

**Ohio Region Honors in Action  
Meeting Minutes  
October 23 - 24, 2009**

**I. Call to order of First General Session**

- A. Ohio Region Vice President Jeff Gerken called to order the First General Session of the Ohio Region Honors in Action 2009 at 7:30 p.m. on October 23, 2009 held at North Central State College.
  - 1. Dianne Bricker resigned as Ohio Region President due to health
  - 2. Jeff Gerken will assume the duties of region president while fulfilling his role as VP
  - 3. Introduction of the Regional Officers and International Division I Vice President Nicky Singer
  - 4. Introduction of Diane Hipsher, North Central State College
- B. Diane Hipsher, North Central State College Chapter Advisor**
  - 1. Housekeeping announcements
  - 2. Introduction of Rhiannon Wright, Beta Theta Eta Chapter President
- C. Rhiannon Wright, Beta Theta Eta Chapter President**
  - 1. Introduction of Dr. Karen Reed, V.P. for Learning North Central State College
- D. Dr. Karen Reed, V.P. for Learning North Central State College**
  - 1. Welcomed us to Honors in Action at North Central State College
- E. Rhiannon Wright, Beta Theta Eta Chapter President**
  - 1. Introduction of Representative Jay Goyal State Representative, 73 District
- F. Representative Jay Goyal: "Education and the Budget"**

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- Bad economic times-state budget is one of the most important concerns
  - 1. Majority of budget goes toward- Education, Medicaid, and Health care
    - a. Revamped the way K-12 will be funded

- G. Rhiannon Wright, Beta Theta Eta chapter president**
  - 1. Introduced College President Donald E. Plotts
- H. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken closed the First General Session**

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**II. Call to order the Second General Session**

- A. Ohio Region Coordinator Cindy Carbone spoke briefly on the poverty simulation we would be participating in this morning.
- B. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken called to order the Second General Session of the Ohio Region Honors in Action 8:30 am on October 24, 2009 held at North Central State College..
- C. Dianne Bricker resigned as Ohio Region President due to health issues. - Jeff Gerken will assume the duties of region president while fulfilling his role as VP
- D. Introduction of the Regional Officers, International Division I Vice President Nicky Singer, Indiana Regional President Jessica Roberts and Indiana Regional Secretary Natalie Myer
  - 1. Please visit the College Fair and Market Place
  - 2. Session is sponsored by Findlay University, please welcome Amy Depew
    - a. have a table and plenty of handouts available
- E. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken introduced Diane Hipsher, Beta Theta Eta Advisor at North Central State College

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- 1. Introduction of Amanda Coyvill from America Core of Vista along with assistance Rachel and Destiny
  - 2. Introduction of Rhiannon Wright, Beta Theta Eta Chapter President.
    - a. Introduced College President Donald E. Plotts
      - 1. College is reinventing themselves - becoming a center of excellence
      - 2. Welcome and it is a pleasure to have you here

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- F. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken turned the session over to Amanda Coyvill from America Core of Vista along with assistance Rachel and Destiny for the Poverty Simulation.
  - G. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken closed the Second General Session at noon

**III. Call to order of Third General Session**

- A. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken called to order the Third General Session of the Ohio Region Honors in Action 1:15 pm on October 24, 2009 held at North Central State

College.

- B. Regional Secretary and Buckeye Newsletter Editor Sandy Crossen, proceeded with LIAA Minutes and Roll Call**
1. Motion for approval of minutes as list by Heath Morris and a second by Christopher Grace, motion was carried unanimously
  2. Roll call was conducted

**C. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken introduced David J. Sigmund of Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Stark State College of Technology**

1. Ohio Region Logo Committee Chair

**D. Dave Sigmund presented a Regional Logo Committee update**

1. Ohio License plate has not been forgotten it is still progressing
  - a) It is bill number HB217 if anyone would like to look it up
2. Introduction of Regional Logo Committee Members, who showed great teamwork to accomplish this task

3. Ralph Carbone has it know to proceed with the copywriting as the regions parliamentarian

**E. Cherie Barth, Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter Advisor, speaking for Terri Williamson**

1. *Established two endowment funds*
  - a. Worked with Stark State Foundation to establish a \$7500 endowment which will allow a Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter member to attend a Phi Theta Kappa International Convention by providing the registration fee
  - b. Worked with the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation to establish a \$25,000 endowment which will allow a scholarship for an Ohio Region member who wished to attend a four year college that opportunity

**F. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken stated we could not thank Terri Williamson enough for her generosity – “She had made me speechless right now”**

**G. Ohio Regional Goals Update presented by Martina Thomas-Catlin and Sandra Crossen**

1. As a Region we are progressing well with our goals.

**H. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken opened it up to the floor for any new regional business**

1. David J. Sigmund, Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Stark State College was recognized

**I. David J. Sigmund brought a motion from Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Stark State College to offer an amendment to the Ohio Region by-laws Article V. Section 3 and 4 for the purpose to combine the offices of regional secretary and regional newsletter editor.**

1. Hard copy has been presented to Regional Coordinator Cindy Carbone this is the first step in making the amendment.

**K. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken introduced International Division I VP Nicky Singer presenting the International Report**

1. Web links are provided on the Headquarters Update Material
2. The Four Hallmarks and the Honors Study Topic
  - a. Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges and Consequences
3. Members recruitment resources are available from Headquarters
4. Revamped Pinnacle Awards this year
  - a. Chapter receives one International membership fee scholarship for each 5% increase
5. International Hallmark Program for 2010-1011 is undergoing changes
6. Registration is open year round

**L. Regional Coordinator Cindy Carbone with the Regional Coordinators update**

1. An alumni member established two endowments, that is phenomenal. We are so grateful to Terri Williamson
2. What is the Ohio Region doing about the Hites Foundation Challenge?
  - a. Motion was made for a \$500 donation by Martina Thomas-Catlin and seconded by Beth Kilgore Funk motion passed unanimously
  - b. David Kerr requested an amendment to increase the donation to \$1000 and Connie Myer-Kerr seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

**M. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken called the Third General Session closed**

**IV. Call to order of Fourth General Session**

**1. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken called to order the Fourth General Session of the Ohio Region Honors in Action 4 pm on October 24, 2009 held at North Central State College.**

**B. Ohio Region Vice President Jeff Gerken called for nominations**

1. Southeast District Representative -No nominations

2.Southwest District Representative -No nominations

3.Central District Representative -No nominations

4.Northeast District Representative -No nominations

5.Northwest District Representative -No nominations

6.Buckeye Newsletter –

a)Thomas Menningen, Alpha Mu Delta, Hockings College was nominated by Sandra Crossen and declined at this time

7.Secretary -No nominations

8.Vice President –

a)Elizabeth Links, Alpha Omega Pi, Owens Community College, Toledo nominated Angie Posada, Alpha Omega Pi, Owens Community College, Toledo Angie Posada accepted the nomination

9.President –

a) Deanna Stewart, Nu Pi, Sinclair Community College nominated Sandra Crossen, Beta Gamma Epsilon, Stark State College Sandra Crossen accepted the nomination

b)Anthony Evans, Beta Nu Pi, Marion Technical College nominated David Tantlinger, Alpha Nu Lambda, Clark State Community College David Tantlinger accepted the nomination

**C. Motion to reopen the newsletter editor office** by David J. Sigmund, seconded by Sondra Farmer Holbert, the vote was unanimous

a) David J. Sigmund, Beta Gamma Epsilon, Stark State College nominated Pam Ramsey, Beta Gamma Epsilon, Stark State College for Buckeye Newsletter Editor -Pam Ramsey accepted the nomination

**D.Diane Hipsher, Beta Theta Eta Advisor, North Central State College thanked those who participated in the food drive**

Third place Sinclair Community College

Second place was Lakeland Community College

First Place Marion Technical College

**E. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken stated the Support Our Troops Collection winner will be sent as an announcement when tallies are complete**

**F. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken called for the District Reports to be given**

**1. Southwest District Representative Deanna Stewart presented the SE report**

588 new members inducted, Seven chapters participating in Pinnacle, Seven chapters participating in Five Star, Four chapters participating in Hallmarks, Ten nominees for All USA Academic Team, Ten members on All State Academic Team, Over \$900 raised for various causes.

**2.Northwest District Representative Angie Posada presented the NW report**

Ten chapters participating in Pinnacle, One chapter participating in the Honors Study Seminar Series, Better World Books participation, Support Our Troops participation, Elizabeth Links, alumni was awarded the Transfer Scholarship for the University

of Toledo with a 4.0 GPA, Phi Theta Kappa Book Activity Club

**3. Central District Representative Lisa Ottenberg-Diehl presented the C report**

Several chapters have met their Pinnacle goal, 8 – 10 nominations for the All USA Academic Team, Operation Green projects are underway, Relay for Life fundraising has begun, Better World Books

**4.Northeast District Representative Martina Thomas-Catlin presented the NE report**

77 new members inducted, Elections of new chapter officers, Chapter officer orientation was conducted, Five Star and Pinnacle goals are well underway., Many recycling projects throughout the year, Beta Gamma Epsilon held a informational session with a secondary school, Support Our Troops Collection., Habitat for Humanity, Making Strides and Relay For Life, Better World Books, Ohio Region License Plate, Family Fellowship Picnic

Phi Theta Kappa Book Activity Club, Alumni Recognition Program, NOFAS, Journey of Hope

**5.Southeast District Representative Tim Davis presented the SE report**

Six chapters participating in Pinnacle

**G.Alpha of Ohio President Connie Myer-Kerr presented the Alpha of Ohio Report**

Introduced the Alpha of Ohio Officer Team, Certificate of Appreciation for Alpha Zeta Delta for assisting at International, Market Place Table, Green basket raffle raised \$50 for regional scholarships, \$85 in Merchandise, Wii raffle tickets sold \$75 and Alpha Mu Delta donated \$75.55 which goes toward the US Forestry for planting trees totaling \$150.55, Spring into Action will be the next raffle prize from Alpha of Ohio, \$100 will be given for the Hites Scholarship Foundation, \$1 per Alpha of Ohio

Member, Alpha of Ohio Link on Ohioptk.org, Induction into Alpha of Ohio will take place at Ohio Regional Awards Convention

in March, Fundraiser committee will have a finalized product for regional meeting December 5, 2009, Alumni are wearing green so they can be recognized at HIA so they can be easily found to ask questions all alumni are being asked to wear some shade of blue other than the regional officers shade of blue for the awards convention, Alpha will be conducting a tri-region event this summer between Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky

**H. Howdy Bear was awarded to Alpha Mu Delta, Hockings College by Southeast District Representative Tim Davis**

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**I .Most valuable Member awards**

- 1 .Leofwina Ingela Klinger from Alpha Mu Delta, Hockings College was awarded the MVM for LIAA by Southeast District Representative Tim Davis
2. Ethel Henderson from Beta Gamma Epsilon, Stark State College was awarded the MVM for HIA by Northeast District Representative Martina Thomas-Catlin

**J. Jamie Fries, Nu Pi Advisor, Sinclair Community College in Dayton invited everyone to join us on March 19 and 20, 2010 for the Ohio Regional Awards Convention**

Collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, Pet food collection for the food pantry and the barrels at the food shelter.

**K. Ohio Region President Jeff Gerken closed the Fourth General Session and the Honors in Action Regional Event**