

## March 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present: Ami Comeford, Amy Gates, Leigh Dillard (chair), Kaine Ezell, Kassia Krone, Felicia Steele, Jeannine Szostak

### Old Business:

- Update on induction ceremony models for website
  - Felicia revised the TCNJ model; Ami will submit one after convention; Leigh will revise the virtual. Markup about things like speakers would be useful.
  - Impetus is to provide “example” ceremonies to make sure that they know that their chapters can have ownership of their local ceremony.
  - The advisor workshop will promote this idea of flexibility and local control.
  - We can create a read-only drive of materials that we can share with faculty advisors, inviting them to share materials in addition.
- Discuss data from chapter annual reports (see [folder](#)). Consider what we might learn from this data and how we might suggest revisions to the annual report survey to better suit our needs.
  - Data is difficult to use in current format—perhaps an infographic?
  - Chapters don’t seem to be using the common reader effectively. Can we punt this to the Convention committee?
    - Should we collect data this year to find to why they aren’t using it?
    - Are there possibilities for negotiating with authors and publishers to provide excerpts?
    - Leigh will bring up the issue on our behalf to the Convention committee.
  - We may want to think of a redesign for the annual report so that it is designed with follow-up questions that ask for more info for negative results.
  - Chapter Vita will tell us what the chapters do, but reports tell us what chapters need.
  - Perhaps the regents could do some kind of “report retreat” to help us to reflect on chapter development.
  - Regent’s monies aren’t being distributed enough, so why?
  - We should formalize the process in some kind of application form that would avoid the dangers of spam folders.
- [Student leader nomination form](#) update.
  - Leigh will send an invitation email to nominated students with the link to apply
- international chapters policies (see [folder](#))
  - Agreement to change names to “International/Overseas Territories” chapters
  - Are these issues bringing up larger structural issues?
    - Where is the leadership for virtual chapters?
    - What is the relationship between geography and leadership at the regents and student leadership levels? Is this a strategic planning issue?
    - The regents should be clear about our role.
- HBCU convention support: what more can we do?

- Jeannine has worked with Tennessee State faculty advisor to reactivate the chapter and work on cohorts
- Establish more convention support for BIPOC chapters and underfunded chapters

Motion: Ask for a Regents Committee Retreat.