

Phi Kappa Phi
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)
Minutes of Chapter Meeting
September 9, 2008 Noon Allgood Hall, E-156

Members: Ray Whiting (President), Jim Grayson (President Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Kathy Schofe (Public Relations Officer), Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past-President), Chris Goss (Student Vice-President), Bill Bloodworth, Kim Davies, Jim Garvey, Kathy Hamrick, Pam Hayward, Jeff Heck, Donna Hobbs, Don Howard, Charlotte Price, Sandy Reinke, Robert Smalley, Katherine Sweeney, Miguel Trujillo, Fay Verburg, Janice Whiting,

Meeting called to order by Ray Whiting at 12:05 pm.
Minutes of Chapter meeting of April 23, 2008 were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report since Pam Jackson was not in attendance. Ray Whiting reported that the chapter's annual financial report was ready to be faxed to PKP Headquarters, but that connectivity by fax, phone and e-mail was down, probably because of the recent hurricane in the Baton Rouge area.

Jeff Heck reported for the Bylaws Committee. The chapter bylaws needed to be updated to mirror the new national bylaws which were approved at the triennial Phi Kappa Phi meeting in Orlando in August 2007. There were several formatting changes that Jeff noted. There were no major changes with the exception of the section on the new Student Vice-Presidents. Katherine Sweeney noted an omission in Section. 2.4.2 relating to nomination of graduate students. The following is the revised section that was unanimously adopted after a motion by Katherine, seconded by Donna Hobbs.

2.4.2 Currently enrolled graduate and professional students at Augusta State University, who have made an outstanding record in graduate or professional study as evidenced by ranking scholastically in the upper ten (10) percent of all graduate and professional students in this institution, have an outstanding undergraduate record as evaluated by the chapter selection committee, and meet one (1) of the following requirements:

2.4.2.1 Have been registered as post-baccalaureate students in this institution on a full-time basis for at least one (1) academic year or on a part-time basis for the equivalent of at least one (1) academic year.

2.4.2.2 Are former post-baccalaureate students who have been awarded an advanced degree by this institution subsequent to the last previous invitation of members in the chapter.

The entire bylaws were unanimously adopted after a motion by Jim Garvey, seconded by Kathy Schofe. Camilla Reid will send a copy of the bylaws to PKP headquarters.

Ray Whiting presented the slate of officers. Secretary: Camilla Reid (second three-year term); Treasurer: Robert Smalley (first three-year term); Public Relations Officer: Kathy Schofe (second three-year term); and Student Vice-President: Miguel Trujillo (term ends when he graduates). Miguel introduced himself. He is a senior Political Science major, planning to attend law school. Sandy Reinke moved that the slate be accepted by acclimation; seconded by Donna Hobbs. The motion passed unanimously.

In order to resolve an issue with the reimbursement to Immediate Past President, Peggy Ruth Geren, for expenses incurred in attending the Triennial Convention, the chapter voted

to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$213.50. The motion was made by Donna Hobbs; seconded by Pam Hayward.

Jeff Heck and Kathy Schofe reported that the chapter's first e-newsletter was published on September 8, 2008. It still does not have an official name; the Communications Committee is still taking suggestions. Kathy asked chapter members to send her ideas, submissions and name suggestions. Several members were complimentary of the publication.

Ray Whiting circulated a roster of PKP committee members. He asked members present to indicate their committee preferences for 2008-2009.

Jim Grayson reported that the Arsenal Speaker Series for 2008-2009 will be called "Learning is Life." The goal is to have presenters bring out life lessons that are learned through students' academic studies. The first presenter will be Tom Nakashima from the Department of Art on September 25. The second will be Sam Robinson from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science on October 29. Both presentations will be a 1:00 pm in the Jaguar Student Activities Center (JSAC). Refreshments will be served. Spring semester the presenters will be Donna Wear from the Department of Biology and probably Bill Hobbins from the Department of Music. PKP members are strongly urged to encourage their students to attend the lecture series events.

Jim Grayson announced that Hubert van Tuyll will be the A-Day Symposium speaker. Hubert is also the co-chair of this year's A-Day Campus Campaign. His topic will be "War and History: Comprehension and Performance." The lecture will be in the JSAC Coffeehouse at 10:00 am on Friday, October 10. Miguel Trujillo, PKP Student Vice-President, will introduce Dr. van Tuyll. PKP members are strongly urged to encourage their students to attend the A-Day Symposium.

Jim Grayson reported that this year will be the 10th anniversary of the Annual PKP Research and Fine Arts Conference. The date is Wednesday, March 11, 2009. The planning committee is already meeting. Instead of a plenary speaker there will probably be a panel of former ASU students who are currently engaged in research in their careers. PKP members are strongly urged to encourage their students to make presentations and to attend the conference. Expenses for the conference have continually increased and the chapter has not received as much support as before from the VPAA and the Deans. Bill Bloodworth suggested that the university development office look into establishing a \$40,000 named endowment for support of the conference.

Miguel Trujillo may be able to attend the Student Vice-Presidents Council meeting in Baton Rouge in October.

Led by Ray Whiting, the group sang "Happy Birthday" to President Bloodworth. He then spoke about the competition among honors societies, particularly the for-profit organizations who award membership to anyone for whom the one-time dues are paid.

The next Chapter meeting is Tuesday, October 14 at noon in Allgood E-156. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Camilla Reid, Secretary