

Phi Kappa Phi  
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)  
Minutes of Chapter Meeting  
March 17, 2009 Noon

Members present: Heather Baskin, Bill Bloodworth, Kim Davies, Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past President), Jim Garvey, Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Pam Hayward, Camilla Reid (Secretary), Kathy Schofe (Public Relations Officer), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Katherine Sweeney, Fay Verburg, Janice Williams Whiting, and Ray Whiting (President).

The meeting was called to order at noon by Whiting. The minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Smalley provided the Treasurer's report as of February 28, 2009 which indicated a cash balance of \$7,998.17 in the checking account, including \$5,409.58 from the CD that matured on 2-14-09. Excluding new initiates, a total of \$661 in dues and chapter contributions was received for July 2008 – February 2009 compared to \$349 for the corresponding eight months of last fiscal year. Dues from new initiates through February 2009 totaled \$795 compared to \$528 through February 2008. This year the cost of food for the initiation banquet has been arranged by President Bloodworth compared to the year-to-date receipts of \$2,016 last year. However, members have been asked to donate \$10 each if they will not attend the ceremony or will not eat following the ceremony Friday night. Those planning to attend and eat have been asked to donate \$20. The year-to-date expenses are \$545.64, including \$86.64 more than budget for initiates' supplies, compared to \$1,485.32 for the previous year, which included two commemorative bricks for \$500.

After asking if there were any questions, Smalley suggested the chapter reimburse Reid \$110 for dues paid for initiates who could not afford the \$55 initiation fee, which includes \$15 dues for one year for membership in the chapter. The motion was made by Schofe, seconded by Grayson, and passed unanimously. They have been presented by the Secretary and approved by the Executive Committee. There was discussion about a procedure to inform nominees about the initiation grants available; the issue was tabled until a chapter meeting in the fall. The chapter approved providing these grants (up to \$200 expenditure) in 2006. Smalley noted that funds for these grants have not been a line item in the budget.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Fine Arts Conference was a success on March 11 with many sessions being quite crowded. Congratulations were given to Grayson, the entire planning committee, and the students in Prof. Rick Davis' class who prepared the printed program and posters. The conference committee will have a debriefing on March 24. Bloodworth suggested sending the article about the conference from *The Augusta Chronicle* to PKP headquarters. Schofe reported that in response to the press releases sent that the conference got web coverage on a fuel cells website.

The 2009 PKP Initiation will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 20 in the JSAC ballroom. Members involved in the initiation were asked to arrive by 6:00 p.m. to help. First Citizens Bank is helping to underwrite the reception. The members present at the chapter meeting proof-read and approved changes in the draft of the initiation program. Reid reported on the acceptance percentages of this year's nominees: 67% of the graduate students; 81% of the seniors; 100% of the juniors; 100% of the faculty; and 100% of the alumni. This is an initiation rate of 84% (57 out of 68 nominees joined PKP; one graduate student was already initiated as an undergraduate). An alumnus (Phillip R. Wahl) was not on the original ballot. Wahl was nominated and received an affirmation for nomination via an e-mail ballot sent out by Jana Sandarg, Chair of the Nominations I Committee (Faculty and Alumni).

A motion was made and approved unanimously to make the keynote speaker for the initiation, Mr. John C. Bell, an honorary member of the ASU Chapter #166 and to reactivate his national membership and pay his chapter dues for one year. The cost to the chapter will be \$45. Mr. Bell's membership will be transferred from the University of Georgia where he was initiated as a law student. Schofe is preparing a plaque to present to Bell at the initiation.

The last chapter meeting for 2008-09 will be on Tuesday, April 14 at noon. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Camilla Reid, Secretary