Gamma Sigma Epsilon
Chemistry Honor Society

Founded December, 1919

47th Biennial Convention
October 7, 2017
Niagara University

Meeting called to order by Dr. Mark Stauffer at 9:04am

Introduction of Executive Officers:
Dr. Mark Stauffer (Executive President)
Dr. Luis Sanchez (President-Elect)
Dr. Frank Switzer (Archivist)
Dr. George Fisher (Executive Treasurer)
Dr. Lindsey Welch (Executive Secretary)
Dr. Peggy Biser (Past President)

A review of Robert’s Rules was presented with the handout in the packet for parliamentary procedure. Dr. Frank Switzer was identified as the designated parliamentarian.

Motion- We will suspend a quorum (Alpha Delta –move, second Gamma Beta) (unanimous vote)
Roll call of Chapters: (88 Chapters)

Alpha Alpha – absent
Alpha Gamma – absent
Alpha Delta – Accola Hudson
Alpha Epsilon – Rebecca Matz
Alpha Zeta – absent
Alpha Eta – absent
Alpha Theta – absent
Alpha Iota – absent
Alpha Lambda – absent
Beta Delta – Eva Paulus
Beta Epsilon – Nicole Glatz
Beta Zeta – absent
Beta Eta – Megan Keller
Gamma Beta – Caitlin McCadden
Gamma Gamma – absent
Gamma Delta – Ann Kayser
Gamma Epsilon – Scott Bingaman
Gamma Zeta – absent
Gamma Eta – absent
Gamma Theta – absent
Gamma Iota – absent
Delta Beta – Alexander Shaver
Epsilon Delta – Sam Shepherd
Epsilon Epsilon – absent
Zeta Alpha – Austin Bambach
Zeta Gamma – absent
Zeta Delta – absent
Zeta Epsilon – absent
Eta Beta – absent
Iota Alpha – absent
Iota Beta – Barry Rich
Kappa Delta – Laura Nuzzi
Kappa Epsilon – absent
Kappa Eta – absent
Kappa Zeta – Shawn Moore
Kappa Theta – absent
Kappa Iota – absent
Kappa Kappa – Emily Steiner
Kappa Lambda – absent
Kappa Mu – absent
Kappa Nu – absent
Kappa Xi – absent
Kappa Omicron – Ashley Miller
Kappa Pi – Imran Khan
Lambda Alpha – absent
Mu Gamma – Lillian Hicks
Mu Delta – absent
Nu Beta – absent
Xi Delta – absent
Xi Zeta – absent
Xi Eta – absent
Pi Alpha – Samantha Binkley
Pi Beta – absent
Pi Gamma – Michael Murray
Pi Delta – absent
Rho Alpha – Peter Sobraske
Rho Delta – Dr. Charles Mahler
Rho Epsilon – absent
Rho Eta – absent
Rho Theta – Brandin Adams
Rho Iota – Loch Elmore
Rho Kappa – Kristina Fenner
Rho Mu – absent
Rho Nu – Hannah Schorr
Rho Xi – Fadia Namous
Rho Omicron – Olivia Kimber
Rho Pi – absent
Sigma Alpha – Alba Herrero Gomez
Sigma Beta – Rebecca Goncalves
Sigma Gamma – absent
Sigma Epsilon – absent
Sigma Zeta – absent
Sigma Eta – absent
Sigma Theta – Kevin DePope
Tau Alpha – Alex Zielinski
Tau Beta – absent
Tau Gamma – absent
Tau Delta – absent
Tau Epsilon – absent
Upsilon Alpha – Garrett Martz
Upsilon Beta – absent
Upsilon Gamma – Cynthia Gaines
Phi Beta – absent
Chi Beta – absent
Chi Gamma – Jessica McNeill
Psi Alpha – absent
Psi Beta – absent

Guests and faculty advisors
Alpha Delta – Dr. Richard Macri
Beta Epsilon – Dr. Deborah Bromfield
Beta Eta – Dr. Greg Boyce
Gamma Epsilon – Michael Biser, Cara Crawford
Chi Gamma – Dr. Allen Clabo
Rho Xi – Chris Montis
Sigma Beta – Justin Steets

A total of 34 delegates, six Executive Board members, 4 faculty advisors, and 4 guests.

Minutes from the 2015 biennial convention were read

President’s Report
New and Reactivated Chapters were announced:

Pi Delta – Shepherd University (WV) (2017) new chapter
Nu Gamma – East Central University (OK) new chapter
Tau Zeta – Fairfield University (CT) new chapter

Alpha Gamma – Wake Forest College (2015) reactivated
Alpha Eta – University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (NC) (2017) reactivated
Lambda Alpha – Mississippi University for Women (2015) reactivated
Zeta Alpha – Georgetown University (2017) reactivated

Special Project Grants
Rho Nu (St. Francis University) $500 Science Outreach to Underprivileged Children in Altoona, PA
Sigma Theta (Drew University) $500 Fair for Energy Researchers at Drew University
Delta Beta (University of Alabama) ($500 prior to 2015 biennial convention)
Rho Nu (St. Francis University) $500 Host Women in Chemistry Day for SFU and local HS students
(presented at this biennial convention)

The Ray Newsletter (Dr. Greg Boyce) was revived and Dr. Boyce has volunteered as editor.

Motion (Beta Eta, Iota Beta second) Approve the President’s Report.

Treasurer’s report

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Motion: to approve the Treasurer’s Report (Alpha Epsilon), second (Rho Theta)
Vote:  *Unanimous approval.*

**Initiation fee will remain at $40.**

**New Business (Dr. Mark Stauffer, President)**

Dr. Mark Stauffer announced proposed new sections and language alterations of the constitution.

**Article 3, Section 5 (oversighted duplication – no change needed)**

**Article 3, Section 7**

**Motion:** Vote to approve (Epsilon Delta, second Tau Alpha) approved.

*Section 7 – In event of resignation, death or removal of the President from office, the President-Elect shall assume the office of President. Other vacancies of executive officers shall be filled by appointment by the remaining executive officers from voluntary nomination(s) of chapter advisors.*

**Article 3, Section 8**

**Motion:** Vote to approve (Kappa Omicron, second Pi Gamma)

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**Motion:** (Frank Switzer, second Delta Beta) Proposed to change to the vote to require at least 2/3 vote of the remaining members to eliminate a member of the executive committee. (approved)

**Motion:** (Peggy Biser, second Rho Alpha) To strike to the wording in the new language regarding consideration “by the active Membership.” (accepted by Dr. Biser)

Friendly amendment: Proposed language: *“If an Executive Officer is found by the remaining Executive Officers and/or by the active Membership to be delinquent in fulfilling the duties of his/her office, or guilty of malfeasance of office, the Executive Officer in question can be removed by at least a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote of the remaining Executive Officers. This action may be initiated by any of the remaining Executive Officers, in consultation with the others.”* (accepted by Dr. Biser)

**Motion:** (Kappa Delta, Iota Beta second) Accept the substantially-changed language to section 8 of article 3.

Discussion: What methods would the executive officer in question have? It was proposed that the (volunteer) officer would have the opportunity to resign.

**Motion:** (Alpha Delta, Delta Beta) Article 4, section 1 (will be changed to include the immediate past president as a part of the executive officers). (approved)

Friendly amendment: All changes may be made to add the immediate past president to any other missing locations in the constitution.

**Motion:** Article 5, Section 5 (Frank Switzer, second Delta Beta) New language in red will be combined with the last sentence in the old language (approved)

New Language: *“If a chapter fails to initiate members for ONE biennial period OR fails to send a representative to TWO consecutive biennial conventions, that chapter will be placed on probation. A chapter will be deactivated if it fails to initiate members for TWO biennial periods OR fails to send a representative to THREE consecutive biennial conventions. The Executive Officers are authorized to notify chapters which have been placed on probation or deactivated.”*

**Article 5, Section 6**

**Motion:** (Gamma Beta, second Iota Beta) Alter the language (approved)
New Language: “All chapters are required to send a delegate to the biennial convention unless a pre-submitted excuse is accepted by the Executive Officers or unless their travel distance to the conference exceeds 3000 miles. These chapters not in attendance are encouraged to participate virtually.”

**Motion:** Article 7, Section 6 (Gamma Beta, second Beta Eta) (approved)

**The Guardian of Entropy (Sergeant-at-Arms) …**

**Motion:** Vote to change Article 13, Section 1 (Kappa Delta, second Rho Theta) (approved)

Friendly amendment to language: … shall pay an initiation fee “set by the biennial convention” (accepted)

Bylaws Changes

**Motion:** Article 2, Section 2; Article 2, Section 2; Article 2, Section 3; Article 2, Section 4; Article 2, Section 5

(Delta Beta, second Alpha Delta) All changes to award amounts and details were approved

**Motion:** (George Fisher, second Iota Beta) Change all language in the constitution will alter “conference” to say “convention”. (approved)

**Motion:** (George Fisher, second Beta Eta) Create a medallion to fix to a plaque for chapter awards. (approved)

Discussion- The cost would be $150 to cast the die.

2019 Convention: 100th Anniversary is planned for Davidson College. Prof. Nicole Snyder (advisor) has volunteered to host the convention. Dr. Fisher has proposed to hold a planning committee of past presidents to advise Dr. Snyder in the planning.

**Probation and Deactivation of inactive chapters:**

**Chapters for Deactivation:**
Beta Zeta – Jacksonville University
Gamma Zeta – Stevenson University
Zeta Epsilon – Murray State University
Kappa Xi – Colgate University
Rho Beta – Villanova University
Sigma Zeta – College of St. Elizabeth
Phi Beta – University of Colorado at Denver

**Chapters for Probation:**
Gamma Iota – Delaware State University
Rho Gamma – Gannon University
Chi Beta – Coastal Carolina University

**Motion:** (Epsilon Delta, second Kappa Zeta) The chapters above will be placed on probation.

*Vote: unanimous approval*

**Motion:** (Alpha Epsilon, second Pi Gamma) The chapters listed above will officially be deactivation.

*Vote: unanimous approval*

George Fisher explained details for reimbursement for the chapters.
Elections
Archivist: Handles webpage and records.
Nomination: Frank Switzer (approved)
Secretary:
Nomination: Greg Boyce (Beta Eta) (approved)
Treasurer:
Nomination: George Fisher (Beta Delta) (approved)
President-Elect:
Nomination: Alpha Alpha Davidson College Prof. Nicole Snyder (approved)
Elections were concluded.

Motion (Rho Delta, second Beta Eta) Thank outgoing officers.

Recognition of Service:
Dr. Lindsey Welch – secretary 2013-2017 recognized for her service.
Dr. Frank Switzer – 2005-2017 archivist, current parliamentarian
Dr. George Fisher – 1995-1999 Pres-Elect, President, Past-president, treasurer 1999-2017 (22 years)
Dr. Mark Stauffer and Rho Theta Chapter – President (organizer of the 2015 convention)
Dr. Peggy Biser – immediate past president recognized for service
Dr. Luis Sanchez and Kappa Kappa chapter – president-elect and organizers of the 2017 convention

Adjournment at 11:30 am

At Saturday dinner meeting:
Motion: Kappa Delta (Sigma Alpha second) To approve the draft of minutes from the 2017 convention.
(unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted by

Dr, Lindsey Welch, Recorder (Secretary)