

**Members Present:** Ami Comeford, Leigh Dillard (chair), Amy Gates, Kassia Krone, Felicia Steele

### **OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD**

- Resolved the 2022-23 Outstanding Chapter Award: UNG Gainesville: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$500 with \$250 travel; Elmhurst University: 2<sup>nd</sup> \$350 with \$150 travel (letters will go out next week) Thanks to Felicia for help on this. Invite winning chapters to participate in Chapter Display or Chapter Share at 2024 Convention.
- Encourage more chapters to submit
- Add “**regional spotlight chapters**” for 2024 Convention – each Regent will recommend a chapter to attend convention and participate in Chapter Display. We have already communicated this request to the Convention Committee

**MOTION:** *The Regents Committee moves to change the timeline for the Outstanding Chapter Award. The deadline for award application via email submission to the chair of the Regents' Committee would be April 30, and the application would be contingent on completion of the Chapter Annual Report by the deadline. We additionally recommend that the window for submission of the report be tightened from two months to one month. The Central Office would distribute a spreadsheet of all Chapter Annual Reports to the chair of the Regents' Committee within one week of the deadline. The Regents will share recommendations for revision and addition of questions for the Chapter Annual Report to Jeannine.*

### **SHARED GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- Discussed Regents' priorities and concerns with Shannin and Matt, namely the continued importance in an effective means of communication with our Advisors. WriteAway does not allow for that.

### **REGENTS ELECTION PROCESS:**

- Improve onboarding process:
  - **electronic voting**, much like all other professional societies. Ballots would be distributed to lead advisors who, in consultation with their chapter, will select the best candidates.
  - **shifted timetable**, with nominations in late fall and voting in early spring to allow the incoming Regent to plan to travel to Convention
  - **two-step onboarding**, beginning at the Board Meeting/Convention where the outgoing Regent will meet with the incoming Regent.
- Reviewed and revised the Regents Application, which we will send to the CO after the board meeting.

**MOTION** *from the Regents Committee: The Regents Committee moves that the process for election of Regents change to pre-Convention online election of Regents. Applications for Regents would be due by December 1; the candidates are posted by December 15; online elections completed by February 1. Lead chapter advisors would submit the vote*

*in consultation with officers and members of their chapters. Newly elected regents would be notified immediately and be invited to attend the convention.*

The Convention budget would need to be increased to cover the cost of additional expenses for newly elected Regents and the by-laws changed to reflect the new process.

**BYLAW CHANGES (MOTION):**

ORIGINAL:

Section III. Election. At the international convention of the Society, each Region shall elect its own Regent when the post becomes vacant. Only student members of the Region shall participate in the election, and each chapter present shall have one vote.

REVISED (AMY'S SUGGESTION):

Section III. Election. Each Region shall elect its own Regent in early spring of the semester the post will become vacant or if an unexpected vacancy has occurred in the prior year. Ballots will be distributed electronically to the Lead Advisor who, in consultation with their chapter, will submit a single vote.

ORIGINAL:

Section VI. B. 7. serving on standing committees.

REVISED:

serving on and chairing standing committees.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP REVISIONS**

Should we think of more ways to be flexible, perhaps with the ASR position, in regions where we have few/no applicants?

**CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT**

- Use the data!
- Suggest minor revisions to questions, which we will communicate to the CO after the board meeting
- Regents would like an excel sheet of all the data from this report within one week of the deadline. We would also recommend a shorter deadline, 2 weeks rather than 2 months.

Recommend a recruitment webinar for January