

Sigma Tau Delta Board of Directors
MINUTES of the 75th MEETING
February 29-March 1, 2012
New Orleans, LA

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: President **Sid Watson**; President Elect **Sarah Dangelantonio**; Immediate Past President **Robert Crafton**; Historian **Carrie Fitzpatrick**; Secretary/Treasurer **Shannin Schroeder**; Eastern Regent **Glen Brewster**; acting Far Western Regent **Gloria Hochstein**; acting High Plains Regent **B. Lee Miller**; Midwestern Regent **John Kerrigan**; Southern Regent **Roger Stanley**; Southwestern Regent **Victoria Gaydosik**; Student Advisor **Alexandra Reznik**; Student Advisor **Kelsey Hixson-Bowles**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Executive Director **William C. Johnson**; Director of Chapter Development and Communications **Deb Seyler**; Director of NEHS **Dave Wendelin**; Editor of Publications **Karlynn Crowley**; Website Facilitator **Elfi Gabriel**; Eastern Student Representative **Amy Woody**; Far Western Student Representative **Sarah Faulkner**; High Plains Student Representative **Janine Brooks**; Midwestern Student Representative **Ashlyn Wells**; Southern Student Representative **MeKoi William Scott**; Southwestern Student Representative **Joli Hicks**; Alumni Representative **Deborah Dessaso**; Associate Alumni Representative/Project Coordinator **Lauren Brandeberry**

Wednesday, February 29

President Sid Watson calls the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

After reminders regarding time constraints, Watson asks for the approval of the minutes from the fall meeting. Stanley asks for a correction to New Business. “Stanley” should be changed to “Crafton” as the origin of the motion regarding Alumni Epsilon dues. A further correction should be made to the statement that begins “Kerrigan asks to adopt revised language on forms for the web descriptions of scholarships and the scholarship process (page 9 of the Board packet). . . .” In addition, the word “England” changes to “New England” in Woody’s report.

After a motion and second to approve the minutes as revised, the motion carries.

Old Business—none

Executive Director’s Report—Johnson (written report submitted):

- In Johnson’s additions to his report, he notes that he wrote to each of the three previous convention speakers. He reads the response from Kay Ryan to the Board.
- The Board also hears a letter from the Midwestern Scholarship awardee, Melissa Miller. Johnson notes that it is rare to receive such letters.

Report of Director of Chapter Development and Communications—Seyler (written report submitted)

- Seyler is working registration; her report stands as submitted.

Report of Director of NEHS—Wendelin (written report submitted)

- Wendelin highlights a few things from the report. NEHS has passed the 500-chapter milestone, with 15 new charters already this year. Wendelin jokes that the goal is to surpass Sigma Tau Delta’s lofty numbers. Approximately 11,000 NEHS students were inducted last year. Wendelin receives many inquiries about the organization, and junior highs have even been asking about membership, though the organization does not have junior high chapters.
- Speaker Naomi Shihab Nye is at Covington High School; the school is thrilled. NEHS supplied books that will stay with the school. Wendelin is looking at such options for Portland.

- The number of submissions for scholarships doubled this year, and \$16,000 is set aside for those purposes. Selections are being made later today.
- Wendelin also mentions an ongoing intellectual freedom project.
- NEHS is providing cards for current convention attendees, with a drawing for participants; the goal is to create a database of information about English High School teachers.
- Wendelin believes we need to better identify those Sigma Tau Delta members going into secondary English Education. Seyler and he are working on finding those data and interacting with those students.

Watson reminds Board members to provide the Secretary with written versions of all motions.

Johnson asks to go back and hear from Brandeberry, who may wish to add to the project coordinator report. She compliments the students who stepped into a difficult situation by serving as Student Advisors beginning last fall and has no other additions.

Watson asks Brandeberry to leave the room for the next piece of business.

Executive Committee Report—Watson (written report submitted)

- **The Executive Committee moves that Brandeberry’s position as project coordinator be moved to full time, with a salary of up to \$33,000, beginning July 1, 2012.** After minimal clarification about her duties and about her continuing to work with the students, **the motion carries.**

Brandeberry returns to the room.

- Crafton covers discussion from the 2020 Vision advisory group, which met earlier in the week. Crafton notes how difficult it would have been to do this brainstorming during the regularly scheduled meetings.
- The group looked at who our $\Sigma\tau\Delta$ constituents are, how well we are serving them, our growing pains, and to what extent expansion may be causing us to lose focus. We have traditionally been a society focused on undergrad members. The group agreed that this is still the *primary* focus, the heart of our membership, and that keeping this focus in mind will help us as we direct programs. One area we are not serving well is English Education. The organization may want to look at “special interest groups” as a way of targeting certain groups, starting with English Education.
- The group is not sure yet what “special interest groups” means. Next year, Dangelantonio will put together an ad hoc committee to discuss how social media, the blog, and roundtables can reach those members.
- Numerous issues that came out of the 2020 Vision meeting went to committee and may arise during later committee reports.
- Crafton adds that we need to take the three honor societies ($\Sigma\tau\Delta$, $\Sigma\kappa\Delta$, and NEHS) and find ways to bring them more closely into alignment and to make them better engaged with each other. Could the societies’ initial home pages have all three buttons, he wonders? No matter what, the template for the new web design should reflect this idea of aligning the three societies.
- Discussion ensues.

Immediate Past President’s Report—Crafton (written report submitted)

- Crafton defers to his report for the Partnership Initiative Committee.

Vice President’s Report—Dangelantonio (written report submitted)

- Beyond committee work, Dangelantonio has no additions for her report.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report—Schroeder (written report submitted)

- Schroeder has nothing to add to her report until the Finance Committee report.

Regents Committee Report—Stanley (written report submitted)

- Stanley begins by saying that it was good to have had Regent/SR interaction at the committee meeting last night.
- In that meeting, the Regents questioned their role with the blog.
- Regents also discussed finding a block of time for a Regent and Outgoing and Incoming Student Leadership meal and discussion. One new challenge is the new requirement for ASRs to submit formal reports. None of the five did so this year. Stanley says the Regents can offer up to \$250 in regional funds to the ASRs—and that we had a good crop despite the missing reports. Hochstein says the lack of reports reflects as much on Regents as it does on the students; Stanley agrees that that also was his perception.
- We have two upcoming Regent elections: Far West has two possible applications, and the High Plains is also up for an election. We have a seriously ill Regent right now, and so the acting Far Western Regent is still Hochstein. SR Faulkner has had to work through such disruptions.
- Crafton asks about the four regional conferences listed in his report. Some conferences are claiming regional affiliation but seem to be Sigma Tau Delta chapters hosting a conference independently, including a chapter running a conference in March concurrent with Convention. Stanley recommends avoiding even the words “regional conference.” Watson says we do not have any policy that says students can’t use Sigma Tau Delta in such circumstances. Johnson mentions past encouragement of regional conferences in the fall. Stanley convinced two chapters to put off a “regional” spring event. Discussion ensues about the idea of local or regional events; eager SRs often want to organize conferences regionally.
- All members of committees received invitations to committee meetings. Kerrigan asks if there are any boundaries for attendance by non-members of the committee. Discussion reveals how non-Board members of other committees may have ended up at committee meetings. A blanket email may need to be more directive about what is and is not acceptable for committee attendance, and may need to include a note that those not on a particular committee should not attend other committee meetings unless invited to do so. Dangelantonio suggests we put this on the agenda for policy later; Crowley suggests simply asking nonmembers to leave in the future. The chairs need to be notified if someone is planning to attend, either by the member or by the Central Office if someone hears back from a committee member.
- Johnson asks about a communication charge to Regents to send a monthly email to their Regions’ sponsors. The Regents were not aware it was on their agenda from 2012. Kerrigan mentioned it briefly in the committee. Johnson explains the suggestion in more detail. Regents would send out greeting emails that include reminders about upcoming events. Stanley and Kerrigan agree that they plan to look at it in the future. The coordination and reminders would need Central Office help, says Brewster. Kerrigan notes that the Regents may fold this into the planned contract for Regents.

Southern Regent Report—Stanley (written report submitted)

- Stanley adds to his report that he did spend more money than ever but was happy to do so in order to support his Region.

Eastern Regent Report—Brewster (written report submitted)

- Brewster notes that, since he submitted his report, an application for a Common Reader award has arrived from Kuwait. Woody had been working on a regional event. With too little interest in time, the Saturday event was dropped, but the Region hopes to have such an event in the future. Some feedback was that the event was too close to convention.

Far Western Regent Report—Smith (written report submitted)

- Smith’s report, Hochstein says, is complete.

Southwestern Regent Report—Gaydosik (written report submitted)

- Gaydosik expands on the event described last fall. Seven people attended from two chapters and read the Common Reader aloud.

High Plains Regent Report—Miller (written report submitted)

- Miller is running for High Plains Regent. He needs to take conversations from the last couple of days into account for his Region regarding conference possibilities.
- Red Cloud drew between 35 and 40 attendees, with several chapters represented. Johnson asks for clarification about a matter with a check, as described in the report. Miller explains in more detail.

Midwestern Regent Report—Kerrigan (written report submitted)

- Kerrigan has no additions to his report.

Student Leadership Committee Report—Hixson-Bowles and Reznik (written report submitted)

- Brandeberry asks to give special recognition to the SAs. She talks about their teamwork over the course of their appointments.
- Hixson-Bowles covers the SL committee meeting.
- Brandeberry has created some training documents, and the contract requires SRs and ASRs to stay on as mentors until the end of the semester. Addressing communication issues is an important detail for the committee. Reznik adds that they are still working on the collaboration between SLs and Regents.
- Hixson-Bowles has nothing further to add to her report.

Far Western SR Report—Faulkner (written report submitted)

- Faulkner thanks Hochstein for helping with the regional conference.

Southern SR Report—Scott (written report submitted)

- Scott expresses his enjoyment of the opportunity.

Eastern SR Report—Woody (written report submitted)

- Woody adds to her report that *Mind Murals* has been revived and that it will be available after tomorrow's caucus. The journal received 70 submissions and 8 art submissions, from 30 contributors representing 20 different schools.

Midwestern SR Report—Wells (written report submitted)

- Wells has no additions, but thanks the Central Office staff for their help. Her report is separate from the rest of the Board packet.

High Plains SR Report—Brooks (written report submitted)

- Brooks has no additions to her report.
- Brooks, at Crafton's prompting, adds information about the Region trying an unofficial Facebook page. It was short-lived but had been prompted at the previous convention by the members of the Region.

Faulkner adds a thank you to the SAs.

Alumni/International Committee Report—Stanley (written report submitted)

- Stanley notes that the committee discussed the 2020 Vision. The Society seems to want to return to an undergraduate emphasis. Watson calls this an affirmation of the Society's mission. Discussion pursued keeping an alumni identification within that emphasis on undergraduates. The committee revisited alumni rights and designations in the constitution.
- Alumni Epsilon data have now been transferred into WriteAway!, making it easier to see member information. Online manuals, including possible alumni publications, also came up.

- The committee discussed possible internships and the relationship to current internships.
- There were four applicants for the Alumni Scholarship.
- Kerrigan notes that using WriteAway! actually allowed the Scholarship Committee to contact the alumni and positively affected the appearance of submissions.
- Expanding the formal or informal caucus is an option for improving relations for Alumni Epsilon members, something already in the works for this year.
- “International” chapters are now divided between Southern and Eastern Regions. Should those Regents provide more oversight than the Alumni/International Committee?
- Regarding the recent alumni dues change, which is not yet in effect (until July 1), the committee is uncomfortable with the way the issue was raised and the higher proportion in the change. The committee questions whether members will be lost and whether the costs involved justify the change.
- Dessaso notes that the upcoming survey will address alumni needs, as Brandeberry assured the committee. Watson mentions that the 2020 Vision group came up with ideas for gathering more accurate info from alumni.
- Discussion covered publications and what prompted the change in dues. Will the amount change yet again? Should Alumni Epsilon members get the publications? A motion may be brought forward later regarding this issue.

Watson calls for a break at 3:20 p.m. and reconvenes the Board meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Convention Committee Report—Schroeder (written report submitted)

- **The Convention Committee moves that this year’s program serve as a template for future programs.** Hochstein clarifies that she would still want input on the program next year when she serves as convention chair. **The motion carries.**
- **The committee moves that, for the 2013 Convention, a student can only submit a single paper in any category—unless the student also submits either a roundtable or in the Common Reader category, in which case a student may submit twice.** Crowley notes that this has already been done with the journals. **The motion carries.**
- Discussion covers final details regarding convention, including assessment, evaluators, and the criteria for judging submissions.

Print/Electronic Committee Report—Brewster (written report submitted)

- Brewster points out that this committee oversees several awards. The issues that have arisen include getting submissions on thumb or jump drives and in other unreadable formats.
- **The committee moves that the application for the Literary Journal Award indicate that print journal copies are preferred but that we will accept electronic submissions in PDF sent to the Central Office site.** Discussion covers whether electronic submissions need more specific information. **The motion carries.**
- During the sending of award letters, Brewster realized there were consecutive winners. **The Print/Electronic Committee moves that the application for the Literary Journal, website, and blog awards indicate that previous winners cannot apply for consecutive awards.** This used to be the standard, says Dangelantonio. **The motion carries.**
- **The committee moves that the organization amend the application forms for the journals—*The Rectangle* and *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*—to limit submissions to members who are undergraduates at the time of submission.** In response to Schroeder’s question, Crowley notes that the quality will change, as may the number of submissions, but she adds that if the goal of the organization is to refocus on the undergraduates, then this would be an appropriate change. Discussion considers whether or not this is a constitutional issue and whether the acceptance rate for graduates could instead be limited. **After a brief survey of the members, the committee rescinds the motion.** Dangelantonio will make submission changes a charge for the committee.
- **The committee moves that we pilot for the next year a new format for the newsletter—with details of the design to be worked out by the Central Office and the Editor.** Crowley says

that she has been in conversation with the Central Office for quite some time; the format has been on Gabriel's agenda for after convention for quite some time. Though doing away with the newsletter did come up as a possibility, Gabriel suggested that the Society first change the format. Crowley agrees that we should try this for one year. There are technical issues with emailing students to distribute the newsletter. We can work out issues, says Crowley. **The motion carries.**

- The committee spent considerable time discussing the website during their meeting. **The committee moves that we approve the revised look of the website.** Gabriel's draft of the new site circulates. Clarity and user-friendliness both figure into the redesign. Discussion ensues. The committee accepts a friendly amendment to the motion and then asks the Board to approve the redesign of the website in principle. **The motion carries.**
- The committee talked about the possible effects of changes as approved above and a need to see how things evolve.
- Brandeberry says the Facebook page is doing very well. The number of questions has increased. The blog and Twitter need to be prettier and more accessible, but Student Leadership is focusing on the content and regular publication. Gabriel has mentioned that an app is a very real possibility. Compared to other honor societies, we are relatively cutting edge, Brandeberry assures the Board.

Editor's Report—Crowley (written report submitted)

- Crowley has no additions to her report.

Outstanding Chapter/Project Grants Committee Report—Miller (written report submitted)

- There are a couple of issues facing the committee. First, submission dates may change.
- **The committee moves to amend the budget for the Leadership Award, raising it to \$500, in order to accommodate the awarding of two Leadership Awards.** Miller and Dangelantonio confirm that this is double the previous amount. **The motion carries.**
- **This committee, in concert with the Service Committee, moves**
 - **to dissolve the Outstanding Chapter Awards/Grants Committee;**
 - **to reassign the Outstanding Chapter Awards duties to the Regents Committee; and**
 - **to assign Project Grants and Student Leadership Awards responsibilities to the Service Committee.**

Kerrigan discusses the move for the Outstanding Chapter Awards. Outsourcing this to other sponsors may promote more investment and interest in being a Regent from other faculty sponsors. Stanley confirms that the Regents are behind this change. Hochstein discusses past practices of these committees. Discussion ensues about judging. **The motion carries.**

Service Committee Report—Fitzpatrick (written report submitted)

- Much of the committee's discussion revolved around the motion described by the Outstanding Chapter/Project Grants Committee.
- **The Service Committee moves to change selection of the Common Reader to the Convention Committee.** While the Common Reader was intended originally to develop service projects around literacy in their own communities, the original purpose is not its current use. After some discussion with convention chairs past and present, **the motion carries.**
- The committee reviewed a draft of the Alumni Epsilon Service Grant. The final draft will be created in coordination with the Alumni Committee and submitted for approval in the fall.
- The committee is creating lists of possible organizations for service. The organization does not market itself well, and the Slippery Rock advertisements can be used as a foundation. Next year's chapter displays will be asked to emphasize showing how to promote the discipline.

Partnership Initiative Committee Report— Crafton (written report submitted)

- Since the filed report, the committee did finish screening for the Penguin internship. There were 58 applications; 5 finalists went forward to Penguin, well in advance of their deadline. Crafton describes the restrictions on the internship.

- The Better World Books partnership continues. Last spring, chapters collected more than 15,000 acceptable books, with a \$4500 payoff for ΣΤΔ. However, in the fall, chapters submitted fewer than 5,000. Discussion revolves around issues that caused some chapters not to participate.
- Though only one student applied for the internship, that one applicant was fantastic, says Crafton. The society needs to do a better job advertising that internship and soliciting applications.
- Crafton notes that ongoing projects with NEHS include the intellectual freedom project.
- Little Free Libraries is another possible partner for NEHS. They install boxes on a post, with a glass cover that says “Take a book, share a book.” This may lead to opportunities for Sigma Tau Delta.
- **The committee moves to develop a sponsored internship program whose purpose is to supply financial support for members hoping to pursue internship experiences that they would not potentially be able to afford. The program would parallel the Study Abroad Scholarship. The Partnership Initiative Committee will develop application procedures, criteria for selection, appropriate forms, and a budget, to be presented for approval at the fall 2012 Board meeting.** Kerrigan notes that this could be administered through STARS if the number of applications warrants that use. Also, he adds that geography has limited us in terms of how we think of internships. This proposal allows anyone, anywhere, to set up such an internship. Crafton acknowledges that the details will require considerable effort—but that it is worthwhile work. **The motion carries.**

Strategic Planning Committee Report—Dangelantonio (written report submitted)

- The Ad Hoc Succession Committee provided Strategic Planning with a plan for the temporary transfer of executive director responsibilities.
- Dangelantonio circulates a document related to long-term planning.
- Other long-term planning will use specific surveys to gather information from Sponsors and members. Dangelantonio asks for input from other committees. The committee discussed long-range financial planning, including some concerns about why we are not using the money in our investments. Dangelantonio mentions that the growth is to allow for the interest to fund scholarships and awards. The committee does need to hear from others on the Board: “What do you need to know about our finances that will help you function?”
- The committee notes that the organization needs to gather information on what the outlook is for English majors and minors, with the implications for our membership and our organization. Central Office will bring that back to the Board.
- Kerrigan asks about student presence during Scholarship Committee meeting. Students will not attend in the morning.
- Crafton asks if the document Dangelantonio circulated earlier needs any action. He recommends that we take some sort of action on this tomorrow after reviewing the document tonight.

Watson ends the meeting for the day at 5:29 p.m.

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Watson calls the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Strategic Planning Committee Report—Dangelantonio (continued)

- The Board revisits the long-term planning document. **The committee moves to accept the plan for emergency succession.** Crafton briefly discusses its origin. **Motion carries.**

Crafton moves, Schroeder seconds, to deviate from the agenda. The motion carries.

- Watson mentions the issue of the changes to reimbursement to chapters (page 64 in the program). The changes did not go through the Regents Committee, and yet Regents run the caucuses.

Student Leadership was the origin for the addition of the informal Regional Caucuses, and the students were considering the fact that they did not have SL workshops on Thursday morning as a way to meet and recruit students. Discussion includes comments about how to resolve the confusion this year, with announcements at the Awards Ceremony and the General Business meeting. After considerable discussion about where or to whom the reimbursement check goes, the Board agrees that the Central Office will check with the sponsor that the student member on the form is the appropriate recipient for the funds.

- The Board may return to the issue of reimbursement in the fall.

Scholarship Committee Report—Kerrigan (written report submitted)

- Kerrigan hopes the Board meeting never again overlaps the convention. He is missing three students' presentations to attend the Board Meeting.
- **The committee makes a motion to affirm the fall scholarships' application deadline of October 29.** The Scholarship Committee has been in collaboration with other committees regarding this deadline. Kerrigan defers to Hochstein regarding the previous conversation about Convention Committee deadlines. Schroeder discusses the previous year's deadlines. Kerrigan brings the Board back to the deadline for this committee only. As Kerrigan points out, setting later deadlines creates separation between deadlines for other awards and grants, as well as for the convention deadline. **The motion carries.**
- Kerrigan has two other things to share before listing the scholarship recipients. First, he gives a STARS briefing. The process went very well overall, with positive feedback from students in general. One student application went missing without explanation; no other complaints from students. On the judging side, we need to do more work. Some of the issues with the 25 judges included MAC compatibility and the judges having to use Internet Explorer. Accessibility with other browsers is an issue STARS is working on. Hochstein asks how we knew that an application went missing, and Kerrigan explains.
- Gabriel notes the significant increase in participation. Kerrigan breaks the numbers down by region: Southwestern = 34 (3 winners); Southern = 59 (5); Midwestern = 70 (7); High Plains = 22 (3); Far Western = 30 (2); Eastern = 71 (7)
- The scholarships have always had a process in the past of five judges who do not see each other. Now, the cumulative score tallies as judges enter scores, so judges see the scores and the scholarships reorganize according to high scores. The default needs to change so that the reordering does not show for judges. The default should be something STARS can fix.
- We have rubrics for each of the scholarships, but not one for the Scholarly Papers; Kerrigan notes that we at least need to create clearer guidelines for this. Johnson says the Central Office is putting together language that says what we are looking for in the ideal applicant. More on that in the fall.
- The process for judging is also something we have to consider. The judges reviewed all six finalists after having dealt with half of the scholarships. The impulse to increase the number of scholarships must weigh against the fact that the self-motivated students are the ones winning. Mere increases in the number of applications may only increase the judge's workload and may not do anything to increase the quality of applications. Discussion about judging, including the isolation of judges, ensues. Putting them in touch with each other regarding process was successful and would be something to do again. Discussion continues.
- For the future, Kerrigan will revise the explanation of expectations for the statement of professional goals, with a focus on the viability of the summer application process.
- There may be a proposal in the fall for a convention fee waiver for the judges for scholarships.
- The next round of scholarships begins now. The part-time scholarship begins in the fall.
- Kerrigan turns to this year's recipients and discusses how the breakdown of numbers affects whether we have two winners and a runner-up or one winner and two or more runners-up. The three winners for the convention theme application essay each receive \$100 each. **Kerrigan hands out a list of winners, first without names, for approval.** The total set aside for scholarships was \$51,600. **Kerrigan asks for one emendation: two Study Abroad scholarship**

applicants recipients tied, and he requests that we award two, with a new total for scholarships of \$54, 600. The motion to approve the recipients and the emendation carries.

Nominating Committee Report—Watson

- We have had two applicants for the Southwestern Regent, Annette Coon and Erica Hoagland. We are still unsure as to whether anyone from Far Western will, in fact, apply. There is also an open Board officer position: the VP/President elect candidate is Gloria Hochstein.

Finance Committee Report—Schroeder (written report submitted)

- **The committee recommends moving the NEHS investment into the main account.** For 2012, 10% of the overall investment would belong to NEHS. Wendelin notes that tracking the money carefully is important and that the profit needs to benefit the high school students. Schroeder points out that there has been a benefit to moving the Regnery. **The motion carries.**
- Long-reach planning goals for the investments include a possible “endowment” for scholarships and awards.
- **The committee moves to accept the circulated budget as amended based on the requests of committees over the course of the Board meeting. The motion carries.**

New Business—none

Executive Committee Report—Watson

- **The committee moves that the SA positions be filled as follows: to approve Kelsey Hixson-Bowles for the two-year position and Allie Reznik for the one-year position.** Johnson confirms that the announcement will be made at the General Business Meeting. **The motion carries.**
- **Hochstein moves that the Board approve November 12 as the deadline for Convention submissions. Schroeder seconds. The motion carries.**
- **Hochstein moves that, effective immediately, all committee chairs shall email detailed minutes of fall and spring committee meetings to all committee members (copied to the president and Deb Seyler) within two weeks of the meeting. Dangelantonio seconds.** She comments that this helps with continuity and to keep in contact with our sponsors and possible Regent pool. Stanley mentions that the Board minutes keep us up to speed, but the chairs do have additional details that we do not hear in the General Board meeting. **The motion carries.**
- **The committee moves to return Alumni Epsilon dues to \$13 (from the approved \$18 increase from the fall board meeting). Stanley seconds.** Conversation revolves around what we may recommend in the future, based on having more information. The financial impact, given that there are fewer than 100 Alumni Epsilon members, will be minimal. Discussion of the changes had not gone on in the general meeting, **Watson asks for a friendly amendment: the Alumni and Print/Electronic Communication committees should be charged with presenting the Board with numbers and fees that would address funding for Alumni Epsilon. With the amendment accepted, the motion carries (one opposed, one abstains).**

Crafton wishes to acknowledge Johnson’s long-standing service and presents him with a copy of *All My Friends Are Dead*.

The Board also recognizes the efforts of those who are rotating off—Victoria Gaydosik and Robert Crafton—and thanks them for their service.

Watson encourages Board members to sit with people they do not know at the President’s reception and the Sponsor’s Luncheon and to use informal caucuses to allow students to interact.

Johnson reminds the Board that per diems come out of student money; be good stewards of the funds. As always, the Central Office needs receipts.

Johnson adds that one of the two SAs who had to resign (Corey) is here at convention should anyone wish to greet him.

Schroeder makes a motion to adjourn. Hochstein seconds, and the motion carries.

Watson ends the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S.C. Silk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannin Schroeder, $\Sigma\tau\Delta$ Secretary/Treasurer

June 30, 2012

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