

Minutes for Service and Partnerships Committee Meeting

Fall 2016 Meeting

15 September 2016

Present: Comeford (co-chair), Nixon, Heller, Miller, Nakai, Helgesen, Wendelin, McPartlin, Brown (co-chair)

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.

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Summer 2016 into Fall 2016

- By September 1, review strategic plan to identify and discuss relevant goals and objectives at the Fall board meeting
- By October 15, determine, by analyzing the number of applicants and/or recipients, which scholarships and awards to continue, expand, or eliminate
- By December 15 and in collaboration with Student Leadership, SKD & NEHS, identify a sustainable International Literacy Project

Spring 2017 into Summer 2017

- Using the usual award/internship timeline, judge award and internships applications and recommend recipients
- By April 15, identify and court at least one new partner for internships

Internship Partners

We discussed a variety of types of partners for future internships, ranging from textbook publishing companies to regional and specialized presses to tech companies to theatres and museums to Dzanc Books and Pen International. Brown will divide up the list and ask members to contact organizations to determine interest.

Awards

We made changes to the Student Leadership Award and Project Grants last year, so we'll monitor them to see if submissions increase. We discussed the possibility of moving Project Grants to AwardSpring.

International Literacy Project

The AR and SRs talked about the Student Leadership committee's idea to work with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, including donating the proceeds from the Better World Books sales this year. We think this project will work well and encourage collaboration with NEHS chapters.

Service Award

We had a question in the past year of why groups need to submit a second narrative for the blog when the narrative they submit for the award will work fine. We agreed there's no need for a second narrative.

Data

We had planned to ask Elfi and/or Josh to add a box for membership in SKD and/or NEHS; however, we heard at the Board meeting that the changes that will ultimately come to enrollment will take care of this issue.

NEHS/SKD/STD collaboration

Wendelin discussed the Intellectual Freedom Challenge essay contest and asked people to volunteer to serve as judges.