



Phoenix Panhellenic Association

Council Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2017

Documents provided via email prior to Council Meeting

- March 2017 Council Meeting Minutes
- Council Agenda – April 2017
- Balance Sheet
- Monthly Operating Report
- Proposed Bylaws changes (one addition)

Call to Order: President, Pat Foster, Sigma Sigma Sigma, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

Roll Call: Roll was taken by Secretary, Cheryl McNeill, Delta Gamma. All present with the exception of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Presentation of Minutes from November Council Meeting: Lyn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta, made the motion to accept the March Council meeting minutes; Judi Willis, Alpha Delta Pi, seconded the motion.

President: Patricia Foster, Sigma Sigma Sigma

- Annual meeting for budget and biennial meeting for bylaws was held on February 18th. Proposed changes to the Bylaws and the proposed 2017-2018 budget were presented last month. We will vote on these later in unfinished business. There is one addition to the Bylaws that has been recommended since last month.
- Annual report deadline is May 15th. Please turn everything in by May 6th.

Vice President: Nancy Harris, Kappa Kappa Gamma

- Thanked this month's hostesses: Kappa Alpha Theta and Chi Omega.
- Celebration of Sisterhood Luncheon – May 6, 2017 at Tempe Mission Palms:
 - o Time of event:
 - 10:30 a. m. – registration opens
 - 11:30 a. m. – lunch served
 - 12:30/1:00 p. m. – event ends
 - o \$40/ticket
 - o Raffle tickets will be:
 - \$5/ticket
 - \$20 for 5 tickets
 - o Seating ranges from 8-10/table.
 - o Try to get your sisters to fill a table.
 - o Will also be accepting donations to our Endowment at the event. Will not be listing those that donated like was done last year.

- Working on 2017-2018 Committee assignments.
- Our annual transitioning retreat will be on Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Nancy Harris' home.

Treasurer: Sandra Gocke, Alpha Phi

- Reimbursements – if you need to be reimbursed for anything related to Panhellenic, please just ask. Has the checkbook and forms.
- Endowment Fund
 - o As of the end of February, the Endowment is at \$17,245.00. Two local alumnae groups each donated \$100.00.
 - o Reminder that we can take donations online and may use your credit card for monthly payments if you would like to donate that way.
 - o Asked alumnae groups to donate once again this year.
- Reminded everyone that they are able to pay for the Celebration of Sisterhood Luncheon online. Checks and cash are preferred.
 - o Pay Pal charity rate:
 - 2.27% online transaction + .30 transaction fee
 - 2.70% in person/swipe transaction + .30 transaction fee
- Anything else?

Secretary: Cheryl McNeill, Delta Gamma

- Sorority Founding Dates for the month of April:
 - o Alpha Xi Delta – Founded on April 17, 1893 at Lombard College in Galesburg, IL. Their flower is the pink tea rose.
 - o Sigma Sigma Sigma – Founded on April 20, 1898 at Longwood College in Farmville, VA. Their flower is the purple violet.
 - o Pi Beta Phi – Founded on April 28, 1867 at Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL. Their flower is the wine carnation.
 - o Chi Omega – Founded on April 5, 1895 at the University of Arkansas. Their flower is the white carnation.
- Sorority Founding Dates for the month of May:
 - o Alpha Gamma Delta – Founded on May 30, 1904 at Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY
 - o Alpha Delta Pi – Founded on May 15, 1851 at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA
- Sunflower Shout Out Recognitions:
 - o Shout Out to the Scholarship Committee for working so hard to select the 2016-2017 PPA Scholarship recipients.
 - o Shout Out to the Alumnae Relations Committee for working so hard to select the 2016-2017 Woman of the Year.
- Correspondence
 - o There was no correspondence during the month of April.
- Please send any board changes and/or directory changes to: secretary@phoenixpanhellenic.com.

Committee Reports

Scholarship: Niki Sams, Phi Mu and Christy Robertson-Yoder, Phi Mu

- There were 24 completed applications out of the 72 submitted.
 - o 12 \$1,500.00 scholarships will be provided to:
 - 9 undergraduates
 - 3 women continuing their education
- \$5,000.00 was donated to the PPA Endowment.
- Committee gave Council an update on the applications for Collegiate and Continuing Education Scholarships. Finalizing the decisions.
- If you have any additional questions or ideas, please email her or Christy Yoder, Phi Mu.

Collegiate Relations: Stacie Garlieb, Kappa Delta

- There will be a table made available at the Phoenix Honors Fall Fashion Show for recruitment purposes. We will need Panhellenic participation at this event. Staci will send out more information over the summer to PPA.
- Labor Day weekend Preference help:
 - o NAU – has a 2 weekend recruitment
 - 8/25, 8/26, 8/27, 9/1 focusing on sisterhood & philanthropy
 - 9/3 Preference Day/Night
 - 9/4 Bid Day
 - o ASU – will be at the Memorial Union once again over Labor Day weekend.
 - 9/4 Preference Day/Night
 - 9/5 Bid Day
- NAU Fall extension will be taking place. New chapter will have a table during the 1st round and then will leave formal recruitment to re-engage with their own recruitment activities in October. Chapters being considered are: Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon and Alpha Chi Omega. A second chapter will be extended an invitation for Fall of 2019.

Philanthropic Projects: Kim Obrien, Pi Beta Phi and Gina Curtis, Delta Phi Epsilon

- May Banquet
 - o Ray, a longtime WMPO volunteer, has donated a sunflower painting that will be auctioned off with a silent auction. He will be attending the banquet as our guest. Estimated value of the painting is \$325.00.
 - o If you have not yet delivered your gift card basket, please make arrangements with Kim or Gina.
- Charles Schwab – week of November 6th – November 12th.
 - o We are on the schedule to volunteer for next year’s Charles Schwab event. We will receive volunteer information starting in the summer.
 - o Held at the Phoenix Country Club.
 - o We were considered one of their top choices for volunteers.
 - o Schwab hours will be considered towards WMPO overall hours.
 - o We will be in the same tent.
 - o It is 56 shifts over 5 days (only filled 30 last time).

Alumnae Relations: Aimee Nelson, Chi Omega

- Aimee Nelson, Chi Omega, not present; Janet Reed, Kappa Kappa Gamma reported on the WOY.

- There are 7 completed applicants for the 2017 Woman of the Year from 5 different houses.
- 3 finalists were within 1/10th of one another.
- Committee has chosen their 3 finalists and chosen an overall winner.

Media Marketing: Linda Trimpe Wisniowski, Gamma Phi Beta

- If you have any photos or info on NAU or other PPA associated events, please send them along.
- Encouraged Council to have their alumnae presidents, executive boards, and Facebook Administrators to follow us on social media platforms for easy re-posts out to membership.
- Committee Chairwomen should check website pages for any needed updates.
- Please send any information that you would like posted on social media, website or in the monthly newsletters: media@phxpanhellenicprojects.com or photos@phxpanhellenicprojects.com.

Centennial Celebration: Linda Trimpe Wisniowski, Gamma Phi Beta

- There was nothing to report on the Centennial Celebration

Unfinished Business:

- Bylaws : proposed changes (one new addition)
- Budget: proposed budget for 2017-2018

New Business:

- 2016-2017 PPA Scholarship recipients.
 - o Judi Willis, Alpha Delta Pi, made the motion to accept the 2016-2017 PPA scholarship recipients; Stacie Garlieb, Kappa Delta, seconded. Unanimously passed.
- 2016-2017 Woman of the Year recipient.
 - o Kim Obrien, Pi Beta Phi, made the motion to accept the 2016-2017 Woman of the Year winner; Stacie Garlieb, Kappa Delta, seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.
- 2017-2018 Budget
 - o No discussion on the proposed 2017-2018 PPA budget.
 - o Motion to accept the 2017-2018 PPA budget:
 - Lee Ann Witt, Delta Zeta, made the motion to accept the 2017-2018 PPA budget; Linda Allen, Alpha Delta Pi, seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.
- 2017-2018 Bylaws
 - o Discussion
 - President Pat Foster, Sigma Sigma Sigma, discussed how the Executive Board has been meeting regularly with NPC Delegate, Linda Purkapile and that there are lots of expectations that come with receiving the Circle of Excellence Award. We are looked at nationally as a top organization that helps to set the tone nationally; PPA is expected to operate at a higher level due to the recognition that we have received.

- President Pat Foster, Sigma Sigma Sigma, brought up the document that was sent out to Council regarding the addition of a “Commitment to Excellence” section in Article 10 of the PPA Bylaws. Noted that this document was created by NPC Delegate, Linda Purkapile, with the strong urging that we need to have this wording in our Bylaws. President Pat Foster, Sigma Sigma Sigma, would like Council to vote to include this tonight.
 - Some of the Council believed that there needed to be more clarification on who signs the document, how does one determine if a Delegate or Alternate does not adhere to the Commitment to Excellence”, are Presidents included and if so, what does that look like? Does it actually belong in Article 10?
 - Christy Robertson Yoder, Phi Mu, stated that we cannot combine the two votes together. They have to be separate votes.
 - Lyn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta, stated that this is to separate duties from behavior and how do we incorporate both. What is the intention of the addition of the new wording? Needs more clarification.
 - Amber Soergel, Sigma Kappa, took the additional wording as an intent to remove officers from the Executive Board only. Does not agree with it for all of Council. How do we as Panhellenic remove an alumnae President?
 - Lynn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta, asked how Council determines criteria and how are members removed?
 - Linda Trimpe Wisniowski, Gamma Phi Beta, stated that she felt rushed to vote on this and would like to have it tabled.
 - Lyn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta, asked why she/we would not sign it. Seems to be simple enough and the purpose behind it is a good thing.
 - Janet Reed, Kappa Kappa Gamma, agreed with Lyn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta, agreed with Lyn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta. Thought it was straight forward and not out of the box. Should be resolved this year.
 - Christy Robertson Yoder, Phi Mu, says that she is not sure that she is ready to vote for it yet. The notice is short and concerned with putting it into the Bylaws under Article 10. May not be the appropriate place for it. There needs to be a process in place since every year the document needs to be signed. Does not feel it is her place to cross the table and tell another that they cannot be on the PPA.
 - Vice President Nancy Harris mentioned that there was ample time. Only need 48 hours notice and that was given. Maybe it should go under Membership? Understand that there is a concern that the wording may not go under Article X.

- Linda Trimpe Wisniowski, Gamma Phi Beta, stated that we are able to accept this document without needing to have it actually go into the Bylaws. Can look at it as an amendment later. The problem is where to place it.
- President Pat Foster, Sigma Sigma Sigma, stated that if there is nothing stated in the Bylaws, there is nothing that Council or the Executive Board is able to do if a situation arises. The Executive Board feels that it is extremely important to have this in place. Our NPC Delegate, Linda Purkapile, strongly suggests and urges us to put this into our Bylaws.
- Lyn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta, stated that she read the document and wants to know if it would be prudent to include both officers and Council members and not separate between the two?
- Amber Soergel, Sigma Kappa, stated that we should not include Presidents. We need more than a piece of paper; need a procedure.
- Treasurer Sandra Gocke, Do we have a procedure in place from Scholarship or Woman of the Year from which to choose? We need to give the Executive Board flexibility to make sure that we all make the best decisions.
- Amber Soergel, Sigma Kappa, stated that they do have a procedure.
- Lyn Ambrose, Delta Delta Delta, stated that we need to be specific as to who this relates to as we are under the guise of NPC.
- Gina Curtis, Delta Phi Epsilon, gave an example of another NPC where someone embezzled money from scholarship and nothing was in their Bylaws to protect the organization. Something like this is important to have.
- Janet Reed, Alpha Xi Delta, noted that there was a motion on the table to vote on this. Called for a vote. Motion defeated.
- Lee Ann Witt, Delta Zeta, makes a motion to form a committee to create a procedure and find a place for this document/wording. Judi Willis, Alpha Delta Pi, seconded. 1 opposed, motion passes.
- Pat Reed, Alpha Xi Delta, called a point of order. Moves that we vote on Bylaws as proposed in March 2017; Stacie Garlieb, Kappa Delta, seconded. President Pat Foster, Sigma Sigma Sigma, asks for a vote. 1 opposed vote. Motion passes.
- Judi Willis, Alpha Delta Pi, made a motion to table the vote on the Commitment to Excellence and have a vote through email. Pat Reed, Alpha Xi Delta, seconded.

Announcements

- Teacher opportunities/New school update – Cheryl McNeill
- Next Panhellenic Executive Board meeting TBA. This meeting will be to finalize the Celebration of Sisterhood event.
- Please wear badge to meetings, if possible

- Please remove your nametags and re-file them

Adjournment

- At 8:35 p.m., Linda Trimpe Wisniowski, Gamma Phi Beta, made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Stacie Garlieb, Kappa Delta, seconded. Motion passed.