

Minutes from the Regional Awards Conference, March 12, 2011

The meeting was opened at 12:37 PM

Old Business:

- Connie informed the group what nominations that we have and then she went over the job duties quickly
- Connie reopened the nominations
 - Sondra Holbert was nominated for the President position at our previous meeting. The president position was reopened and then closed since there were no more nominations
 - David Kerr was nominated for the Vice President position at our previous meeting. The vice president position was reopened and then closed since there were no more nominations
 - Heather Clippinger was nominated for the Secretary position at our previous meeting. The secretary position was reopened and then closed since there were no more nominations
 - Connie Myers-Kerr was nominated for the Membership secretary position at our previous meeting. The membership secretary position was reopened and then closed since there were no more nominations.
 - Nick Gesell was nominated for the first Member at large position at our previous meeting. This position was reopened and then closed since there were no more nominations.
 - The second member at large position was reopened. Angelyna Westrich nominated Julie Sproul. Tony Strahler seconded the motion. Julie accepted the nomination.
- Rick Clever made a motion of acclamation (which was since the positions were unopposed, there's no reason for an election and everyone is automatically elected). Julie Sproul seconded the motion. Then it was voted on and passed.
 - Congratulations to the 2011-2013 officers.
- Connie went over the upcoming events:
 - 93rd International Convention – April 7 to April 9, 2011 at Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, Washington
 - 44th International Honors Institute – June 13 to June 18, 2011 at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts
 - Leadership in Action – July 22 & 23, 2011 at Washington State Community College in Marietta, Ohio
 - Honors in Action – October 14 & 15, 2011 at Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus in Cleveland, Ohio

- 25th Regional Conference – March 3 & 4, 2012 at Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, Ohio.
- Follow up from 2010 Honors in Action
 - Kevin Freitag made a motion that the minutes to be approved. Tiffany Blankenship seconded it. It was voted on and it was approved.
- Hallmarks Workshop
 - Connie talked about the workshop and she passed out certificate of appreciation to the alumni that helped.
- Proposed Revised By-laws
 - The new changes of the by-laws were discussed. Leslee Townsend made a motion that the changes to be approved. Julie Sproul second. Then it was voted and the motion was passed.
- Raffle Basket
 - Connie asked the group if they would like to continue with the raffle baskets for next year. David Kerr made a motion that we continue with the raffle baskets and Julie Sproul seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.
 - Theme suggestions for raffle baskets were: Cindy suggested something toward our 25th anniversary; Rick suggested retro candy; Ohio them for the 25th anniversary event.
 - Mary Olander made a motion that LIA's theme will be silver and Tonya Strahler seconded it. It was voted on and passed.
- Health Challenge
 - Marcia Romoser forgot the mileage but she thinks we're about half way there. Connie will make a report in the next Buckeye. We'll keep it going till we get to Seattle.

New Business:

- Alumni Induction Ceremony details
 - New members will take a small oath in front of everyone tonight. The new officers will also be inducted and be given the oath of officers.
 - No candles will be used
 - Group picture will be taken tonight
 - Nick was given his oath of office since he has to leave early and will not be at the ceremony tonight
- International
 - Marketplace table – we need volunteers. On Thursday, the shifts are one hour long. On Friday and Saturday, the shifts are half of hour long. Certificates of appreciation will be given at LIA. Mimi Felice suggested that we make

certificates for individuals, along with the chapters. Tiffany Blankenship made the motion that individual certificate to be made along with chapters' certificates. Angelina Westrich seconded it. It was voted on and passed

- Foundation Booth – alumni are invited to help at the foundation booth. There have been several members who have helped over the past few years.
- Alumni meeting & social will be Friday night. Connie informed the group that David Kerr will be running for ACC this year
- Wear Phi Theta Kappa “Bling” to LIA
 - Connie talked about the idea came from the Texas region. Nick Gesell like the idea and made a motion that we wear our Phi Theta Kappa bling at LIA. Leslee Townsend seconded. It was voted on and passed.
- Alumni Recognition Program
 - This is our first year for this award. We have four nominations. Connie present certificates to: Richard Binkley, Rick Clever, Sondra Holbert and Terri Williamson. The “big winner” will be presented tonight at the gala
- Open Floor
 - Connie thanked Ralph for being here to assist with the voting
 - Frank Holmes III mentioned that he still hasn't received his membership pins. We will make sure he gets them.
 - Sondra Holbert informed the group that the first ten dollars (\$10) of the fifteen dollars dues (\$15) goes to International and the rest of the dues stays in the region
 - Connie informed Cindy asked us to wait till the 25th anniversary event at next year's regional convention.
 - Connie informed the group that Nick and Denny will be taking out the marketplace items with them to International. However, what haven't been sold will be divided up between members to bring home.
 - Leslee talked about the grab bags that the Indiana Alumni does. Connie asked Leslee to type up a proposal about the idea and then present it at LIA.

The meeting was closed at 1:35 PM

Note: Four (4) members joined Alpha this weekend and 5 were inducted.