Beta Phi Mu Executive Board Minutes
Mid-Summer Meeting, Saturday, June 24, 2006
Springhill Suites, New Orleans, Louisiana
9:00 am-1:00 pm

In attendance: Michael Carpenter, Bowie Kotrla (Treasurer), Anna Perrault (President), Tim Sineath, Kathleen Strauss, Mark Wendt, Wayne Wiegand (Executive Director), Blanche Woolls, Nancy Zimmerman, Sue Searing, Marie Radford.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Anna Perrault.

2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, moved by M. Wendt, seconded by Bowie Kotrla, approved unanimously.

3. Presidents Report as follows:

A. Beta Phi Mu/ ALA:
- i) discussion of affiliation with ALA and what that includes
- ii) discussion of Beta Phi Mu affiliates booth at ALA conference

B. IFLA – Interest in international development
- i) discussion of developing membership in IFLA as a pathway toward developing international chapters

C. Resignation of Michael Heavener
- i) discussion of Board member positions and terms of service

4. Treasurer's Report given by Treasurer (B. Kotrla)

A. Accountants report presented (attached)
- i) clarification on terminology regarding audit vs. accountants report
- ii) overview of assets
- iii) discussion of discrepancy in scholarship amounts awarded as reported on spreadsheet.
- iv) discussion of growing membership base. Maintaining credibility and eligibility emphasized.
- v) discussion on creating procedural information to BPM handbook regarding the necessity of chapters to submit their list of initiates to national office. Discussion turns to questions about membership database and the maintenance of records in the database.
- vi) motion to approve Treasurer's Report – accepted.

5. Executive Director's Report – (W. Wiegand)

A. Distinguished Lecture Series:
- i) two awards issued in 2006 to Wayne State and South Carolina

No applications on file for 2007 at this time.

ii) discussion of Mary Jo Lynch award contribution coming from other universities and publicity development for the award with ALA

iii) discussion of increasing publicity for this opportunity via list serve announcements: Jessie, list of Deans and Directors and anywhere else we can post.

iv) ALA is going through final process of approving the Distinguished Lectures Project. High-profile individuals who are potential speakers to be approached individually. 50 people to donate one lecture per year.

v) discussion of ALA/BPM joint scholarship and how lectures and honorariums can work toward this scholarship. S. Searing uses University of Illinois as an example of how this might work.

6. National Headquarters update:

A. Recovery statement by M. Venable (national office administrator)

i.) Discussion about recovery and residual issues that have been a priority and requirement of administrative restructuring in National Office.

ii) Discussion about newsletter and lack of production.

iii) Website discussion. Possibilities of database set-up and electronic newsletter.

iv) Continued discussion on the development of website.

B. Scholarships

i) 2005 award delayed by months. 2006 applications have gone to the scholarship selection committee and they have sent in their nominations.

7. Eugene Garfield Scholarship

i) Some concern that past years have fallen short in the number of dissertations awarded and the notification to Garfield concerning said award. Last years award recipient passed away. Bill Summers to be contacted regarding agreement with Garfield. There is reluctance to announce a 2006 winner without funds being there.

ii) A recommendation is made to appoint a committee to get this done.

8. Monographs

i) Art Young not present at meeting recommendation is made to appoint someone. Not much going on with publications currently. Suggestion that Beta Phi Mu try develop this further.

9. Election of New Directors
- i) Election to take place at General Assembly meeting.
- ii) Withdraw Michael Havener's resignation.
- iii) Timothy Sineath and Blanche Woolls terms are up but both are up for re-election.
- iv) Michael will stay on one more year.
- v) Two vacancies with two more in the Spring election. Michael and another slot. Discussion about Board member terms and election.

10. Unfinished Business
- A) Estate Planning.
  - i)Havener and Wendt start discussion regarding profit fundraising and what determines successful fundraising. Estate Planning discussion continues. Havener to present report at Mid-Winter meeting.
  - ii) Perrault to attend ALA planned giving seminar and will get material for BPM Board to reference. Wendt strongly recommends BPM get this going.
  - iii) Develop goals for fundraising and specific list of donors. Mini campaign to challenge librarians.
  - iv) Paypal possibilities? Depend on website. We're not ready for that yet.
  - v) Discussion continues regarding possibilities of developing this. List of donors, possible endowment, substantial gift giving, scholarships.

- B) By-Laws revision
  - i) Background discussion. Perrault suggests Venable plug in revisions to by-laws for review; highlight by-laws where clarification is needed.
  - ii) Mid-Winter will be first time to present revisions for discussion possibly in a workshop

11. New Business
- A) Mid-Winter meeting/ Chapter meetings
  - i) Discussion about Mid-Winter meeting, dates, site, lunches, number of participants. All chapters should be invited to to assembly meeting.
  - ii) Discussion regarding whether annual chapter assembly meetings should be held.

- B) Honorary Memberships

i) These need time to consider and should be an agenda item for the annual Executive Board meeting. Information regarding such to be sent out to chapters.

C) Membership Brochure

i) Discussion on changes to brochures including correction in amount of dues national office collects. Inclusion of planned giving and description of eligibility, ALA affiliation and scholarships.

D) Appointment of Board Members and Committee Members

i) Michael Havener – do we need to name someone?

ii) Board can appoint nomination and scholarship committee, and by-laws revision committee.

iii) Suggestions and discussion: Woolls and Sineath are up for re-election. Decision to appoint someone. Woolls (past-president) moves to have Sineath fill position. Zimmerman seconds it.

iv) All vote in favor of Tim Sineath to fill this position.

E) General Assembly

i) By-laws are confusing with regard to the responsibility of the Vice-president presenting as the Chairman of the General Assembly.

ii) Discussion regarding redundancy of presentation to the Assembly.

iii) Discussion regarding chapter representatives and election of directors.

iv) Discussion regarding requirements to have agenda for Assembly meetings. Committee on By-laws revision to review this closer.

12. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting called by A. Perrault at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Melody Venable/National Headquarters Coordinator.