

Beta Phi Mu Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
3:00 – 4:30 pm Central Time  
Approved Minutes

Present: Cecelia Brown (Past-President), Michelle Demeter, Mirah Dow, Jack Fisher, Vicki Gregory (Treasurer), Emily Knox (President), Alison Lewis (Executive Director), and Camille McCutcheon.

The meeting was called to order slightly after 3:00pm.

No changes were made to the agenda.

2021 Budget updated numbers & finances: Lewis presented the year-to-date numbers for the finances, showing a current deficit of \$8,375. A slightly revised version of the 2021 Budget was also presented, to account for the Sessa Scholarship payments. Dow moved to accept these changes to the budget and McCutcheon seconded. The motion passed.

Committee reports:

Nominating Committee: Brown reported that it was a good year for nominations and we have a full slate of many good candidates. Lewis reported that only 26 people have voted so far, which is low for us. She will continue to promote the election and asked that board members encourage their chapters to participate.

Scholarship Committee: Dow reported that there is not a slate of Garfield Fellowship winners to report yet, but this should be available by the time of the upcoming membership meeting. There were 20 applications for the awards and she has had five committee members helping with the judging. There were four clear winners in the group, and four second-tier applicants that will go through a second round of judging.

HQ Disposition: Knox reported having 1 good application for the position of Administrative Assistant so far. She would like to have at least 3 candidates for the position. Lewis reported that the job announcement has gone out to the ACHS listserv, the BPM LinkedIn group, and on Handshake (with the listing approved for both Drexel and Rutgers job-seekers). It was decided to change the application deadline on the website job posting, and to announce it in the next mass email to BPM members.

Addition to Scholars Series Editorial Board: BPM Scholars Series Editor Andrea Falcone had provided a CV and letter of interest from Megan Oakleaf of Syracuse University, as a potential new member of the Scholars Series Editorial Board. Brown moved that Oakleaf be appointed to that position, and Fisher seconded. The motion passed.

Membership meeting plans: Plans were discussed for the upcoming annual membership meeting. Knox reported she plans to be upfront about reporting BPM changes and challenges, while remaining positive about the future of the organization. She believes it will take a period of approximately 3-5 years to turn the situation around.

In addition to discussing BPM's current situation and plans for the future, the following items will be on the agenda:

- Recognition of any new members present
- Announcement of Garfield Fellowship recipients
- Announcements of Election results
- Report from Scholars Series, if any
- Fundraising raffle

The usual BPM honor cords and Scholars Series title were being offered as raffle prizes. Knox offered to spice up the incentives by providing copies of *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig and *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Brown also offered a copy of *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. (Knox later further decided to provide a copy of *Algorithms of Oppression* by Safiya Umoja Noble and a \$50 gift certificate to Bookshop.org as raffle prizes).

A more formal agenda for the membership meeting will be provided in advance.

Wrap-up: Brown express heartfelt thanks to Knox for her leadership in guiding BPM through some challenging times and difficult decisions. Knox stated that it has been her pleasure to serve on the board in various capacities, and she has particularly enjoyed delving into the BPM archives and seeing the excitement of undergraduates becoming new members of the honor society.

Dow suggested that we might produce some guidelines for the nominating process to share with the membership. This will be put on the agenda of the next board meeting for discussion.

Next meeting: The BPM Annual Membership meeting will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 3:30 PM Central Time, on Zoom.