

**Phi Kappa Phi**  
**Augusta State University Chapter (#166)**  
**Minutes of Executive Committee**  
**March 18, 2008 9:00 am PKP Office, Reese Library**

**Members:** Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past President); Jim Grayson (President Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Kathy Schofe (Communications Officer), and Ray Whiting (President).

Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting on February 19 were approved.

Camilla Reid reported that a work order has been sent to Physical Plant about displaying appropriate PKP plaques, charter, etc. in the windows of the PKP office.

Camilla will also make sure that all the new initiates are sent invitations to the March Chapter meetings and other events. She will send their e-mails to Kathy Schofe to be added to [pkpactive@aug.edu](mailto:pkpactive@aug.edu).

Camilla will contact PKP headquarters for Jim Grayson to get the detailed schedule for the Partnering for Success workshop in Salt Lake City at the end of May. Camilla and Kathy Schofe are planning to attend the Chapter Cluster meeting in Columbia, South Carolina on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion about the initiation and banquet held on March 14. The food was excellent and having the food in the breezeway between the library and the student center worked quite well. There was some confusion over the traffic flow to and from the food tables; this needs to be made clear so that the servers and the guests don't get in each other's way. Camilla will ask Jim Garvey to put directions in the script reminding the speaker to give the Student Vice-President and the Fellowship Nominee their certificates. Also, there need to be photographs made of the new initiates by group, in particular the faculty and alumni. Kathy Schofe suggested that we display the American flag, the State flag, and the University flag prominently during the initiation. She will make sure this is done in the future.

Jim Grayson reported that the final Arsenal Lecture Series, "The Perfect Professor: Defining the Consummate Academic" event has been rescheduled from March 20 to Wednesday, April 23 in conjunction with the last chapter meeting of the year. It will be in the Jaguar Student Activities Center Coffeehouse at noon. A light lunch will be served. Kathy Schofe will take care of the food arrangements. Dean Robert Parham has asked to be excused from the program. The other presenters will be Debbie Van Tuyl, Judi Wilson, and Brigitte Ziobrowski. The remaining presenters will be reminded of the times allotted for their presentations, so the program will stay on schedule and there will be time for questions at the end.

Kathy Schofe reported that the name of the Chapter's new e-newsletter had not been finalized. She will have three designs ready for discussion at the next meeting. She

encouraged the Committee to submit articles and information for the first issue. Wes Zamzow is working on a piece about an alumnus who is a PKP Life Member. Camilla Reid is putting together a list of recommended web resources of possible interest to PKP members. There will be spotlights on the new student vice-president, Chris Goss, and this year's fellowship nominee, J. Edward Sumerau.

At the request of PKP national headquarters, Kathy is putting together an article with photographs taken by Jurgen Brauer about the Chapter's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Fine Arts Conference just held on March 12. She will also be sending copies of the short videos made as introductions for each Arsenal Lecture Series event.

There was discussion about the Conference. It was a success with visitors from outside ASU, including Jack Fisher, the President of the PKP chapter at Valdosta State University, and faculty and students from the Alleluia Community High School here in Augusta. Suggestions for improvement included: having the abstracts or at least the titles of the presentations to ASU public relations sooner so specific information could go out to selected persons in the media sooner.

Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Research and Fine Arts Conference. There was discussion on how to make it special in some way. Ray Whiting suggested tying in the Arsenal Speaker Series with the anniversary and including as many students as possible in the programming. Jim Grayson is already considering the theme, "Learning is Life."

On behalf of Miyoko Jackson, Initiation Committee member, Camilla asked the Executive Committee to consider having the initiation robes cleaned. However, most of the robes' labels say "do not launder or dry clean." Peggy Ruth Geren volunteered to take a couple of the robes home and gently launder them and report the results. Miyoko also suggested a few additional robes in various sizes be purchased to replace the flimsy, slick robes which badly mismatch with the nicer robes. This issue will be discussed further when more information is available on vendor and cost.

The Chapter's bylaws need to be revised and updated using the new national PKP bylaws model. Ray Whiting will appoint a committee to work on this project.

The agenda set for the next chapter meeting:

- New chapter online newsletter --Schofe
- After action report on Student Research and Fine Arts Conference --Grayson
- Report on rescheduling of final Arsenal Lecture Series event for the year --Grayson
- After action report on initiation and banquet --Garvey
- Bylaws revision committee appointment --Whiting

The next chapter meeting is Wednesday, March 26 at noon in Allgood E-158.