

**Phi Kappa Phi**  
**Augusta State University Chapter (#166)**  
**Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting**  
**March 31, 2009 10:00 am PKP Office, Reese Library 307**

**Members Present:** Ray Whiting (President), Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Kathy Schofe (Public Relations), Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past-President), Rachel Culpepper-Hickey (Student Vice-President), Chris Goss (Student Vice-President), and James D. Garner (Student Vice-President).

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Minutes of the March 3, 2009 Executive Committee meeting were approved with minor corrections.

The two new student vice-presidents, Rachel Culpepper-Hickey and James D. Garner, were welcomed to their first meeting.

Smalley reported that after he has closed the March books, he would give a thorough Treasurer's report at the April 14, 2009 chapter meeting.

Life-time chapter dues were discussed. The national life-time dues are \$300. PKP Headquarters reported that life-time chapter dues have traditionally been \$150. The Executive Committee supports life-time chapter membership, but agreed that this decision be tabled until after the fall 2009 A-Day Campaign during which PKP members will be asked to earmark some of their pledges to the ASU Foundation to the PKP research and fine arts conference endowment and part to the general fund.

Kim Davies, Chair, Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Social Work, has agreed to be nominated as President-Elect. The Executive Committee was convened as the Nominating Committee and Smalley moved that nominations be closed. Davies' nomination was endorsed by acclamation. The election will be held at the April 14 chapter meeting.

There may be a need to amend the section of the bylaws which defines a quorum for the chapter meetings. Now that there are eight members of the Executive Committee (with the addition of two student vice-presidents) sometimes there may not be enough Executive Committee members at the chapter meeting. The section in question is: **Section 4.2** Quorum Ten (10) affiliated members, including at least a majority of the Executive Committee, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting.

There was discussion of the Partnering for Success Workshop in Philadelphia, June 5-7. PKP headquarters will only underwrite expenses for a chapter delegate once a triennium, so the chapter would have to pay for the trip this year. Since there were no funds budgeted for 2009 to send someone, the Executive Committee decided not to ask the chapter to fund this trip. However, if the money is budgeted and approved for 2010, then the new President-Elect would be a good candidate to go.

There was consensus about the initiation changes. There were more PKP members who attended perhaps because it wasn't on the same night as ASU Honors Convocation. Also, not having initiation the same week as the PKP Student Research and Fine Arts Conference was a positive. The reception format was well-accepted. The starting time of 7:00 p.m. was good. Next year the food tables should be moved down the breezeway in front of the doors to the library to allow for more "mingling" space. The membership certificates printed by PKP headquarters were off-center, so they are mailing new certificates to all the new members. There was concern expressed that Jim Garvey's retiring would leave a big gap in the scripting and presentation; hopefully he will continue his participation. The idea

of having a fall initiation to give more students an opportunity to be recognized and join will be on the agenda of the first meeting in the fall.

As for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Fine Arts Conference, the planning committee had a de-briefing on March 24. The change of venue to the Jaguar Student Activities Center for most of the events worked well. The science presentations in the JSAC were very well attended; the sessions on the Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor less so. There were a few problems with judges not showing up and there was low attendance for the morning plenary session in University Hall. An attempt will be made next year to pull all the events into the JSAC. The plenary and posters may both be in the ballroom. Chad Stephens, Department of Chemistry & Physics, will chair the conference next year.

Grayson was congratulated and commended on balancing all his PKP-related responsibilities as President-Elect, as organizer of the A-Day Symposium, the Arsenal Lecture series, and as chair of the Research and Fine Arts Conference. The future of the Arsenal Lecture series will be an agenda item for the April 28 Executive Committee meeting.

Geren and Whiting spoke about encouraging more student involvement in Phi Kappa Phi and asked the new Student Vice-Presidents (Culpepper-Hickey and Garner) for help and suggestions. Geren explained the "Born to Read" program through the Literacy Center. There was general discussion of how best to connect with students via a service component. Goss suggested some programs for students relating to funding an education.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next Executive Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 28 at 10a.m. in the PKP office. The next chapter meeting is April 14, 2009 at noon.

Respectfully submitted, Camilla Reid, Secretary