

# Regents Committee Meeting Minutes, Fall 2015

Minneapolis, MN

September 24, 2015

Chair Glen Brewster

1. We reviewed the Outstanding Chapter Award process for 2014-2015, during which we experimented with two potential rubrics for judging the applications devised by Lexey Bartlett. We agreed that we would continue to use the simpler of the two since we all found it useful.
2. We discussed ways to communicate with chapter Sponsors to encourage chapter activity, including asking Elfi Gabriel to reactivate the Write Away function that allows Regents to send emails to regional sponsors instead of through the Central Office. We agreed that we would communicate among ourselves about the kinds of discussion items, announcements, or questions that we might send out so that some of us might choose to use or modify someone else's ideas, or we might choose not to use them in our regions. But at least we will be aware of the activities of our fellow Regents and Deb will be able to tell us if she has information useful to our purposes. At the spring Board Meeting, we will review this process.
3. We reviewed the purpose of and elements included in the *Regents Handbook*, the subject of much discussion and revision the last two years. Glen Brewster admitted that he had only recently made the additions of two items, Guideline to the Regional Networking and Caucus events held at the annual Conventions, and would submit this revised version to be added to the website in the next few weeks. We agreed that additional material—e.g., examples of emails sent by Regents to sponsors—could be added as Regents desired.
4. We reviewed some of the online material for Sponsors, and Deb pointed out several new and reorganized aspects of the Chapter area of the website. We also discussed several of the ideas introduced during the earlier Strategic Planning Retreat, including a video to be made available at the beginning of the academic year with information for chapters and sponsors and information about involving students in chapter activities who were not yet eligible for official membership.
5. We discussed a number of ideas for the luncheon and the workshops for Faculty Sponsors at the Convention, including the chapter sponsor anniversaries recognition (formerly made in the awards ceremony); the potential for brief introductions to the work of the standing committees and opportunities for participation on the committees; suggestions for introducing sponsors from geographically proximate chapters to each other; and ideas for games, raffles, or other activities that might be fun and useful. Glen said that he would talk with the Convention Committee about implementing some of these ideas.
6. For the third year, the Regents Committee held a joint meeting with the Student Leadership Committee; the students described their projects for the year and for the Convention, and both groups asked questions about further activities.

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