

Regents Committee Report

(September 2017)

Committee Name: Regents Committee

Committee Chair: Kathy Nixon, Eastern Regent

Regents Committee Charge :

To work for the development and promotion of the Society within each region. To provide regional information and serve as liaisons with the Central Office. To communicate regularly with chapters and Sponsors in the region. To provide information and encouragement to chapters. To encourage reactivation of inactive chapters and formation of new chapters. To encourage involvement in Society opportunities and activities. To serve on standing committees.

1. Outstanding Chapter rankings
2. Chapter Sponsors lunch at convention
3. New chair of the Regents Committee
4. Other concerns
5. Recommendations for the full Executive Board

1. Regents were reminded of the timeline for announcing the winners of the Outstanding Chapter Awards that was established at our last board meeting. It was thought that having a June 15 deadline would encourage more chapters to apply for the award. In reality one additional chapter applied in 2017. In 2016 there were 5 applications, in 2017 there were 6. The applications are available through Dropbox. All regents should rank the applications by the September 20 deadline. Adhering to the established deadline would allow the winning chapters to be notified before the announcement to the entire organization in the October eNews.

Several Regents had already submitted rankings and the rest acknowledged the deadline.

2. Regents were asked to consider discontinuing the lunch for chapter sponsors at the convention in favor of using the money spent for a student-based event. During the 2017 convention a number of sponsors who said they would attend, did not. This resulted in wasted money. A certain amount must be spent at the hotel for food to have free use of the conference facilities. Instead of spending wasting money on the poorly attended event, it would be better to spend the money on students. Possibilities include breakfast or snacks served between the paper sessions.

After much discussion the Regents voted to discontinue the Sponsor luncheon. Vote was unanimous and the issue now moves to the full Executive Board for action.

3. Discussion of a new leader for the Regents Committee. Two Regents announced they would be leaving their current university positions and would likely no longer be eligible to serve as Regents. Thus, Kathy Nixon would be stepping down as chair of the committee.

Lexey Bartlett offered to serve as chair, pending the President's approval.

4. Special concerns: None

Recommendations or resolutions for the Executive Committee and/or for Board action:

Discontinue Sponsors Luncheon