller District Director of NC-1.

Crosby Jones reported for Southcentral Region. The regional conference will be held at Cedar Hills, TX April 1-4 and hosted by Dallas Baptist University and Baylor University. He requested the charter for Northeastern State University be recalled. He wanted letters sent to Oklahoma Baptist University, Texas A&M/Kingsville and Texas Tech.

Crosby announced that Dr. Terry Cluck will retire and Dr. Charles Biles from East Central University will replace Terry Cluck as District Director SC-1. He recommended that Dr. Adam Ryburn from Oklahoma City University to replace him as Vice President of SC.

**Crosby Jones moved and Tony Schountz seconded to recall the charter at Northeastern State University.**

**Motion Passed.**

Lori Kelman reported for BIOS. BIOS Publication is on schedule. She needed someone to submit memorial statements Herminio Lugo-Lugo and Gary Wolgamott.

We would receive payments for color photos printed in BIOS. Also income for reprints of articles.

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The fourth item of business was the committee reports.  
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Crosby Jones reported for the research grant committee. There were 101 recipients of the TriBeta Research Grants for 2015-2016. The total amount awarded was \$55,000.00. Grants ranged from \$300 to \$2000.

The research grant application needed some guidelines added for reporting use of human subjects and/or vertebrates in the research project. There could be questions added in the body of the application about the use of vertebrates. Tony suggested that questions with a check box asking

if vertebrates or humans are used in the study. The research advisor would be responsible for getting appropriate approval. Tony Schountz and Julie Ballenger would work on the wording to be used in the grant application.

Tony Schountz reported for the McClung Committee. BIOS Volume 86

McClung winner is

Barksdale, Vance, Marcus Newell and Kristy L. Duran, BIOS 86(2):47-52, 2015, "Nuclear intergenic DNA sequence divergence in a Texas dwarf mistletoe (*Arceuthobium divaricatum*) population."

Fred Brenner reported for the Bertholf Award Committee. He just received the results from the committee. He will send the results later.

The Yokley committee will review the list to be considered for the Yokley award and make recommendations.

Larry Koehler reported for the nominations committee. He wanted those who wished to retire to let him know and make a recommendation for a replacement.

Larry Koehler reported for the Constitution Committee. He said there were no changes to recommend at this time.

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The fifth item of business was a report from the national office.  
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Kathy reported for the national office. There were nine schools to be considered for a charter.

- Lipscomb University
- Concordia University
- University of Nevada/Reno
- Nevada State College/Henderson
- SUNY/Albany
- Kutztown University/PA
- Pennsylvania State University/University Park
- Bemidji State University
- Interamerican University of PR/Guayama

**Larry Koehler moved and Fred Brenner seconded to approve all nine schools for a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.  
Motion Passed.**

Larry Koehler moved to adjourn.

Adjourn.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Roush