

Service & Partnership Committee Spring 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Committee Charge:

- To encourage and publicize service activities of chapters, particularly those dealing with literacy, broadly defined; to work toward an acceptance of such service as a major component of the Sigma Tau Delta experience; to work with the Convention Chair to organize one or more panels on service at the annual convention.
- To explore possibilities for Society partnerships with organizations, foundations, and businesses; to make recommendations about partnerships to the Board.

Old Business:

- Meeting minutes from the fall board meeting were reviewed and acknowledged as accurate;
- Award winners were announced for the project grants and student leadership awards;
- Penguin internship applications totaled a record 125. After two tiers of judging, the five finalists were sent to Penguin Books for the final selection.

New Business:

- In collaboration with the Student Leadership committee and in an effort to increase awareness and advocacy of Sigma Tau Delta and the discipline of English, a convention stories video/blog contest is being held. Winners will be posted to the society website and social mediums;
- Even though the number of applications is low, the Service Award deadline in April will remain in place for one more year before additional revisions are considered;
- The timelines for the various awards and grants were discussed at length. To increase the grant applications, the committee voted to make the deadline earlier. Committee Motion: "The Service and Partnership Committee motions to move the application due date of the Project Grants to October 1 with grant recipients notified by November 15." Note: The board approved the motion.

Agenda Items for Fall Committee Meeting:

- Discuss NEHS/Sigma Tau Delta partnerships at the chapter level that may include how the Society can publicize, facilitate, and support such activities. One suggestion involves a sponsorship initiative in which a Sigma Tau Delta chapter pays for the initial fee and plaque of a newly developed NEHS chapter at a local high school. Further investigation is required for both NEHS and SKD relationship building;
- Develop and review rubrics for judging of student leadership awards, project grants, and service awards;
- Discuss and investigate additional internships sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta;
- Examine potential national service projects and other partnerships (Jumpstart Read for the Record, World Book Night, etc.) and develop a proposal to present to the Board;
- Plan, in conjunction with the Albuquerque convention committee, panels on service opportunities and issues (e.g., chapter service projects; post-graduation service opportunities like Teach for America, City Year, the Peace Corps; intellectual freedom/banned books programs).

Respectfully submitted,

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