

Pi Alpha Xi National Meeting - Minutes

July 24, 2019

12:00-2:00 pm – Tropicana Las Vegas

1. Welcome and introduction of officers
2. Lunch
3. Business Meeting
 - a. Roll Call of Chapters – the following chapters were represented at the meeting?

Beta – University of Illinois
Iota – North Carolina State University
Tau – University of Georgia
Upsilon – California Polytechnic State University
Chi – Colorado State University
Omega – Kansas State University
Alpha Beta – University of Tennessee
Alpha Gamma – University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Alpha Delta – Oklahoma State University
Alpha Epsilon – University of California – Davis
Alpha Zeta – University of Wisconsin – River Falls
Alpha Kappa – Mississippi State University
Alpha Rho – Oregon State University
Alpha Sigma – University of Wyoming
Alpha Tau – University of Maine

- b. Last year's minutes were approved
 - c. Stephanie Burnett provided the financial report. Ellen Paparozzi suggested putting our assets into a fund where we would be able to get interest, which isn't happening right now. Angie Lower is going to check into a savings/interest bearing account so that we can get more interest on the account.
 - d. Committee reports:
 - i. Memberships services – no report
 - ii. Student activities – no report
 - iii. Photography contest – Steve Newman thanked Angie for helping with the photography contest. There were 25 entries from 10 photographers this year. We increased the categories this year as well: Perfect partners; flowers at night ; garden visitors; flowering plants with an attitude; serendipity; horticulture in production (new category); photomicroscopy (no entries – new

- category); altered images (new categories). A model release form was added as well for people who will be in photos.
- iv. Website – Angie would like for us to let her know if anything needs to be changed or updated
 - v. Fellows – Ellen Paparozzi received the PAX Fellow award. Congratulations, Ellen!

e. Old Business –

An update on scholarships – Scholarship donations exist, but are not tax exempt. Ellen talked to Mike, and ASHS is okay with having us use their tax exempt number. The committee should talk about 1:1 matching campaign; then decide how to invest it. There was a suggestion to make the scholarship committee permanent. The policy manual and bylaws may need to be changed in order to do this. Mary Albrecht would be helpful in going through the process of making this happen.

ii. The dues were increased this year, and our funds increased. Ryan wanted to check and see response from students. In general, students did not seem unhappy about the dues increase.

f. New Business –

- i. Tina has been Secretary/Treasurer for six years. She is not able to move up as Vice President and wanted to check and see if we want someone else is willing to step up. No one volunteered to be the secretary/treasurer.
- ii. National Floriculture Forum announcement from Mark Bridgen – Mark Bridgen wanted to see if someone wants to host the meeting in 2020 along with the board meeting. Mark has a grant to cover some of the costs from AFE. Probably February 28-March 1 for the date. There is a tentative schedule developed. Mark Bridgen and Marvin Miller will help out with logistics and planning.

Action Items:

- 1. Ryan will draft a letter to Angie about the accounts (he will send an email to angie – she will forward it to Mike).
- 2. Ryan will coordinate with Richard and Mary to update the bylaws and rules to allow for a scholarship committee.