

## Minutes for Service and Partnerships Committee Meeting 24 September 2015

### Charge

To encourage and publicize service activities of chapters, particularly activities on literacy, broadly defined. To work toward an acceptance of service as a major component of the Sigma Tau Delta experience. To work with the Convention Chair to develop convention roundtables on service. To explore possibilities for Society partnerships with organizations, foundations, and businesses.

Focus	Deadline
Review and discuss more effective means of promoting, publicizing, and marketing Student Leadership Awards, Project Grants, and Service Awards, and review rubrics for judging of those awards/grants.	Fall 2015 to Spring 2016
Examine any potential sponsored internships, national service projects, and other partnerships and present proposal(s) to the Board.	Fall 2015 to Spring 2016
Accept applications for and recommend winners of Chapter Project Grants and Service Awards and recommend winners of Student Leadership Awards.	Fall 2015 to Spring 2016
With NEHS and SKD, discuss partnerships with organizations committed to literacy and to protection of intellectual freedom and First Amendment rights.	Spring 2016
Judge Penguin Internship applications.	Spring 2016
Judge and distribute Summer Internship Stipends.	Spring 2016
Plan, with the Convention Committee, panels on service opportunities and issues.	Spring 2016
Discuss how the Society can publicize, facilitate, and support NEHS/Sigma Tau Delta partnerships at the chapter level, such as a sponsorship initiative.	Spring 2016

### Better World Books

There have been some issues in working with Better World Books over the past year. They have been re-organizing, so we will keep in touch with them over the coming year to see if any problems persist.

### Penguin Internships

The internships at Penguin continue to be quite competitive. We had 187 people apply this past year.

### Summer Internship

We received 50 applications for this new internship, so it was quite successful. We'll run it in summer 2016 again, but we hope to make an adjustment in coming years. At the Spring Board Meeting, we will suggest two times the internship will be open: Fall 2016 and Spring/Summer 2017, much as we do with the Study Abroad Scholarship.

### Out of Print Clothing

Dave reported that this partnership hasn't gone as well as we would have liked. He will check with them to see if we can improve that relationship.

**Possible Partnerships**

We mentioned two organizations that might be good fits for future partnerships: PEN and NCTE. We will talk to them before the Spring Board meeting to see if they are interested and how such partnerships might be able to benefit our members.

**NEHS/Sigma Tau Delta Partnerships**

The joint project grant passed last year, so we'll watch that in the coming years to see how we can best promote it.

**Motion for the Board**

We took one motion to the Board: "The Service and Partnerships Committee moves to donate proceeds from Better World Books convention sales of at least \$1000 to a Minneapolis-area charity selected in conversation with either Charles Baxter or Kao Kalia Yang." This motion is the same one we passed last year, and we were pleased with how the distribution of those funds worked. The Board passed this motion.