

Sigma Tau Delta Board of Directors
MINUTES of the 87th MEETING
March 29-30, 2017
Louisville, KY

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: President **Carrie Fitzpatrick**; President Elect **Glen Brewster**; Immediate Past President **Gloria Hochstein**; Historian **Diane Steinberg**; Secretary/Treasurer **Shannin Schroeder**; Eastern Regent **Kathy Nixon**; Far Western Regent **AmiJo Comeford**; High Plains Regent **Lexey Bartlett**; Midwestern Regent **Timothy Helwig**; Southern Regent **Kevin Brown**; Southwestern Regent **Erika Hoagland**; Student Advisor **Tim Leonard**; Student Advisor **Samantha Miller**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Executive Director **William C. Johnson**; Director of Society Operations **Natasha McPartlin**; Director of Marketing and Technology **Elfi Gabriel**; NEHS Director **Dave Wendelin**; Eastern Student Representative **Kaitlyn Sass**; Far Western Student Representative **Amber Rose**; High Plains Student Representative **Shannon Nakai**; Midwestern Student Representative **Haley Helgesen**; Southern Student Representative **Elizabeth Upshur**; Southwestern Student Representative **Noah Golaboff**; Alumni Representative **Jessica Heller**

Wednesday, March 29

President **Fitzpatrick** calls meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

- **Fitzpatrick** begins with a “literary moment”—a poem, “Maps,” by Yosenia Montia. Introductions follow.
- Non-agenda housekeeping items include reminders about Robert’s Rules of Order; **Steinberg** provides “cheat sheets” on parliamentary procedure and will serve as Parliamentarian.
- **Fitzpatrick** also reminds the Board of friendly rules and requests for the meeting, including reminders about written motions.
- The Board adopted special rules of order at our last meeting. Each person may speak once about an issue, and time limitations are in place to keep the meeting organized and on schedule. **Heller** volunteers to keep time.
- Discussion ensues about the recent ban on Muslim-dominant nations and a possible statement from the organization.
- **Fitzpatrick** thanks the people who worked on the convention; she acknowledges **Helwig**’s awarded sabbatical.
- **Golaboff moves, Hochstein seconds, to approve the minutes as revised. Motion carries.**
- **Hochstein** requests we move Student Leadership reports up in the agenda; **Fitzpatrick** suggests moving those reports to the top of the committee reports and updates. **Golaboff moves, Leonard seconds, to accept agenda as revised. Motion carries.**

Old Business

- **Johnson** describes the issues related to the cost of having separate Regents’ accounts. Given concerns with lack of use and cost of our audit, **Johnson** recommends doing away with separate Regents’ accounts. One main Regent account would be housed with the Central Office. Discussion among Regents and other Board members iron out details of the process. **Hochstein moves, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that Regents’ separate checking accounts be closed and that Regents’ accounts be moved to budget lines within the one main account.** Further clarification identifies when this will occur—the best time for the Central Office is May. **Motion carries.**
- According to **Johnson**, Lambda Iota Tau [LIT] has dissolved and the organization has been absorbed by Sigma Tau Delta; we have allowed their chapters and members to come in during a

brief period. Their remaining funds, \$35,000, have been deposited into our account. We have agreed to memorialize LIT in some way.

New Business

Executive Director's Report—Johnson (written report submitted)

- **Johnson** notes that we are 93 years old. We have 883 active chapters; he points to the new, inactive, and reactivated chapters as he highlights his report.

Director of Society Operations Report—McPartlin (written report submitted)

- **McPartlin** wants to engage more members and to streamline processes.
- **Hochstein** asks about the plan to redesign and shorten the chapter reports. **McPartlin** notes the intimidating look of the report as it appears in SurveyMonkey. There will be fewer drawings but more incentive to reply. Discussion ensues, including the fact that fewer than 50% of our chapters reply and ways to get the survey to people “where they are.”
- **Fitzpatrick** notes that the amount of discussion suggests the issue needs to be on the agenda for the fall.

Director of Marketing & Technology Report—Gabriel

- **Gabriel** is working at registration. At the fall board meeting, she will provide statistics about social media.

National English Honor Society (NEHS) Director's Report & Constitutional Revisions—Wendelin (written report submitted)

- **Wendelin** says NEHS has 945 chapters, not all of which are active. Last year saw a phenomenal jump in growth; he points to the numbers provided in his report.
- Will there be a point at which we need to consider additional staff? That's a question for the future.
- **Wendelin** talks about award and scholarship activity in NEHS.
- According to **Wendelin**, **Fitzpatrick** joined him at the NCTE convention; the need to support faculty is a topic of conversation.
- NCTE may partner with us for internship ideas.
- NEHS is working on a strategic plan of its own.
- **Wendelin** confirms that the award-winning papers are archived on the webpage.

Editor's Report—Colson (written report submitted)

- **Colson** notes that the publications have come out; he highlights elements of the publication process for this year's journals.

Committee Reports & Updates

Student Advisors, Student Leadership Committee Reports

- **SAs** will wait on their report until the SL report.

Eastern Regent—Nixon (written report submitted)

Nixon said the Region was engaged with the Common Reader and has reactivated its Facebook page.

Eastern Student Representative [SR]—Sass (written report submitted)

- **Sass** highlights the more than 413 active members mentioned in her report.
- She worked well with her Assistant Student Rep [ASR].
- *Mind Murals* is forthcoming.
- **Steinberg** asks about calling out those accepted for convention. **Leonard** responds.
- The United Arab Emirates has added a chapter. **Nixon** comments on getting other Kuwait universities she's been in touch with.

Far Western Regent—Comeford (written report submitted)

- **Comeford** has been updating the directory, as some Sponsors are not listed.
- She has instituted a listerv in her Region.

Far Western SR—Rose (written report submitted)

- **Rose** says her report has most details in it. They ran chats (not a good turnout, with a brief turn-around; it's a bad times for students). She is hoping to get chats implemented to work with more students' schedules.
- She comments on social media.

High Plains Regent—Bartlett (written report submitted)

- **Bartlett** says her report covered the things she wanted to cover.
- She is working to schedule an annual regional conference, and the region hosted its second conference event. A roundtable for the international convention came out of the event.

High Plains SR—Nakai (written report submitted)

- **Nakai** says her report covered her work.
- Her ASR (Michelle Springer) has been a very supportive partner. Her chapter did an Imagination Library informational center at their local library.

Midwestern Regent—Helwig (written report submitted)

- The region hosted its third regional convention. He covers information not in his report: the region received four more Common Reader event applications. **Helwig** received a nice email from O'Rourke, a Fulbright student who will be teaching in the Slavic region—they will be publicizing the award.

Midwestern SR—Helgesen (written report submitted)

- **Helgesen** discusses regional events and efforts on social media, at a local convention, and with a blog contest.

Southern Regent—Brown (written report submitted)

- Most everything is in his report. Three conference events, including a SigmaCon at LSU.
- Two additional Common Reader events have been reported since report, including one at Mississippi State that included dressing as famous women. The second event called "Touching The Skin Between Us: Celebrating The 'Almost Famous Women' In Our Lives," was held February 23 at Johnson C. Smith University. Attendance included 53 students representing freshman rhetoric and composition courses along with Xi Lambda chapter officers. **Brown** publicized such events through the Central Office.
- **Upshur** is the most active SR in his three years as Regent.

Southern SR—Upshur (written report submitted)

- The region has been active in social media, says **Upshur**. She also mentions a blog on *Wordy By Nature* that encourages members to get into student leadership.

Southwestern Regent—Hoagland (written report submitted)

- She and the SR have been working on a digital platform for interacting with others, one that includes virtual chapter literary discussions.
- Two Common Reader events have occurred since **Hoagland**'s report.

Southwestern SR—Golaboff (written report submitted)

- The digital platform required no budget at all. The regional Facebook account has 234 members. He can see that 56 people have seen a recent post and is working to make Facebook better.

Alumni Representative—Heller (written report submitted)

- **Heller** says fun things are happening now that there's an e-board for alumni. They are planning for their first electronic publication.
- Alumni are in the pilot phase of the mentorship initiative. Four members plus Heller are working with faculty, building relationships and possible additional chapters.

Fitzpatrick gratefully acknowledges the work of Regents and Student Leadership.

Taskforce Updates

Alumni Foundations—Heller

- The taskforce started by examining 67 societies and organizations but narrowed down to 20 with alumni involvement, says **Heller**. They are gathering information about membership and dues, whether they have alumni chapters, and involvement in events (networking, alumni spotlights, etc.).
- Most relevant to Sigma Tau Delta was PSE, the Business Honor Society: alumni attend and present at conventions, networking events, and have their own publication as well. The taskforce is interested in how they're connecting with alumni, particularly things we could pull from and use for our own.
- **Fitzpatrick** asks about regional conferences. Teaming up with local colleges, says Heller, allows alumni to have events like conferences. **Steinberg** notes alumni know what they're doing.
- **Fitzpatrick** reminds us of the purposes of the taskforces. The quality and quantity of the work has been very strong.
- Some taskforces may dissolve after collection of info—moving their work into a committee. Facilitators will give recommendations for where this info should go. Others stay in place for a longer period.

Past Presidents Council—Hochstein

- **Hochstein** sent a report to the Executive Committee, as requested of this committee.
- **Hochstein** and **McPartlin** reviewed numerous past presidents councils, looking for significant effort from such councils. Some past presidents have a role in their organizations. Our past presidents are still very active. Such a council formally acknowledges and incorporates their knowledge and history and institutional memory and can be a potential advisory committee.
- The report summed up all possible functions and possible benefits or challenges of such a "Wisdom Council."
- The group could meet during convention. **Fitzpatrick** talks about the idea of a "metaboard."
- The Immediate-Past President could be responsible for convening this group. Discussion covers the opportunities and possible threats at more length. **Johnson** notes that a past presidents council would be task-oriented.

Golaboff and Hochstein move, Steinberg seconds, to recess at 3:32.

Increasing Revenue—Helwig

- According to **Helwig**, all survey materials came in on time; the survey elicited 900 responses.
- The taskforce has worked on identifying goals for revenue, enhancing revenue stream (increasing the new charter fee), and identifying new revenue sources.
- Of the 62 honor societies considered, many invite online donations from visitors to their sites. Most had diverse products for sale (gifts for the student and gifts for the professional).
- Students want more, and cheaper, options in sweatshirts and t-shirts. Some did not know we had a shop.
- The organization's game plan may be to investigate licensing the logo with a licensing company, though we may not make as much money off each item. The taskforce will work with the Central Office about such licensure. The report will be online, **Helwig** says.

Constitution/By-Law/Policies Revisions—Steinberg

- **Steinberg** walks through the report of recommended changes, as shared with Board via email on March 29, 2017. The committee’s goal this spring was to focus on bylaws. **See Appendix A for details about the following itemized motions.**
- **Motion 0 moved.** **Leonard** asks about what “related field” means. **Brewster** notes that chapters have been allowed to define the phrase for themselves. **Motion carries**
- **Motion 1 moved.** **Bartlett** asks whether the changes are posted on the website already. **Steinberg** mentions that the rationale is that these are not substantive.
- **Motion 2 moved.** [friendly amendment to delete “or who immediately join”] **Motion carries**
- **Motion 3 moved.** **Motion carries.**
- **Motion 4 moved.** **Motion carries.**
- **Motion 5 moved.** **Motion carries.**
- **Motion 6 moved.** After discussion, **motion withdrawn.**
- **Steinberg** will verify the Constitution online.

Journal for Collaborative Student-Teacher Research—Brown

- **Brown** and the taskforce looked for other journals emphasizing collaboration between the professor and the teacher. The taskforce discussed questions that might arise. Two recommendations went to the Communications Committee.
- **Schroeder** mentions the hard sciences and the collaborative nature of student-teacher research. **Hochstein** talks about scientific and technical writing and publications in that area at her institution. Discussion continues.
- **Fitzpatrick** concludes that we will develop a survey and go from there.

Student Leadership Report—Miller and Leonard (written report submitted by Student Advisors)

- **Miller** talks about Imagination Library fundraising, which has already exceeded last year’s fundraising. The total will be announced during Convention.
- The ASRs have stepped up for two SRs who could not complete their responsibilities.
- Student leaders considered the Alumni Representative (AR) position regarding Board voting rights.
- The student leaders reviewed SigmaCon plans for the Convention.
- All student leaders are working with the speakers and taking active roles.
- Student Leadership has a concern about the SL vacancy and **moves to revise protocol for SR vacancies. Constitutional verbiage should require the filling of any SR vacancy within 30 days.** **Fitzpatrick** provides context for the taskforce on Constitution and Bylaws, which is considering this issue (among others). Discussion resolves that this focuses on the timeframe. **Comeford** reminds the Board that the length of this discussion has indicated the taskforce needs to work on this in more detail before a vote can take place. **Hochstein** says the current language already makes the move from ASR to SR required. **Student Leadership chooses to withdraw the motion,** recommending that the SR and ASR positions be reviewed and that the SAs be involved in the discussion.
- **Leonard** reminds the Board that students are still raising funds for the Imagination Library.

Executive and Board Development Committee—Fitzpatrick

- Discussion included helping smooth the path for people coming onto the Board. **Fitzpatrick** and the Committee are revising Board positions to reflect the actual work currently done.
- The Committee considered the need for an interim appointment to the Board. **Fitzpatrick** talks about **Helwig’s** sabbatical. He cannot attend the fall board meeting but is returning for the Spring 2018 meeting and convention. How do we do this? The Constitution does allow the Executive Committee to determine short-term appointments. **Magdelyn Helwig** will be serving as Regent Pro Tempore. **M. Helwig** will be the primary point of communication for the Region and will attend the Fall 2018 Board Meeting.

President's Report—Fitzpatrick (written report submitted)

- **Fitzpatrick** reminds everyone that each taskforce is in place through June.
- She has been working on accommodating the interests of Board members, based on availability on committees.
- State of giving: The state of giving for the year 2016 is as follows:
 - * Grants: \$3,811
 - * Awards: \$23,125
 - * Internships: \$5,800
 - * Scholarships: \$70,450
 - * TOTAL: \$103,186
- **Johnson** reminds the Board that 30 years ago, our total budget was \$20K, with no scholarships or grants offered.

Vice President's Report—Brewster (written report submitted)

- **Brewster** thanks the Board and has nothing to add to his report.

Immediate Past President—Hochstein (written report submitted)

- **Hochstein** has nothing to add at this time.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report--Schroeder (written report submitted)

- **Schroeder** has been working on the 2017 Convention.
- She has been in touch with our financial advisor, Leslie Evans Dunn, for regular updates about our portfolio. The gains have been small this year, but 2017 should have gains of 7-8%, says Dunn.

Historian Report—Steinberg (written report submitted)

- **Steinberg** is working to make our documents concise—"a concise document is a strong document."

Fitzpatrick calls for a recess of 10 minutes at 5:08 p.m. and reconvenes at 5:20 p.m.**Communications Committee—Hochstein**

- **Hoagland** comments on the discussion the committee had. Previous winners on the website were poorly described. Winners for this year—first place people had won a prize the previous year and might not have been eligible.
- **The Committee moves that the instructions for the Outstanding Literary Arts Award state that the first place winner in one year cannot apply the next year. Motion carries.**
- **The Committee moves that the Outstanding Literary Arts Award applications be entirely electronic.** Discussion pulls together friendly amendments that remove the requirement for a paper copy. **Motion carries.**
- **The Committee moves that the winners of the Outstanding Literary Arts Award be offered travel assistance funds if they have a display at the convention.** This helps to ensure that winning chapters can bring a display to the next Convention. Discussion resolves that they will be notified in time for early registration. **Motion carries.**
- **Hoagland** suggests having a roundtable at convention that features award winners. Judith Clarke, longtime Sponsor at Stephens College, expressed an interest in making a presentation on how to create a journal.

Convention Committee—Schroeder

- **Schroeder** discussed the many issues she and **Gabriel** wrestled with using the Hubb and DoubleDutch platforms. The problems were myriad; they recommend not using Hubb for future conventions. EBMS may soon be web-based and, if so, would be a better solution for future

convention submissions. The discussion also covered speakers and liaison assignments for Convention. Finally, the Committee discussed plans for SigmaCon.

- **Bartlett** talks about the 2018 convention; confirms that Enriques will come as a speaker and be the Common Reader speaker. Check program for design and info.

Scholarships and Academic Awards Committee—Bartlett

- **Bartlett** talks about small changes based on flipping the schedule. We used to meet and approve distribution of scholarships AT convention, something that cannot be done with the current timetable. **The Scholarships and Awards Committee moves that the process for approving the distribution of scholarship awards be a majority vote of the faculty members of the Scholarships and Awards Committee. Motion carries.**
- **The Scholarships and Awards Committee moves that the Convention Essay Award be renamed the Scholarship Essay Award, to be selected from both the fall and spring scholarship submissions and awarded at the end of the spring award cycle. Motion carries.**
- **Schroeder** mentions the Committee would like to see these winners' essays used as blogs. At times the theme will not work as well for the convention, though the prompts will still be directive.
- **The Scholarships and Awards Committee moves that we create the Lambda Iota Tau Research Grant in the amount of \$1000, with a \$500 runner-up award, to support research in archives or other collections, open to undergraduate and graduate students, to be awarded in both the fall and spring award rounds. Johnson** confirms that the grant would be \$3000 a year; **Bartlett** notes that applicants can be full- or part-time students. **Motion carries.**

Service and Partnerships Committee—Brown (written report submitted)

- **Brown** notes that the internships require more judges than we have.
- Additional internships will be the focus: NCTE, Imagination Library, and PEN.
- SKD has adopted the Imagination Library as its service project for the next five years.
- The Committee wants the Board to think broadly about the summer internships. What beyond publishing would students be interested in?
- **Steinberg** asks about the timeline for responding: two or three months, says **Brown**.

Fitzpatrick recesses at 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

Fitzpatrick calls the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Strategic Planning Committee—Brewster (written report submitted)

- **Brewster** wanted to get the Strategic Plan into a working order. The plan needs to be flexible. The chronological version came to Board members; if we have an idea for reorganizing, let him know.
- The Committee is putting forward a mission statement. **Brewster** has shared a draft via email. **See Appendix B.** Discussion covers the phrase “and related disciplines” and makes minor wording recommendations. Move by **Comeford** and second by **Helwig** to accept the mission statement. This is a Constitutional change, which requires a 2/3 vote. If approved, we will send the statement to the taskforce. **Motion carries, with one abstention.**
- “Transforming the World with Words” is the Committee’s recommendation for the organization’s vision statement. Other options included “Shaping the World through Words,” “Sharing Words to Shape Our Future,” and “Bringing Language and Literature to Life.” Discussion covers branding and whether the statement is too familiar or maybe too generic. The Board likes the activist approach, but the vision statement needs to be revisited in the fall, given the discussion. **Schroeder** moves, **Bartlett** seconds to accept the statement as our “working vision statement.” **Motion carries.**

- The Committee also worked on the Executive Director succession plan; **Johnson** had collected a current job description and plans for temporary replacement. The Committee is still gathering elements of a succession plan, including ideas about the search.
- According to **Brewster**, this Committee's review of other taskforce ideas and efforts requires the gathering of more information first and is intended to be a work in progress. **Steinberg** asks whether this taskforce needs to meet with others. That can wait, says **Brewster**.

Regents Committee—Nixon (written report submitted)

- **Helwig** has minutes and will provide the report on Nixon's behalf, since her travel was delayed.
- The Regents talked about Outstanding Chapter Awards. We may want to give students some feedback and advice, and the organization may want to put a sample proposal on the website to show students what a winning application looks like. Regents received four applications and awarded three.
- There is a June 15 deadline for Outstanding Chapter, with a July 1 survey deadline.
- Comeford suggested using Reditalk for conference calls. She also created a listserv using her university IT, which makes communication easier and faster.
- Regents will use Dropbox to share templates with each other.

Budget Review and Approval

- **The Executive Committee moves to give Natasha McPartlin a 2% raise for the remainder of the year.** Minor discussion ensues; this adds \$856 to her salary beginning in July. **Motion carries.**
- **Comeford moves, Hochstein seconds, to accept the budget as revised. Motion carries.**

Other New Business

- **Johnson** urges us to look at the Executive Director job description carefully. There is a short-term plan for covering that position, should we have an emergency.

Announcements

- An Alumni Epsilon journal will be published online this summer; the hope is to have it out in June.
- At least one member of the Board will be attending the ALA conference, and promoting STD while there.
- **Schroeder** makes plans for dinners with Convention speakers. The post-convention survey featured complaints related to the current convention from a student.
- **Fitzpatrick** wants to end on a high note. The Student Advisor interview went very well; we will be offering her the position.

Central Office Travel & Reimbursement Instructions and Information

- Reminders from **Johnson** cover rules for reimbursement.

Leonard moves, Schroeder second, Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannin Schroeder, ΣΤΔ Secretary/Treasurer
Rough draft submitted on August 9, 2017

Appendix A

Motion Zero returned to the Constitution, with a change overlooked in Fall 2016. All of these motions passed the Full board.

0. The Task Force recommends one further change to the Constitution. Article IX Membership, Section I. Minimum Academic Qualifications for Induction, B. Graduate Criteria reads "...shall be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations." We move that this be changed to read "...shall be enrolled in a graduate program in English or a related field." This change reflects our practices and our strategic plan. *Approved by Board.*

Motion One moved that all the Board-approved emendations to the Constitution be immediately incorporated in the Constitution at english.org

1. In the Fall 2016 Board Meeting, the Task Force recommended a series of emendations to the Sigma Tau Delta Constitution, and the entire Board approved those emendations. After reviewing the changes, the Task Force decided that all of these changes are editorial rather than substantive, and need not be presented to all chapters for a vote; therefore, the Task Force moves that the Central Office update the Constitution on the english.org webpage to reflect all these changes. *Approved by Board, and includes the motion zero emendation.*

Motion Two was our most substantive motion, and created a new By-Law describing the Alumni Representative position on the Board.

2. The Task Force has created By Law X Alumni Representative to read as follows:

BYLAW X ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE

Section I. Number. There shall be one Alumni Representative.

Section II. Selection. The Board, by majority vote, shall select the Alumni Representative from applicants who are members of the Alumni Epsilon chapter.

Section III. Term of Office. The Alumni Representative shall be selected for a term of two years. The Alumni Representative shall assume her/his duties upon appointment.

Section IV. Vacancy. If an Alumni Representative is, for any reason, unable to serve, the Board may select a new Alumni Representative to complete the term.

Section V. Powers and Duties.

A. Alumni Representative

1. General. As a consultant to the Board, the Alumni Representative may not vote or make formal motions. The Alumni Representative shall share the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board, except for those specifically otherwise delegated. These obligations shall include, but not be limited to, serving as liaisons with the Central Office and providing alumni information and content for any and all Society publications as needed.

2. Specific. The Alumni Representative shall promote the mission and purposes of the Society by

- a. representing alumni members to the Board;
- b. encouraging attendance at conventions and conferences;
- c. serving on appropriate committees;
- d. soliciting member input; and
- e. revising training materials for the following term.

The Task Force moves that By Law X describing the Alumni Representative be added.
Approved by Board.

Motion Three is simply a re-numbering.

3. Categories of Membership has already been moved from the Constitution to the By Laws. The Task Force moves that these Categories of Membership now become By Law XI.
Approved by Board.

Motion Four simply has the By-Laws reflect emendations already approved for the Constitution.

4. The Task Force moves that the description of A. Student Membership under By Law XI be simplified to reflect the standards for Induction set out in Article IX of the Constitution. The current wording is:

A. Student Membership.

1. *Prerequisites.* Student membership shall be open to
 - a. students, graduate or undergraduate, currently enrolled at a college or university with a Sigma Tau Delta chapter who have the requisite academic background (this Article IX, Section I of the Constitution) and who are majoring or minoring, or the equivalent, in the discipline of English and
 - b. students, graduate or undergraduate, currently enrolled at a college or university with a Sigma Tau Delta chapter who have the requisite academic background (this Article IX, Section I of the Constitution), but who are not majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.

2. *Rights.*

The Task Force now moves that the new wording be:

A. Student Membership.

1. *Prerequisites.* Student membership shall be open to undergraduate students currently enrolled at a college or university with a Sigma Tau Delta chapter who have the requisite academic background (Article IX, Section I of the Constitution), whether or not they are majoring or minoring in English, and to graduate students currently enrolled in a graduate

program in English or a related field at a college or university with a Sigma Tau Delta chapter.

2. Rights.

Motion four was accepted by the entire board.

Motion five is an editorial change.

5. The Task Force moves that in the description under By Law XI, B. Faculty Membership, 2. Rights, c. "Faculty members may present on panels..." that "panels" be changed to "roundtables." *Approved by Board*

Motion 6 was NOT approved by the Board and has been sent back to the Task Force for further revision.

6. In By Law XI, C. Alumni Membership, 2. Rights, the Task Force moves that b. Which reads "With the exception of those who hold faculty appointments at a post-secondary institution, alumni members who join the Alumni Epsilon chapter and pay annual dues are eligible to present at conventions and to receive Sigma Tau Delta publications." be changed to b. *Alumni members working at post-secondary institutions who are eligible to sponsor a chapter of Sigma Tau Delta or Sigma Kappa Delta at their institutions may not present at the international convention as an Alumni Epsilon member, nor submit to Sigma Tau Delta publications as an Alumni Epsilon member.*

Appendix B**DRAFT—revisions for Mission & Vision Statements****March 29, 2017**

Revised during Strategic Planning Committee March 28, 2017

Mission Statement – Revised from earlier Draft A

The Society shall recognize and encourage excellence, among undergraduate and graduate students, in all aspects of English language, literature, and the many closely-related fields, including literacy initiatives.

The Society shall

1. Confer distinction for high achievement in English studies;
2. Provide, through its chapters, intellectual experiences beyond the classroom;
3. Serve society by fostering, in local communities, an interest in reading, writing, and the English language;
4. Encourage exemplary character and good fellowship among its members; and
5. Support opportunities for scholarship, leadership, and service.

[85 words]

Recommendation for new Vision Statement:

Transforming the world with words.

[5 words]