



# Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society

Founded December, 1919

Gamma Sigma Epsilon  
43rd Biennial Meeting February 28, 2009  
Mount Saint Vincent College, Riverdale, NY

Meeting convened at 9:30 AM

Roll call of Chapters and Introductions:

Chapter delegates present:

Alpha Delta	Mary Black
Beta Delta	Rafaela Nita
Beta Epsilon	Aaron Nelson
Beta Zeta	Christopher Gannon
Gamma Epsilon	David Morris
Delta Beta	Savannah Watts
Epsilon Epsilon	Rachel Fancher
Zeta Gamma	Lauren Howe
Zeta Delta	Whitney Schmidt
Zeta Epsilon	Holly Mowery
Zeta Gamma	Lauren Howe
Kappa Eta	Albert Barawandika
Kappa Zeta	Robyn Strauss
Kappa Iota	William Eggers
Kappa Kappa	Megan Baumier
Rho Alpha	Lindsey Leone
Rho Beta	Kristen Koller
Rho Gamma	Lindsay Elnikar
Rho Delta	Casey Wells
Rho Theta	Kimberly Roman
Rho Iota	Abigail Jackson
Rho Kappa	Gregory Trout
Tau Alpha	Charles Solarz
Upsilon Alpha	Meredith Manring

Executive Officers:

Carmen Gauthier	Executive President
Pam Kerrigan	Executive President-Elect
George Fisher	Executive Treasurer
Frank Switzer	Executive Archivist
Anne Falke	Executive Recorder



Guests: Meredith Storms (faculty advisor Alpha Zeta), Shannon Cassett (Epsilon Epsilon), Brenna Volp (Zeta Epsilon), Christina Hayes (Zeta Gamma), April Carman (Zeta Gamma), Julie Tan (faculty advisor, Zeta Gamma), Alexander Steres (Kappa Zeta), Katie Costlow (Rho Gamma), Weslene Tallmage (faculty advisor Rho Gamma), Marc Kubas (Rho Theta), Jeremy Burnchek (Rho Theta), William Weller (Rho Theta), Jessica Sargent (Tau Alpha), Jacylyn Adkins (Upsilon Alpha), Lucas Derry (Upsilon Alpha), Nathan Manville (Upsilon Alpha), Samuel Porter (Upsilon Alpha), Ryan O'Connell (Upsilon Alpha).

Motion to suspend the quorum Rho Gamma, second Rho Kappa,  
*Motion approved unanimously.*

Motion to approve minutes Beta Delta, second by Rho Theta,  
*Motion approved unanimously.*

Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance 2007 \$54,412.30

Income:	Initiation Fees:	\$ 31,686.04
	Interest:	5,229.03
	Biennial registration:	2,025.00
Expenses:	Initiation Certificates	\$ 6,198.35
	Misc. Fees	900.80
	Printing and postage	221.49
	Awards and Scholarships	1,691.76
	2007 Biennial convention	19,698.66
	Chapter installations	2,429.71
	<b>Final Balance</b>	<b>\$ 67,211.60</b>

Motion to approve Rho Iota, second Tau Alpha.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*

Presidents report:

Since last convention we have approved/installed 12 new chapters:

Alpha Eta	UNC Chapel Hill, NC
Gamma Delta	Mt. St. Mary's University, MD
Gamma Epsilon	Frostburg State University, MD
Epsilon Delta	Virginia Military Institute, VA
Epsilon Epsilon	Virginia Wesleyan College, VA
Zeta Epsilon	Murray State University, KY
Kappa Kappa	Niagara University, NY
Rho Theta	Univ. of Pittsburg at Greensburg, PA
Rho Iota	Waynesburg College, PA
Rho Kappa	Susquehanna University, PA
Rho Lambda	Westminster College, PA
Psi Alpha	Chaminade University, HI

And 3 more are in process:

Xi Eta	Our Lady of the Lake University, TX
Sigma Gamma	Rider University, NJ
Kappa Lambda	Manhattan College, NY

Last year number of inductees was down (446 in 2007 compared to 399 in 2008). This year we have inducted about 80 already and many more on the horizon. Back to normal.

Expulsion of members:

Article 9 Sections 1

Should duties for expulsion of members remain with the Executive Council?

The convention meets only every 2 years, is that sufficient timing to expel members before they graduate?

Rho Theta asked: If a student is caught cheating they are expelled by university, would they still be a national member even if they are no longer a local member.

Frank Switzer asked: would we actually conduct a trial at the convention?

Motion by Rho Theta, second by Rho Gamma – Amend article 9 to read: If a chapter chooses to expel a member they will send the name and the supporting documentation to the Executive Council who will make a decision and inform the chapter. The accused would have two months from the date of the decision to appeal the decision.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Section 2

Motion by Rho Kappa, second by Beta Delta: The accused may appeal to the Executive Council in writing within two months of notification of expulsion, providing documentation in defense of their appeal.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Motion by Beta Delta, second by Epsilon Alpha: The executive council will then reconsider the decision and notify the accused and the chapter within one month. At that point the decision is final.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Motion by Zeta Gamma, second by Epsilon Epsilon: Section 1 Insert “accused and the chapter by formal letter” between “inform” and “the chapter”. Also insert “who are found guilty of conduct unworthy of the high standards of the society”

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Article 9 will now read:

“Section 1. If a chapter chooses to expel a member who is found guilty of conduct unworthy of the high standards of the society they will send the name and supporting documentation to the Executive Council who will review the information, make a decision and inform both the accused and the chapter by formal letter.

Section 2. The accused may appeal to the executive council in writing within two months of receipt of notification of expulsion, providing documentation in defense of their appeal. The Executive Council will reconsider the decision and notify both the accused and the chapter within one month. At that point the decision is final”

Article 2 Section 8

Should there be an upper limit to travel allowances?

Motion by Epsilon Epsilon, second by Rho Theta: Make no changes to Article 2, Section 8, leaving the Society responsible for travel for all delegates regardless of cost.

*9 for, 16 opposed. Motion failed*

Motion by Rho Kappa, second by Beta Delta: Cap on travel is set biennially (six months prior to the biennial convention) by the Executive Council. Any travel over the cap must be approved by the Executive Council. Requests for travel waivers must be received at least one month prior to the convention.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Article 5 Section 4

Motion by Rho Gamma, second by Rho Kappa: Amend Article 5, Section 4 to read:

The naming of the chapter shall be as follows:

The first state to obtain a chapter shall be known as the Alpha State. The second state to obtain a chapter shall be known as the Beta state. Each state or regional group of states to obtain a chapter shall be named in succession, according to the Greek alphabet.

The first chapter in the first state shall be known as the Alpha Alpha chapter. The second chapter in the first state shall be known as the Alpha Beta chapter. Each succeeding chapter in its representative state or regional group of states shall have for its second name the corresponding Greek letter, in reference to its order of installation.

Chapter designations:

A	Alpha	North Carolina
B	Beta	Florida, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands
Γ	Gamma	Maryland, Delaware, DC
Δ	Delta	Alabama
E	Epsilon	Virginia
Z	Zeta	Kentucky
H	Eta	Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota
Θ	Theta	Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, North and South Dakota
I	Iota	Tennessee

K	Kappa	New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island
Λ	Lambda	Mississippi, Louisiana
M	Mu	Georgia
N	Nu	Arkansas, Oklahoma
Ξ	Xi	Texas, New Mexico, Arizona
O	Omicron	Illinois, Indiana
Π	Pi	West Virginia, Ohio
P	Rho	Pennsylvania
Σ	Sigma	New Jersey
T	Tau	Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine
Υ	Upsilon	Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas
Φ	Phi	Colorado, Utah, Nevada
X	Chi	South Carolina
Ψ	Psi	California, Hawaii
Ω	Omega	Oregon, Washington, Alaska

*Motion approved unanimously.*

#### Timing of convention:

At what time of year can we maximize participation? Spring conflicts with ACS. Many inductions happen later, so an earlier convention would eliminate those inductees. Fall convention allows for an early enough exchange of ideas to use with local chapters. Spring break weekends eliminate some that have already made plans. Spring many are already traveling to grad school and med school interviews, this is an added burden.

Motion by Epsilon Alpha, second by Rho beta: The Executive Council will survey the members prior to the end of April to poll them on the timing of the convention asking them to prioritize available months.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

#### Initiation Fee/ Registration Fee

Motion by Rho Gamma, second by Tau Alpha: Maintain the \$40 initiation fee for the next two years. Executive Council will decide on the convention registration fee based on expenses from current convention.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

#### Nomination and Election of President-Elect

Meredith Storms – UNC-Pembroke – 19 votes

Keith Walters – Northern KY Univ. – 9 votes

*Meredith Storms was elected President-Elect*

Activation/Deactivation of Chapters:

Motion by Rho Kappa, second by Tau Alpha to support the Executive Council's decision to

Deactivate:	Alpha Epsilon	UNC-Wilmington, NC
	Gamma Gamma	Hood College, MD
	Xi Epsilon	Stephen F Austin State University, TX

And place on Probation:

Beta Beta	Stetson University, FL
Epsilon Beta	University of Richmond, VA
Eta Beta	Kettering University, MI
Iota Alpha	Univ. of Tennessee – Chattanooga, TN
Kappa Epsilon	Mt. St. Mary College, NY
Kappa Theta	Wagner College, NY
Mu Gamma	Mercer University, GA
Rho Eta	Elizabethtown College, PA

Motion by Tau Alpha, second by Zeta Gamma: Suggest an outreach project rather than field trip as part of the biennial convention.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Other:

Motion by Rho Theta, second by Rho Delta: Chapters have the option to present a medallion rather than/in addition to honor cords for recognition. The Society will purchase the medallions in bulk and the chapters will purchase them as needed from the Society for about \$8-10 each.

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Announcement:

Those flying out should contact Red Dot shuttle for transportation to the airport.

Adjourned 11:57 am

Respectfully submitted by,  
Anne Falke, Executive Recorder