

Delta Omega
2006 Annual Meeting of the National Council
Monday, November 6, 2006
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Boston Marriott Copley Place – Suffolk Room
110 Huntington Ave.
Boston, Mass.
(Approved 11/5/2007)

Members: Gus Birkhead (Alpha Gamma), Craig Blakely (Alpha Tau), Agnes Bouldin (Omicron), Noel Chavez (Lambda), Janice Gilliland (Upsilon), Betty Hahneman (Beta Eta), Alice Hausman (Beta Theta), Michael Joseph (Beta), Amy Lee (Alpha Chi), Lewis Margolis (Theta), Margaret McCarthy (Rho), Don Morisky (Iota), Kay Perrin (Tau), Mary Murphy Phillips (Alpha Beta), Julia Pekarsky (Omega), Jan Richter (Beta Delta), Mayra Santiago (Chi), Shelly-Ann Sinclair (Omega), Traci Toomey (Pi), Nandi Troutman (Beta Alpha), Donna Williams (Alpha Psi), Martha Wingate (Upsilon), Lynn Woodhouse (Beta Alpha)

Guests: Mary Frazier (Indiana University)

Executive Board: Lisa Paine, Marie Krousel-Wood, Donna Petersen

Staff: Allison Foster, Jessica Rinsky

The President of the national office, Dr. Marie Krousel-Wood, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

The 2006 agenda was approved as presented, as well as the minutes from the 2005 meeting.

Three new chapters that were approved prior to the meeting were announced and welcomed. The three new chapters are:

- Beta Theta – Temple University
- Beta Eta – Northwestern University
- Beta Iota – SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Letters of application from three schools of public health were presented and reviewed by the national council. The national council voted to establish:

- Beta Kappa – Armstrong Atlantic University
- Beta Lambda – University of Southern California
- Beta Mu – Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health

It was suggested that the national office update the Delta Omega Membership Survey, which was done last in 2004. **<action step>** This will provide a better picture of chapter activities for all the new chapters.

Ms. Rinsky gave the secretary's report. She reported that all but six chapters held inductions this year. She reported that most chapters had sent in chapter reports but reminded those who had not to do so as soon as possible in order to provide the National Office with correct contact information. Goals for this year include encouraging all chapters to submit chapter and financial reports when they are distributed in the spring. <action step>

Dr. Petersen gave the treasurer's report. She reported that some dues are still left outstanding and encouraged those chapters to submit their dues as soon as possible. According to the financial statement presented to the council members, Delta Omega closed the year (ending September 30, 2006) with reserves of \$20,772.31.

Dr. Petersen then presented the FY07 projected budget. She reported that next year's projected budget did not include any significant changes. The council voted to approve the budget for FY07.

The awards committee report was given by Dr. Petersen. The student poster session, currently in its ninth year, featured nineteen student poster presenters. This year was the third year that Delta Omega sponsored two poster sessions. Dr. Petersen reported that this year more submissions were received than available slots could accommodate. A discussion of the selection process of poster presenters took place and a suggestion was made that there be more opportunity for student presenters and that the national council be made aware of the selection process. Ms. Foster and Ms. Rinsky will provide the council with statistics from previous years as well as an outline of the selection process. <action step> It was also suggested that the national office request an additional 10 slots for student presenters at APHA. <action step> Members of the council suggested contacting Pfizer or other groups to "sponsor" students selected to present at APHA in the future. <action step> Members of the national council were invited to attend the reception immediately following the business meeting to meet the presenters and congratulate them on receiving their certificates and awards.

Dr. Petersen presented the 2006 Curricula Award to Dr. Mary Frazier from the Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Public Health for her and her colleagues submission of "Interdisciplinary Applied Community Health Promotion Studies." Dr. Frazier gave a short presentation about the course.

Dr. Lisa Paine, past-president, gave the governance report. She presented changes made to the constitution and bylaws. Dr. Paine highlighted major changes including requirements for officer membership in Delta Omega, a stipulation that adjunct faculty should be nominated as honorary members and application requirements. The changes were approved by the council with an amendment to section 4. a. stating that officers of new chapters should have two years to become Delta Omega members.

Dr. Paine announced the nomination of Dr. Amy Lee for the position of president-elect. Dr. Lee made a short statement about her plans if elected to the position. Dr. Paine asked Dr. Lee to leave the room and opened the floor to discussion. The council approved Dr. Lee as the new

president-elect. Dr. Krouel-Wood presented Dr. Lee with a Delta Omega key pin and welcomed her to the position.

Dr. Paine reminded the national council that all induction certificates should come from the national office.

Dr. Krousel-Wood presented updates for the publications committee. She reported on the collection of Delta Omega Classics. Dr. Krousel-Wood announced the two newest additions to the classics, "A Report on State Public Health Work based on a Survey of State Boards of Health" by Charles S. Chapin, Part II" and "Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population and on the Means of its Improvement," which will be available after the meeting at <http://deltaomega.org/classics.htm>. Dr. Krousel-Wood alerted members of the need for written introductions of currently published classics on the Delta Omega Web site and directed those interested to contact Ms. Foster. The national office will distribute a list of completed introductions and classics that still need introductions. **<action step>** The national council discussed encouraging students to work with mentors to write introductions. It was suggested that the national office look into providing some form of reward for either students or faculty willing to write introductions. **<action step>**

Dr. Krousel-Wood also alerted the membership to the publication of the *Public Health Reports* history of vaccination collection, which is available on CD. Ms. Rinsky described the project and directed members to visit the Public Health Reports booth at the APHA exhibition to receive a free copy.

Ms. Foster and Ms. Rinsky, in the absence of Dr. Johnson, gave the status of chapter relation reports. They reported on the process of recruiting new chapters undertaken this year, which included the dissemination of information about creating a chapter followed by personal phone calls. Ms. Rinsky described a new welcome packet for chapters and passed an example around the room.

Dr. Krousel-Wood asked for suggestions for seeking grants for Delta Omega. The following ideas were put forth:

- Develop online mentor program, possibly matching alumni inductees with student members
- Create endowed lecture at conference (life-time achievement lecture)
- Focus on leadership development

Suggestions were made to contact other organizations including Pfizer.

Dr. Krousel-Wood encouraged chapters to induct honorary members in order to help reinforce chapter infrastructure. It was suggested that chapters nominate commencement speakers as honorary members. Dr. Krousel-Wood opened the floor for council members to contribute nominations for national honorary members as well. It was suggested that the national office send out a call for nominations with specific requirements to the chapter representatives. **<action step>** Some nominations included:

- Rep. Henry Waxman
- Sen. Tom Harkin
- Dr. Helene Gayle
- Bill and Melinda Gates

Dr. Krousel-Wood asked the council how to better educate students about Delta Omega. The council suggested the national office create a flyer that can be adapted at each school and given to incoming students at orientation to introduce Delta Omega. <action step>

Dr. Krousel-Wood and Dr. Petersen presented Dr. Paine with a plaque and gift for her eight years of service on the executive board of Delta Omega.

Dr. Krousel-Wood adjourned the meeting at 5:30 and invited everyone to the Delta Omega Reception and presentation of awards for the student poster session in the Regis Room.