

## **Phi Kappa Phi**

### **Augusta State University Chapter (#166)**

#### **Minutes of Chapter Meeting**

**April 24, 2007 2:30 pm**

#### **Conference Room, Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling & Special Education**

**Present:** Bill Bloodworth, Barbara Coleman, Peggy Ruth Geren (President), Jim Grayson, Paulette Harris, Steve Hobbs, Pam Jackson (Treasurer), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Deborah Richardson, Jana Sandarg, Robert Smalley, Ray Whiting (President-Elect), Sabina Widner.

1. President Peggy Ruth Geren presented the agenda. The only agenda item on the official agenda was the election of a new President-Elect. The minutes of the January 11, 2007 meeting were approved after the correction of “Janet” to “Jana” Sandarg in two places in the minutes. Note the January 11<sup>th</sup> minutes mentioned a chapter meeting to vote on the new initiates; this meeting was a “virtual” meeting in which PKP members voted by e-mail on the student, faculty and alumnus nominees.
2. Jim Grayson was nominated by Peggy Ruth Geren. Jim agreed to serve if elected. Nominations from the floor were also invited. There were none. Robert Smalley moved that the nominations be closed; second by Jana Sandarg. Jim was elected unanimously. This is a six-year commitment. He will be President-Elect and Program Chair for 2007-08 and 2008-09, then President for 2009-10 and 2010-11; and Immediate Past-President for 2011-12 and 2012-13.
3. Pam Jackson has set up the CD instrument with \$5000 of the chapter funds at SunTrust Bank as approved at the January 11, 2007 meeting. Pam and Ray Whiting are the signatories on the account.
4. Bill Bloodworth announced that he is a candidate for President-Elect of the national Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi organization. The election will be at the Triennial Convention in Orlando, Florida in early August. Camilla Reid will be the ASU Chapter’s official delegate; Peggy Ruth Geren is also attending.
5. Bill Bloodworth reported that Adam Doss, a senior PKP member, was nominated by the ASU Chapter and received a \$5000 Fellowship from the national headquarters of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to defray his expenses as he enters the School of Dentistry at the Medical College of Georgia in fall 2007. Adam was an outstanding, well-rounded candidate. Peggy Ruth Geren commended Tom Crute for his work in soliciting applications and submitting the nomination.
6. Camilla Reid noted there are two new scholarships with June 30, 2007 application deadlines. The first is \$500 Love of Learning Award. Love of Learning Awards are available to active (dues current) Phi Kappa Phi members seeking funding for graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertation research, continuing education, career development/training, and/or career- or academic- related travel, etc.  
  
The second, a new \$250 scholarship, is the Emerging Scholar Award from Phi Kappa Phi to recognize outstanding rising sophomores with at least a 3.75 studying at a Phi Kappa Phi member institution. Students must have a minimum of thirty semester hours (or equivalent, excluding all AP, Credit by Exam, transfer credits, etc.) of academic credit. Applicants must have earned no more than a total of sixty semester hours as of June 30, 2007 during their post high school academic career.
7. Peggy Ruth complimented the Research and Fine Arts Conference Committee on a very successful event and Initiation Committee on the initiation and banquet which went well considering this was the first year in the new space in the Jaguar Student Activities Ballroom. She also suggested that the Chapter consider continuing the topic of “The Power of Good Teaching” for the A-Day Symposium and/or Speaker Series.

8. Robert Smalley led a discussion about improvements that could be made next year to encourage the PKP initiates to attend the Honors Convocation which is the same night as the PKP Initiation Banquet. Members of the Initiation Committee have already agreed on most of these changes.
  - Start the initiation banquet at 5:00 pm instead of 5:30 pm to allow enough time before the ASU Honors Convocation.
  - Continue to have the PKP initiates first on the Convocation program and only require those who are receiving other university awards to stay for the entire Convocation.
  - Get RSVPs for Convocation attendance at the same time PKP gets RSVPs for the initiation/banquet. This will go out from the PKP Secretary with the initiation letters and reminders.
  - Cut down as much as possible on the introductions at both the PKP event and the Convocation.
  - Have a seating chart of some sort for the PKP banquet tables to expedite and simplify seating of guests.
9. Steve Hobbs initiated a thank you from the group to Peggy Ruth for her service as President. She will remain on the Executive Committee for two additional years as Immediate Past-President.
10. The next Chapter meeting will be in fall 2007.
11. Robert Smalley moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Reid, Secretary

**Meeting called on June 6, 2007**

There was a special called Chapter meeting on June 6, 2007 to approve the expenditure of funds to support Immediate Past President Peggy Ruth Geren's attendance at the PKP Triennial Convention in Orlando in August. The motion passed.