Executive Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2003, Conference Call

The executive committee convened by conference all at 2:00 pm CST. By way of Roll call those present were President Gary Wolgamott; Past president Larry Koehler; Vice Presidents Fred Brenner, Paul Yokley, Sister Rose Bast, Crosby Jones, Felix Velazquez-Soto, Jack Sheihmer, Bios Editor Lori Kelman and secretary/treasurer Kathy Roush.

The first item of business was a report from the President and each Regional Vice President.

Gary Wolgamott welcomed everyone to the conference call and asked for a report from each Vice President.

Crosby Jones reported for the Southcentral Region. They had a good district convention with 157 people in attendance. Sixty paper and posters were presented. There were three paper sessions and two poster sessions. This was the most papers and posters ever presented. East Central University and Southwestern State University did an outstanding job hosting the district convention at the Biological Field Station.

The University of Texas at San Antonio will become a chapter soon. Ron Humphrey did the visitation and sent in the report. Ron Humphrey has retired from Prairie View University. He wants to continue as district director. We would like for him to continue.

Jack Sheihmer reported for the Western Region. The University of South Colorado will have a name change to Colorado State University as of July 1, 2003. The district convention was hosted by Westminster College at Salt Lake City. Tony Schountz is the district director of that district. There is an opening for district director in district 3.

Felix Velazquez-Soto reported for the Caribbean Region. The district convention was held in March. There were 80 delegates present. There were many excellent papers and posters presented. A new local award to honor and recognize a professor who has worked with the convention and different chapters was presented. Our next district convention will be February 2004. We have two inactive chapters, Zeta Zeta and Zeta Eta. They will be contacted this August or September to try to get them active.

Paul Yokley reported for the SE Region. He reported the SE –1 & SE-2 district convention was hosted by Howard University in Washington, D.C. It was a very expensive convention therefore there was low attendance. Dr. Virginia Martin coordinated the sessions. There were

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. She reported that the NC –1 District Convention was hosted by Saint Xavier Univ at Chicago, IL. There were 13 papers and 20 posters. The NC-2 District Convention was held at the Nebraska Platte
River State Park. Dr. Todd Eckdahl coordinated the sessions. There were 10 papers and 10 posters. The NC-3 District Convention was held jointly with Minn Academy of Sciences. Dr. Heidcamp coordinated the sessions. There were 30 papers and 31 posters. She also reported that Univ of Wisconsin/Madison was installed.

Fred Brenner reported for the Northeast Region. He reported that there were four new chapters installed in the NE. Two more universities were to be acted upon today. Dr. Annemarie Bettica is the new district director for NE-1 since Dr. Terry Graham’s retirement. All four districts had conventions.

The second item of business was the approval of the executive meeting minutes of January 28, 2003. The following action was taken.

_________________________________________moved and ___________________ seconded that the minutes of January 28, 2003 be approved. Motion Passed.