

Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society

2002 Minutes of the Society

National Council Meeting Minutes

1. Dr. Patricia Williams, president of the National Council, convened the first session of the Council at 8:30 a.m., 12 April 2002, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Members present were: Amani Ahmed, Robert Blake, Alfred Clark, David Edris, Peggy FitzGerald, Patricia Graham, Colby Hudson, Blake Janutolo, Brenda Kirby, Megan Looney, Ellen Millsaps, George Pittman, Luly Prieto, Duane Rosa, Terrell Tebbetts, Erin Thorn, Gayle White, Christopher Williams, Patricia Williams, and Trisha Yarbrough. Also present were Executive Director Dennis Organ, Director of Operations Lara Noah, Administrative Assistant Marlea Johnson, and National Office Accountant Nita Cochran. Roll call was conducted by playing a get-acquainted game pairing a council member with another council member he/she did not know, spending several minutes getting to know each other, and then introducing each other to the Council at large.

2. President Williams expressed regret at the death of Council Member Thelma Hall. **Tebbetts/Blake moved** that Alpha Chi contribute \$1,000 to the Creative Writing Scholarship Fund at Shorter College that has been set up in Dr. Hall's name. Motion carried. **Pittman/Millsaps moved** that there be a dedication page in one of the journals dedicated to Dr. Hall and possibly including a photograph of Dr. Hall and one of her poems. Motion carried.

3. President Williams presented a proposed agenda. **Rosa/FitzGerald moved** to accept the agenda. Motion carried. **White/Rosa moved** to accept the minutes of the last National Council meeting as recorded in the Alpha Chi *Recorder*, Vol. 44, No. 2, 2001, pp.22-31. Motion carried.

4. President Williams officially inducted the following student representatives into membership on the National Council: Amani Ahmed, Colby Hudson, Brenda Kirby, Megan Looney, Luly Prieto, Erin Thorn, and Christopher Williams.

5. President Williams began her report to the Council by stating progress made toward accomplishing her three goals for the past year: (1) *Connect the National Council more with the regions*. A member of the Executive Committee of the National Council was in attendance at each regional convention. A letter was sent to all new members of Alpha Chi by the national office. All regional officers were to receive a key to wear on their pin. Workshop ideas were sent to each region, and Dr. Williams sent flowers to the convention planners of those conventions she attended. (2) *Provide more support for faculty sponsors*. Establishment of the Distinguished Service Award in 2001 and the possibility of recognizing advisors who have served more than 15 years were discussed. (3) *Increase chapter and alumni participation in activities*. Dr. Williams contacted those chapters who have not been registering members in the last three years. The national office sent a questionnaire to these chapters as well. One chapter, Illinois State University, asked to be deactivated.

President Williams shared that she, Dr. Organ, and Dr. Graham attended the meeting of the Association of College Honor Societies. At the meeting they discussed strategic planning, budgets, and Web pages.

President Williams announced that the following chapters have been approved since the last National Council meeting:

| No. | Institution | Yes | | No | | Response |
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| 360 | DeVry-Chicago (Illinois Iota) Blake Janutolo | 20 | 1 | 0 | | |
| 361 | Becker College (Massachusetts Theta) Patricia Williams | 20 | 0 | 2 | | |

There ensued a discussion on voting for new chapters by mail. Dr. White suggested that the Executive Committee talk about the procedure for voting on new chapters.

President Williams reported to the National Council that gifts had been sent to those at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, who had helped work on the archives. There are now 233 folders and 33 boxes in the archives. President Williams thanked the national office staff for their cooperation in helping her perform her duties. She then asked each council member to fill out a sheet stating their individual goals for their work with Alpha Chi in the coming year.

6. Committees. The work of the National Council is expedited through preliminary deliberations conducted by small groups of Council members. These committees, some of which are constitutional and some of which are created as needed, had already been announced. They are reported here for the record. Chairpersons are indicted by asterisks. Executive Committee members are appointed ex-officio, non-voting liaisons to several of these. Their names appear in parentheses.

Alumni – Al Clark*, David Edris, Clark Youngblood, Amani Ahmed

Audit – Blake Janutolo*, Clark Youngblood, George Pittman, Amani Ahmed

Awards – Ellen Millsaps*, Terrell Tebbetts, Brenda Kirby

Chapter Workshop – Pat Graham*, Peggy FitzGerald, Trisha Yarbrough, Megan Looney, Luly Prieto, Christopher Williams

Constitution (ad hoc) – Peggy FitzGerald*, Al Clark, Terrell Tebbetts, Colby Hudson, (Dennis Organ)

Convention – George Pittman*, Pat Graham, Ellen Millsaps, Brenda Kirby, Megan Looney, Erin Thorn

Finance – Bob Blake*, Gayle White, Luly Prieto

Honorary Membership – David Edris*, Duane Rosa, Christopher Williams

Resolutions – Terrell Tebbetts*, Trisha Yarbrough, Luly Prieto

Scholarship – Blake Janutolo*, Benedict: Bob Blake, Duane Rosa, Erin Thorn; Nolle: Gayle White, Trisha Yarbrough, Colby Hudson

7. Dr. Pittman gave a preliminary convention committee report. The 2001 National Convention in Savannah was a success! The 2003 National Convention will be in Washington, D.C., and at this meeting the Council will consider St. Louis for the 2005 National Convention.

8. **Audit Committee:** Dr. Blake Janutolo gave the following report from the Audit Committee: The committee reviewed the report of the auditing firm of Miller & Rose P.L.L.C., Certified Public Accountants, and accepted their report of the 2001 records. The committee wants to commend the staff of the national office for beginning implementation of the recommendations from the 2001 audit review. The committee also commends the staff for their work in separating recording and disbursement responsibilities. The audit committee is satisfied that policies are now in place to assure the separation of these processes. The committee also commends the national office staff for their progress in preparing a policy manual for the functioning of the national office. The committee submits the following recommendations: (1) complete the development of a policy manual that outlines how different functions in the national office are accomplished; (2) implement the request of the auditors that whenever deposits in an account total more than \$100,000, Alpha Chi would secure a pledge from the bank that the bank's securities would serve as collateral that would cover the amount of any deposits over \$100,000. (This is a common practice for banks to do for governmental and non-profit agencies.); (3) continue to ask for substantiating documentation when National Council members seek reimbursement for expenses; (4) explore the possibilities of changing from a Paradox software system to an Access system from Microsoft; (5) recommend to the finance committee that the executive director be a co-signer on all accounts that are listed under Alpha Chi, whether they are regional or national, checking or investment. That way the national office would have access to the accounts for reporting purposes, and if an emergency arose, the national office could help facilitate any immediate needs; and (6) consider changing the fiscal year to July 1 to June 30. The committee commends the Executive Director, Director of Operations, and the National Office Accountant for the number of internal controls in place and for the detailed, well-organized records. The committee moved that the fiscal year be changed from January 1 to December 31 to July 1 to June 30. **Tebbetts moved** to table the motion. Motion was tabled.

9. **Scholarship Committee:** Dr. Janutolo reported that the Scholarship Committee met on Thursday, 11 April, and reviewed the applications of 59 Nolle Scholarship and 62 Benedict Fellowship applicants. Dr. White announced the Nolle Scholarship winners and Dr. Blake announced the Benedict Fellowship winners.

The recipients of the \$2,500 H.Y. Benedict Fellowships for the full-time graduate or professional study during the 2002-2003 academic year were (alphabetically): Amanda S. Baumstark, Tennessee Delta, Carson-Newman College; Sarah B. Bennett, West Virginia Beta, Concord College; Ann Kathleen Clendenen, Tennessee Beta, Union University; Karen Diane Crockett, California Zeta, Fresno Pacific University; Amy Nicole Kerzmann, North Dakota Alpha, Jamestown College; Monica Knapp, Missouri Mu, Northwest Missouri State University; Julia Melissa Shojaian, Texas Gamma, Baylor University; Ruschelle Marie Smiroldo, West Virginia Beta, Concord College; Kristin E. Vogel, Missouri Beta, Culver-Stockton College; and Matthew E. Young, Tennessee Zeta, Lee University.

Alternates for the Benedict Fellowship were (in order): 1) James Ian Nichols, North Carolina Kappa, University of North Carolina at Pembroke; 2) Moeed Wasim Yusuf, Georgia Theta, Shorter College; 3) Tiffany Lynn King, Tennessee Zeta, Lee University; 4) Jonathan O. Cress, Indiana Epsilon, Tri-State University; and 5) Marilyn Jenean Allen, Texas Sigma, Stephen F. Austin State University.

The recipients of the \$1,500 Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship for full-time undergraduate study during the 2002-2003 school year were (alphabetically): Sonya Black, Oklahoma Gamma, East Central University; Melissa Jolene Corvin, Texas Zeta, West Texas A&M University; Jason Coy Fleenor, Missouri Beta, Culver-Stockton College; Sara Elizabeth Higgins, Virginia Gamma, Bridgewater College; Monique Marie Ingalls, Arkansas Lambda, John Brown University; Felicia Martin, Massachusetts Beta, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; Meili M. Peterson, Texas Alpha, Southwestern University; Suzanne Schumann, Georgia Beta, Berry College; Sarah Naomi Senecal, Texas Beta, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; and Matthew Warren Wilson, Missouri Mu, Northwest Missouri State University.

Alternates for the Nolle Scholarship were (in order): 1) Kathleen E. Thompson, Pennsylvania Theta, Thiel College; 2) Courtney K. Harris, Arkansas Iota, Lyon College; 3) Will Ryan Walker, Texas Alpha Zeta, East Texas Baptist University; 4) Karen Wilder, Michigan Delta, Saginaw Valley State University; and 5) Kristynna Soto, New York Iota, Marymount Manhattan College.

FitzGerald/Pittman moved the recommended slate of winners and alternates be accepted and that every winner and alternate receive at least \$100. Motion carried. Dr. Clark suggested that Alpha Chi take out an ad in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* announcing our scholarship winners. Dr. Organ will check into the possibility of doing it.

The first plenary was recessed by President Williams at 10:50 a.m. Several committees met to do their work at this time.

At 2:00 p.m. Dr. Williams reconvened the National Council for Plenary II.

10. Regional secretary-treasurers reported on the events occurring in their regions at the regional meetings. Dr. Organ expressed concern about the regional meetings not being as well attended as the National Convention.

11. **Executive Director's Report: ACHS Meeting:** Dr. Dennis Organ began his report by reporting on his attendance at the ACHS Meeting in Baton Rouge in February 2002. Both Dr. Organ and President Williams attended the meeting. Both had parts on the program. The main business of the meeting was revising the Constitution. Dr. Organ was elected to a two-year term on the board as a representative of general honor societies. This will necessitate Alpha Chi's financial support for attendance at least one board meeting a year in addition to the national meeting. **Yarbrough/Edris moved** that Alpha Chi cover this additional expense. Motion carried. ACHS received much needed national visibility in the 22 March 2002 cover article of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Although the article focused on recent problems of Golden Key, it communicated the differences between Golden Key, which is not in ACHS, and the more traditional honor societies and also exposed online societies that seem to be scam operations. The latter topic is one of much recent concern to ACHS. This highly visible article will help alert colleges and universities to bogus or suspect "societies." Golden Key has not been a large rival of Alpha Chi, since it targets larger institutions, but the article probably damaged its image. Alpha Chi is featured in a graphic that compares us with similar but much more prosperous Golden Key, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi (all general societies inducting juniors and seniors).

Office Staff and Operations: Dr. Organ reported that since the last Council meeting the national office has made significant reassignments of duties. Andrea Bishop resigned as Director of Chapter Relations and Nita Cochran has been hired as a part-time hourly employee. The staff and their current assignments are as follows: (1) Lara Noah, Director of Operations (salaried); responsible for overall coordination of day-to-day office procedures, with special attention to chapter services/relations, (2) Marlea Johnson (about 20 hours per week); responsible for receipting income, producing membership certificates, and some chapter communication, (3) Nita Cochran (about 35 hours a week); responsible for all financial procedures and records, mailings to alumni and new members, and production of a procedures manual, (4) Penny Bell (about 10 hours per week); responsible for maintaining database. Dr. Organ commended these employees for their commitment to serving Alpha Chi.

The national office is considering contracting for web-based online registration for the 2003 National Convention. **Clark/Rosa moved** that the national office use some type of online registration for the 2003 National Convention. Motion carried.

Web Site and Publications: Dr. Organ reported that use of the web site is up dramatically with over 4,975 hits in February 2002 compared to 1,221 hits in February 2001. The following new features have been added to the Web site this year: (1) PDF registration forms, various applications, and the Chapter Handbook, (2) selected full-text *Recorder* articles, including two undergraduate articles not published in the print version, (3) the most recent Fall and Spring issues of the *Newsletter*, (4) minutes from the current Proceedings issue of the *Recorder*, and (5) frequently updated news items. This year issues of the *Recorder* and *Newsletter* were produced on a more timely schedule, and currently the national office is studying ways of cutting the cost of mailing the *Recorder* to chapters.

New Membership Mailing: The new Membership Mailing Program was instituted this fall about two months later than planned due to delays in card production. Since then this mailing has gone to over 4,000 students. Ideally this mailing will go to members within a month of receiving their registration in the national office. The mailing contains a letter of greeting, a laser-printed, plastic membership card, and a Brown's catalog. Sponsors will no longer need to type the old individual membership cards for students. The mailing goes to the home address reported on the Permanent Registration Card.

Membership: New registrations in 2001 were 11,060, up one percent from the 2000 total. During the fall 2001 term, Alpha Chi's 300,000th member was registered, and a feature article on the student was run in the *Newsletter* and on the web site. Increasing the rate of acceptance of membership invitations remains a priority for the national office. In recent months Dr. Organ has communicated with sponsors regarding standards and procedures for inviting members and has encouraged chapters to attempt to increase the rate of acceptance. Three new chapters were chartered in 2001.

Chapter Relations: Dr. Organ asked Lara Noah to report on her work with chapter relations. Ms. Noah continues to work with delinquent chapters trying to get them to either become active or declare their intentions to do so in the near future. It was suggested that the national staff divide up the chapters and work more closely with them. There is also money left over in the Chapter Grant Program. Out of the \$5,000 grant money budgeted, \$2,150 has been awarded so far this year. The Awards Committee was asked to consider what to do with the monies left in the fund.

Finances: Although the investments did not do well this year (\$184,629.64 loss), the overall return on our investments is still very good (\$323,544.37 net over the last four years), and is making a recovery in 2002.

The second plenary was recessed by President Williams at approximately 4:15 p.m. Several committees met to do their work at this time.

On Saturday, 13 April 2002, at 8:30 a.m., Dr. Williams reconvened the National Council meeting for Plenary III.

12. **Alumni Committee:** Dr. Al Clark gave the report and announced that out of a field of 18 applicants, Terri Lynn Gore (University of Texas at Arlington) was the winner of the 2002-03 Pryor Fellowship. Tiffany Yecke (Harding University) was the first alternate. The committee decided that there should not be an elected active alumni representative on the National Council. The decision was based on the following points: (1) alumni are already represented on the National Council through alumni on the Council; (2) there is no practical way to elect an active alumni council member from the dispersed active

alumni members; and (3) the committee concluded that a representative from such a diverse and scattered group would not be able to represent the alumni members very well. The committee sought to answer the series of questions about active alumni. *Question 1*: “What does it mean to be an “active alumni” member of Alpha Chi?” They concluded that all Alpha Chi members are members for life. Therefore, when Alpha Chi members graduate with a bachelor’s degree, they are, by definition, alumni members. Those alumni who pay annual dues are active alumni. Active alumni receive Alpha Chi publications, can attend regional and national conventions, can present papers at conventions, can apply for alumni scholarships, and can join an alumni chapter. *Question 2*: “How can active alumni participate in Alpha Chi chapters?” The committee considered this issue at the request of the Executive Director and concluded that Alpha Chi organizational structure allowed active alumni to participate in the organization in any of the following five ways: (1) as individual members of Alpha Chi; (2) by joining an Active Alumni Chapter; (3) by participating in the chapter in the institution from which they graduated; (4) by participating in a chapter at an institution in the area where they are living; and (5) by developing and participating in an all-region chapter for active alumni. *Question 3*: “What should alumni chapters do? How should they operate?” The committee addressed these questions and made the following recommendations: (1) alumni chapters may function as they wish within the Alpha Chi Constitution, as a support group, as a service organization, as a social group, etc.; (2) alumni chapters can send a voting representative to regional and national conventions (non-active alumni may participate in conventions but cannot vote and must pay higher convention registration fees than active alumni); (3) alumni chapters should complete annual reports of their membership and activities just as undergraduate chapters do; and (4) alumni chapters can apply for chapter development grants.

The national office should inform all chapters, undergraduate and alumni, of active alumni living in or moving into their area. Alpha Chi members should be informed about the active alumni program and invited to join when eligible at the following times in their career: (1) when they are inducted into Alpha Chi; (2) when they graduate from college (using the graduation date information provided at induction); and (3) once a year for three years after graduation (perhaps by e-mail). The active alumni status should also be featured at national conventions, perhaps by a session, workshop, or breakfast round table. The committee recommends that Alpha Chi continue to solicit contributions for scholarships from active alumni. Perhaps a new named scholarship for undergraduates could be created that would be funded entirely out of money contributed by active alumni. If this were done, it is suggested that a new scholarship competition should not be developed. Rather, additional Benedict and Nolle scholarships would be awarded beyond the twenty currently awarded and called by the name funded by the active alumni. Complete information about active alumni status and active alumni chapters should be included on the Alpha Chi web site. Active alumni policies should be reviewed again in 2005.

13. Report of the Archivist: President Williams gave the report of the archivist for Dr. Robert Sledge. The archivist appreciated the activities of the national office, particularly Lara Noah, in seeking to secure for the archive materials generated by local chapters, especially those at Notre Dame College, where the school is closing. The archivist expressed appreciation to President Patricia Williams for a column in the *Newsletter* reminding chapters to send archival materials to the national office. The collection is weakest in holdings related to local chapters and any efforts to remedy that flaw should be applauded. The only major change in the status of the collection this year is the addition of a large box of official papers from Dr. Sledge reflecting service as secretary 1989-91 and president 1991-99. The archivist appreciated the action of the National Council in approving his recommendations last year and hopes that the appropriate elements of those recommendations be continued. President Williams concluded the report by encouraging chapters to send archive material to the national office.

14. Awards Committee: Dr. Ellen Millsaps reported for the Awards Committee. She reported that out of a field of five, Tom Osborne, an alumnus of Hastings College, was chosen as the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award winner. The committee moved to accept Tom Osborne as the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award winner. Motion carried. [Subsequently Rep. Osborne declined because he was unable to meet Alpha Chi’s schedule for the national convention. Dr. David Burr Clifford, Southwestern University alumnus, then accepted the invitation to receive the award.] Since Brown’s Graduation Supplies Company no longer has clocks in stock, the awards committee would like Dr. Organ to talk with Brown’s or some other vendor about obtaining clocks for the Distinguished Service Awards. The committee recommended that pin and pin bars be designed to recognize sponsors serving 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years. **The committee moved** that for ten-year service, a sponsor would receive a silver pin, a silver bar for 15 years, for 20 years a second silver bar, for 25 years a sapphire bar, and for 30 years an emerald bar. Motion carried. **The committee moved** that chapters be allowed to apply for the chapter grants every two years instead of the present three-year limitation. Motion carried. **The committee also moved** that any monies designated for chapter grants that was not spent in a given year be allowed to roll over to the next year. Motion carried.

15. Constitution Committee: After determining that only one region had bylaws, the Constitution Committee recommended that references to regional bylaws be removed from the constitution. **FitzGerald/Blake moved** to direct the ad hoc Constitution Committee to change Article III, Section 7 to read, “The motto of the Society shall be ‘ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’” Dr. FitzGerald reminded the Council that constitutions usually do not list references within the constitution. Motion carried (15 yea, 4 nay). **Tebbetts/Kirby moved** to direct the ad hoc Constitution Committee that Article 5, Section 4c read “The Council may transact its business electronically and by mail as conditions may require.” Motion carried. **FitzGerald/Kirby moved** to allow the national office to use funds to enable the National Council to conduct electronic conversations and debate. Motion carried. The Constitution Committee will bring a revised

constitution to the National Council for consideration at its next meeting. Revisions would then be voted on by the 2005 National Convention.

16. Honorary Membership Committee: Dr. Edris gave the report from the Honorary Membership Committee. The Honorary Membership Committee reviewed the list of 2002 nominations and recommended that, because all those nominated have shown special interest or proficiency in scholarship and that their election shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the Society, they should be granted honorary membership. **The committee moved** that the following list of nominees be granted honorary membership: G. Earl Beauty, executive vice president, Emmanuel College; Alex Bandeaux, professor of general studies, Strayer University; Admiral Very Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, Evangel University; Kenneth M. Craig, Jr., professor of religion, Lees-McRae College; James F. Gaertner, president of Sam Houston State University; Suzanne Jessup, professor of education, Southern Arkansas University; Christopher Koch, associate professor of psychology, George Fox University; M. Shadbakht Mahani, professor, DeVry Institute of Technology-Chicago; Stephen C. Morgan, president of the University of La Verne; John Racanelli, chairman, Dowling College Board of Trustees; Gretchen Siegler, associate professor of social sciences, Westminster College; Charles T. Summerlin, president of Schreiner University; Elvira Williams, chairperson, natural and physical sciences, Shaw University; and Dr. John Williams, associate professor of English, Harding University. The following regional officers were also granted honorary membership: Joyce R. Baker, Region III past-president; Michael Flachmann, Region VII past-president; Mary Harris, Region VII president; Gail Hill, Region I president; Richard King, Region I vice president; Michael Marshall, Region V vice president; Susan Payne, Region II past-president (former); Bonnie Revelle, Region III president; and Kate Stewart, Region II vice president.

17. Nominations for Faculty Council Positions: President Williams called for suggestions for nominations for the four faculty council positions to be filled in 2003. The following nominees were suggested: Bob Blake, Patricia Graham, Jim Kirby, Michael Flachmann, Russ Baker, Bonnie Revelle, Marilyn Jones, Suzi Pundt, and Ann Kneavel. After checking with each person suggested, the Executive Committee will finalize the slate of nominees.

The third plenary was recessed by President Williams at approximately 10:30 a.m. Several committees met to do their work at this time.

At 1:30 p.m. Dr. Williams reconvened the National Council for Plenary IV.

18. Convention Committee: Dr. Pittman revealed plans for the 2005 convention. **The committee moved** the 2005 National Convention be held 8-10 April 2005, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, and that a contract be signed with the Adam's Mark Hotel with the clause that the contract can be renegotiated if the hotel is sold before 2005. Motion carried. Dr. Pittman reported he is working hard on the 2003 National Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. Preliminary plans call for a patriotic theme with the slogan "Hats off to D.C.!" Dr. Rosa stressed the need to remind students of safety measures to take while in Washington, D.C.

19. Chapter Workshop Committee: The Workshop Committee recommended that the Chapter Workshop be incorporated into the convention format for 2003. The time recommended is the time currently used for breakfast roundtables on Friday and Saturday mornings. The recommended format is a three-track plan: Student Issues, Sponsor Issues, and Chapter Issues. The committee brainstormed topics for each track and recommended that an e-mail survey be sent to the chapters with suggested topics, asking the chapter to select three of the topics in each track or to recommend other topics for the track. The e-mail results would be tabulated and the three most popular topics in each track be identified for a total of nine workshop topics. The nine topics would be sent out to the chapters, inviting proposals from chapters to present sessions on these topics at the 2003 National Convention. The committee (through a mail process) or the national office would select the nine workshop sessions. The nine sessions would be offered on Friday morning and repeated on Saturday morning.

Time frame: Friday and Saturday mornings

6:45 a.m. Continental breakfast

7:05 a.m. Nine concurrent workshop sessions

(3 in each of 3 tracks)

7:45 a.m. Conclusion of the sessions

Reimbursement:

\$100 to any chapter which has one or more representatives attend one or more workshop sessions on both Friday and Saturday mornings.

\$200 to each of the nine chapters making presentations (with each presentation to be offered twice—Friday and Saturday mornings.)

The committee moved to institute the above at the 2003 National Convention. Motion carried.

18. Finance Committee: Dr. Blake shared the bad news that Alpha Chi's investments decreased over the past year. The good news is that the investments are starting to recover and that \$135,000 is available for the 2003 convention. Subsidies for the 2003 National Convention will be as follows: \$25/person/night for rooms, \$150 for the official sponsor and \$150 for the official student delegate from each chapter, and \$100 per chapter attending the workshop. It is estimated that this will cost approximately \$78,000. **The committee moved** that the biennial regional conventions take place at least two weeks before the National Council meeting or the region pay half of the travel expenses for the student representative elected to the National Council, and that the National Council meeting be held no earlier than April 10. Motion failed (2 yea, 14 nay, 3 abstentions). **The committee moved** that the Executive Director be an authorized signature on all accounts listed under

Alpha Chi at the national and regional levels (checking and investment). Motion carried (13 yea, 3 nay, 2 abstentions). Dr. Yarbrough asked that formal discussions take place concerning the relation of the National Council and the regions.

19. **Old Business:** Brenda Kirby asked the council if a list serve or message board could be set up. **Prieto/Yarbrough moved** that the national office create a message board for the National Council. Rosa moved to table the motion in order for more research to be done on the issue. Motion tabled.

20. **New Business:**

A. The contract with Brown's Graduation Supply Company will soon be up for negotiation. The Executive Committee should do the negotiating.

B. **The Finance Committee moved** that spouses be invited to the Council dinner on even years and the convention banquet on odd years at no expense to the Council member. **Yarbrough/C. Williams moved** to amend the motion to read one guest instead of spouses. Amended motion failed (6 yea, 9 nay, 4 abstentions). The vote was then taken on the original motion. Motion carried (11 yea, 9 nay).

C. The national office will arrange for quad rooms at the 2003 national convention; however, chapters will be asked to prepay quad rooms.

21. President Williams collected personal goals for Alpha Chi from each member. The Council then moved into executive session.

A. Rosa/Blake moved that Dr. Rob Sledge be reappointed as Archivist. Motion carried.

B. Rosa/Millsaps moved that Dr. Dennis Organ be reelected as executive director. Motion carried.

C. Tebbetts/Prieto moved that Alpha Chi match the salary increase given Dr. Organ by Harding University. Motion carried.

D. Prieto/Yarbrough moved that flowers or other appropriate gifts be sent to the national office staff. Motion carried.

E. Dr. Organ was called into the executive session and told of his reelection to the office of Executive Director. The National Council meeting was adjourned by President Williams at 4:13 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Blake Janutolo
Secretary*

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee of the National Council met 13 April 2002, at 4:15 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. President Williams proposed that the Executive Committee meeting to be held this summer focus on strategic planning. It was agreed that strategic planning would be the topic of the meeting. It was also agreed to invite several other Council members to be part of the discussion. At least one of those members should be one of the student representatives on the Council. The Executive Committee will meet sometime in July in Houston, Texas. President Williams asked the following National Council members to meet with the Executive Committee: Al Clark, Christopher Williams, and Gayle White. Meeting adjourned.

1. The Executive Committee of the National Council (President Patricia Williams, Vice President George Pittman and Secretary Blake Janutolo) and the Executive Director (Dr. Dennis Organ) met in the Sage Room of the Galleria Westin in Houston, Texas, 9-10 July 2002, for their annual meeting.

Prior to the Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee plus Dr. Al Clark, Dr. Gayle White, and Christopher Williams met for a day and a half strategic planning meeting. Prior to this meeting, members of the Executive Committee toured several hotels in Houston as possible sites for the 2007 national convention.

2. At approximately 3 p.m. on 9 July 2002, President Williams welcomed the Executive Committee to Houston and passed out the agenda. The agenda was accepted by consensus. President Williams reported on the previous day's visits to various hotels in Houston. It was suggested that the committee send flowers to the persons at the Convention Bureau who had set up all of the visits and to the our contact person at the Westin Hotel.

3. **President's Report**

A. President Williams reported that a letter and a check for \$1,000 was sent to Shorter College in memory of Dr. Thelma Hall. The money was to be placed in a scholarship fund that had been set up in her honor. Also, a card was sent to the family of Sister Teresa Brady, a long-time sponsor of Alpha Chi and former Council member.

B. President Williams sent a number of boxes of archival materials to Dr. Sledge. She encouraged other sponsors to submit archival materials as well.

C. President Williams will continue contacts with Mr. Dan Rather's office to request that he write an article for the *Recorder*.

D. President Williams reminded the Executive Committee that each one had received an e-mail from Dr. FitzGerald on proposed constitutional revisions. After some discussion it was agreed that the bylaws needed to be separated from the

constitution. The question was raised, "Do we need to have bylaws for each region?" It was agreed to discuss this topic at the next National Council meeting.

E. At the last National Council meeting, National Council members listed goals for the year. These goals were passed out to the Executive Committee. There ensued a discussion about National Council members visiting a couple of colleges/universities with less active chapters in the fall to offer encouragement and/or help. Alpha Chi would cover the expenses with the expectation that the schools visited would be close to the council member's own campus. A packet of materials about Alpha Chi should be put together to leave with the administrator or advisor at each campus visited. While it might not be possible for the student representatives to carry out such visitations, it was proposed that they e-mail presidents of chapters in their region and encourage them to attend the national convention in Washington, D.C.

F. President Williams next reported on chapter relations.

1) Student Representative Luly Prieto made recent contact with the chapter at Bayamon Central University in Puerto Rico. She also pursued contact with two other colleges showing interest in having Alpha Chi chapters. Charter applications have not been received at this time.

2) President Williams did contact the provost at Elon University, which is considering dropping Alpha Chi. After talking with President Williams, the provost is willing to at least think about keeping Alpha Chi.

3) Our newest chapter is Chapter 362, Ohio Valley College. It should be installed this fall.

4) Dr. Organ, working with Dr. Tebbetts, is in conversation with the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith about establishing a chapter of Alpha Chi. Dr. Organ recently sent the university a letter and will make a contact in early fall.

5) Dr. Williams asked the questions, "How can we keep former chapter sponsors involved with Alpha Chi?" and "How can we express to them how important they are to us?" It was suggested that we offer them a job to do such as helping in visitation of local chapters, send them a birthday card on their birthdays, and include two to four former sponsors when awarding the Distinguished Service Awards. The Executive Committee agreed to come up with a process to nominate former faculty sponsors who have contributed greatly to Alpha Chi over the years for the Distinguished Service Award. It was suggested that this could be the responsibility of the Awards Committee.

6) This section on chapter relations ended with a discussion on the procedures for allowing new chapters to be admitted to Alpha Chi. Some suggested that our procedure should be more strict than at present, asking for more letters of support from administrators. It was agreed that this could be a topic for the next National Council meeting.

G. To encourage a stronger relationship between the National Council and the regions, it was suggested that we invite the regional officers to the National Council dinner at the national convention. Also there needs to be a time during the national convention for dialog to occur between the regional officers and the National Council. It would also help if Alpha Chi could establish a Web site that allows electronic conversations and debate. The national office continues to look into the possibility of a message board or some device to allow such electronic conversations.

H. It was recommended by the Executive Committee that we present the possibility of Houston, Texas, as the 2007 national convention site. The hotels visited quoted rates between \$109 and \$124 per room.

4. Vice President's Report: Dr. Pittman reported plans for the 2003 national convention in Washington, D.C. At this time arrangements are still being made for a speaker. Dr. Ellen Millsaps and Dr. Patricia Graham are working on the mixer/party following the banquet. The theme is "Hats off to D.C." Everything at this stage is looking good. Dr. Pittman expressed his thanks to Dr. Organ and Mrs. Noah for all their hard work in helping him. The chapter workshop will be held during the breakfast time. A chapter will receive \$100 for attending or \$200 if presenting at the workshop.

At 6 p.m. the first session of the Executive Committee was concluded. The committee reconvened the next day, 10 July 2002, at approximately 9 a.m.

(4.) Vice President's Report continued: It was suggested that we more intentionally involve alumni at the national convention. Perhaps active alumni could be e-mailed to encourage them to attend the national convention and asked to stand to be recognized at the banquet. It was suggested that the active alumni pay the regular fee until such time as numbers become a problem and a drain on the treasury.

The contract has been signed with the Adam's Mark for St. Louis in 2005. The statement requested by the National Council concerning renegotiating if the hotel is sold before then was added to the contract.

5. Secretary's Report: Secretary Blake Janutolo reported that the minutes of the last National Council meeting have been submitted to the national office.

6. Executive Director's Report

A. Publications/Web Site

1) Production of the summer *Newsletter* to alumni has been pushed back due to delays in communications with the Distinguished Alumni recipient, the lead story for the issue.

2) The Alumni Issue of the *Recorder* is in the planning stage. We hope to secure permission to publish a few of the late Dr. Thelma Hall's poems along with a tribute to her. Editor John Williams is working on getting an article on the September 11 attacks and aftermath from the perspective of Pace University, using one or more Pace faculty members as authors or interview subjects.

3) The Web site has been updated since the April meeting of the National Council. Statistics show a continuing increase in hits on the site.

B. Chapters and Registrations

- 1) Application of Ohio Valley College has been approved, and inauguration is pending.
- 2) Membership registrations for 2002 are approximately on pace with those of recent years. Several chapters that did not induct in 2000-01 were revived, reporting activity in 2001-02.

C. Staff and Procedures

- 1) Staffing and payroll continue as normal with the exception of June 1 through September 1, during which Lara Noah shifted from a salaried position to an hourly one. This allowed her some flexibility in scheduling and reduced costs for Alpha Chi this summer.
- 2) The national office is up to date on all new member mailings.
- 3) The national office is waiting until the school year begins to contact regional officers regarding having the executive director make a signatory with emergency access to regional accounts.
- 4) A study is still under way regarding the plans for contracting for online registration for the 2003 national convention.

D. ACHS Board Meeting

1) Dr. Organ attended his first ACHS board meeting in June at East Lansing, Michigan. The major work of the meeting was to finalize a policy manual outlining governance principles, including relationships between the board and the executive director, a new position authorized earlier this year. The discussion centered on a concept known in management circles as "policy governance," which focuses on the responsibilities of the board of a nonprofit organization. In brief, such a board is seen as setting broader goals and direction rather than spending its time in meetings dealing with procedural matters that should be entrusted to the executive director.

E. Brown's Graduation Supplies

1) After meeting with Tim Brown, the following is a recommendation for the proposed Alpha Chi Service Award program:

10 year award: A sterling silver Alpha Chi pin with the number 10 on the lamp (same as is presented now to sponsors with 10 years of service);

15 year award--new charm hanging from bar without stones;

20 year award--add two blue sapphires (one on each end to balance bar);

25 year award--add two emeralds (one each inside sapphires); and

30 year award--add one to two cubic diamonds (middle of bar to complete).

It was suggested that the Service Awards could be presented at the regional meetings during the national convention. Number of years of service are to be self-reported.

2) Even though Alpha Chi failed to give Tim Brown the required ninety days notice to renegotiate our contract with his company, he is willing for that to take place. President Williams will contact a couple of vendors to explore and compare with Brown's.

F. Advertisement about scholarship recipients in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*:

1) In light of the cost of placing such an ad in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the Executive Committee decided not to do it. They did discuss ways of putting Alpha Chi forward in the public light. The Executive Committee instructed Dr. Organ to put together a table top display about Alpha Chi to take with him to the National Collegiate Honors Council meeting in Salt Lake City in November 2002.

7. Old Business

A. The committee reviewed the slate of nine candidates nominated for the four National Council seats to be filled in 2003. Dr. Robert Blake will not be a candidate if Elon University deactivates its chapter as planned. As Dr. Jim Kirby declined his nomination due to health problems, the committee will ask Dr. Floyd Tesmer to fill the eighth candidate slot.

8. New Business

A. The Executive Committee will continue to work on the Strategic Plan drafted by the larger committee on July 8-9. After everything is compiled from the different groups, a draft should be sent out to the constituents for their input. Perhaps this could be done in the form of a questionnaire. Then the completed draft should be submitted to the National Council at the next meeting in Washington, D.C. There may be the possible need for another planning session before the National Council meeting.

B. At approximately 11 a.m. the Executive Committee met with Mr. Chris Moore, a financial counselor Alpha Chi has consulted several times in the past. Mr. Moore discussed with the Executive Committee its financial portfolio. It was his advice that the portfolio should be reviewed every six months and readjusted on an annual basis. Since we use income from the portfolio to help with operations, he suggested that the portfolio is too heavy in stocks. He suggested we consider that at least 30-40% of the portfolio be in bonds. He also recommended that this be achieved gradually over the next year or so. He further suggested that we find someone, within one of the investment firms we use, to help us accomplish this.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 1 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Delano B. Janutolo*

Region I Meeting Minutes

Dr. Susan Payne, president of Region II, Dr. Mary Perry, bi-regional program coordinator, and Dr. Andy Wallace, president of Region I, called the 2002 Regional Convention of Alpha Chi for Regions I and II to order at 11 a.m., Friday, 5 April 2002, at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dr. Duane J. Rosa, secretary-treasurer of Region I, called the roll of chapters present. Representatives responded from the following chapters: Abilene Christian University, Angelo State University, Lubbock Christian University, McMurry University, Midwestern State University, New Mexico State University, Schreiner University, Tarleton State University, Texas Lutheran University, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and West Texas A&M University.

The opening meeting adjourned at noon.

Student presentations from both Region I and II began at 1:30 p.m., and ended at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, student presentations continued, starting at 9 a.m. At 10:15 a.m., the Region I business meeting was convened. Dr. Rosa called the roll of chapters and then presented the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. This report was discussed and, upon a motion from the floor, was accepted.

The Scholarship Committee awarded the following six scholarships: Yewande Akinwolfmiwa (Midwestern); Ashley Burson (Midwestern); Anita Oduro (Lubbock Christian); Michael Patyrak (Angelo State); Sarah Naomi Senecal (Mary Hardin-Baylor); and Bryon Weber (Abilene Christian).

Dr. B. Gail Hill of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor was nominated to serve as president of the region, and Dr. James Richard King of Midwestern State University was nominated to serve as vice president. Ms. Brenda J. Kirby of Schreiner University was nominated as Region I Student Representative. There were no other nominations, and all were elected by acclamation.

There being no further business, the Region I meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon for both Region I and II followed at 12:15 p.m. The convention adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Region II Meeting Minutes

Dr. Susan Payne, president of Region II, called the meeting to order 6 April 2002, during the regional convention in Arlington, Texas.

Dr. Trisha Yarbrough, secretary-treasurer, called the roll of Region II chapters. Fourteen chapters were represented, with 64 faculty and students attending.

Minutes of the 2001 regional convention were approved as printed in the *Recorder*, and the Financial Statement of 2001 was approved.

The Audit Committee (Dr. Ken Cameron, Ms. Lisa Ellis, and Dr. Patricia Williams) examined the records of checks and the Smith-Barney account and found them to be in order. The committee recommended that the Region II books be audited yearly by a certified public accountant. It was also recommended that for the national convention in Washington D.C. in 2003, each chapter may be reimbursed the maximum of \$1,000.00.

The Nominating Committee (Dr. Terrell Tebbets, Dr. Rick Ostrander) offered the following slate of officers: Dr. Mary Perry, University of Texas at Arlington, president; Dr. Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas Monticello, vice president; Dr. Trisha Yarbrough, East Central University, secretary-treasurer.

The Gaston Scholarship Committee (Dr. Kenneth L. Chinn, Dr. Katherine Fell, and Dr. Kate Stewart) recommended that Megan Looney, Lyon College, be awarded the 2002-03 Edwin W. Gaston Scholarship. First alternate is Sonya Black, East Central University, and honorable mention goes to Bonni Cook, John Brown University.

The Pryor Fellowship Committee (Dr. John Yozzo, Mr. James Koukl, and Dr. Terry Box) recommended that Stacy Shelton, Centenary College of Louisiana, be awarded the 2002-03 Joseph E. Pryor Fellowship.

The Outstanding Chapter Committee (Prof. Suzanne Pundt, Dr. Don England, and Dr. Gloria Birdine) recommended that the Sam Houston State University (Texas Omicron) and John Brown University (Arkansas Lambda) chapters be our region's nominees for the Outstanding Chapter Award.

Star Chapter certificates were distributed to East Central University, Harding University, John Brown University, Lyon College, Sam Houston State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, University of Arkansas at Monticello, University of Central Arkansas, University of Texas at Arlington, and University of Texas at Tyler.

2004 Convention: Region I has invited us to join with them in a joint convention the first week in April 2004 (if it's not Easter). Midwestern University has agreed to serve as host, but would like to hold the convention again at the University of Texas at Arlington, with Mary Perry and Charles McDowell as liaisons. The executive committee agreed to hear suggestions

from convention delegates and from chapters not represented today, throughout the school year, and will come to the 2003 national convention with a recommendation.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Region III Meeting Minutes

The Region III Convention was held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia, 4-6 April 2002. A total of 27 chapters and 128 students, sponsors, and guests attended.

Dr. Joyce Baker, president of Region III, from Tennessee Wesleyan College, opened the meeting by announcing the unexpected death of Dr. Thelma Hall, Region III secretary-treasurer and sponsor from Shorter College, and calling for a moment of silent prayer to remember her family and friends.

Dr. Ellen Millsaps of Carson-Newman College, acting secretary-treasurer of Region III and member of the National Council, gave a brief report of convention attendance and reminded everyone to claim their rebate checks at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Baker then called for committee reports; the Nominations Committee chaired by Dr. Floyd Tesmer (Strayer University; past president of Region III) with members Dr. Gregory Clemons (Mars Hill College) and Dr. Linda Gravitt (Methodist College) nominated Dr. Lin Garner from Lipscomb University as vice president of Region III. She was elected by acclamation.

The Nominating Committee also presented several nominees for Student Representative to the National Council. The nominees then addressed the convention. Christopher Williams from Shenandoah University was elected to this office.

The Resolutions Committee chaired by Dr. Bethany Sinnott (Catawba College) with members Dr. Lori Mills (Milligan College) and Dr. Charlene Kalinoski (Roanoke College) presented resolutions commending the city of Norfolk and the Norfolk Convention and Visitors' Bureau, the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, the student presenters, the banquet speaker Sheri Reynolds, and the Alpha Chi National Office for helping to make this convention a success. In addition, Dr. Bonnie Revelle was recognized for her efficiency and graciousness in organizing and hosting the Region III Convention, and Chowan College and the North Carolina Phi chapter of Alpha Chi, especially Nicole Sanchez, Bill Harlow, Andrea Eason, Barbara Rowan, Netha Bernahl, and Phil Lott, were commended for their part in hosting this convention.

The Awards Committee chaired by Dr. Ellen Millsaps reported that it had no nominees for Outstanding Chapter.

Dr. Robert Blake of Elon University (member of the National Council), chair of the Auditing Committee, reported that he and the members of his committee, Dr. Carl Cheatham (Faulkner University) and Dr. Art Vanden Houten (Flagler College), had examined the financial records and found all in good order.

Dr. Baker, then, on behalf of the Scholarship Committee composed of herself, Dr. Bonnie Revelle (Chowan College; Region III vice president), and Dr. Lin Garner (Lipscomb University) announced the winners of the two \$1,000 Region III Scholarships: Shannon Garland from Appalachian State University and Melissa Impink from Roanoke College.

Dr. George Pittman of Mississippi College, vice president of the National Council, gave the new student representative, Christopher Williams, a notebook detailing his duties. He then presented Star Chapter Awards for the 2000-01 school year to the following chapters: Appalachian State University, Averett University, Belmont University, Berry College, Carson-Newman College, Catawba College, Chowan College, Freed-Hardeman University, Gardner-Webb University, Greensboro College, Milligan College, Roanoke College, Shorter College, Strayer University, Union University, and Wingate University.

Dr. Baker then announced that as it was customary for the Region III Vice President to become President, the Nominating Committee moved that Dr. Bonnie Revelle be elected to this position by acclamation, which was done. Dr. Baker invited Dr. Lin Garner (newly elected vice president), Dr. Ellen Millsaps (acting secretary-treasurer), and Dr. Revelle to come forward to be acknowledged by the convention.

Dr. Revelle, as newly elected president of Region III, presented Dr. Baker with a beautifully wrapped box symbolizing the president's pin which has been ordered for her to mark her exemplary service as president of Region III. Dr. Revelle then announced that Dr. Bob Blake has agreed to chair an Investment Committee for Region III during the coming year. She also invited anyone with web expertise to consider making a web site for Region III.

Dr. Barbara Rowan, assistant sponsor at Chowan College, helped Dr. Revelle raffle off several door prizes.

With no further business, the convention adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Region IV Meeting Minutes

The Region IV Convention was held 4-6 April 2002 at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas. On Thursday evening, April 4, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall of the Student Center, an early registration period was held which also provided an opportunity for friends to renew acquaintances and meet new friends.

Registration resumed again on Friday, 5 April 2002 at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Center and continued until 1:00 p.m. At 10:30 a.m. the delegates met in either the Coyote Conference Room, the Pioneer Conference Room, or in Pioneer 315 for

Chapter Workshops. After introductions, each of the workshops discussed various chapter activities and projects, sponsor issues, student issues, and conventions. At 11:30 a.m. there was a brief meeting of the Region IV officers regarding the success of the Chapter Workshops. There was a consensus that the meetings were a productive activity. There being no scheduled lunch activity, the members were on their own for lunch. The convention would resume again after lunch.

After lunch the convention resumed at 1:00 p.m. in Room 325 in Pioneer Hall. Heath Spencer (Kansas Delta), vice president of Region IV, welcomed the delegates and introduced Marshall Stanton, president of Kansas Wesleyan University, who made some welcoming remarks to the delegates and gave a brief history of the institution. Then Marilyn Jones (Kansas Epsilon), president of Region IV, mentioned several aspects of the business agenda before introducing Dennis Organ, executive director of Alpha Chi. Dr. Organ explained to the delegation how Alpha Chi is organized and how the National Council of Alpha Chi meets to conduct the business of the society. After Dr. Organ finished, Marilyn Jones brought up the subject of Star Chapter Awards and encouraged sponsors and students alike to apply for the award. Next Dr. Jones introduced David Edris (Nebraska Delta), secretary-treasurer of Region IV, who distributed reimbursement forms and explained the reimbursement process. Dr. Edris relinquished the floor to Dr. Spencer who announced there were eleven chapters represented at the meeting and that there were nineteen student presentations. This portion of the convention was concluded by Dr. Jones giving a brief overview of what had transpired in the Chapter Workshops.

At 1:30 p.m. the first of six student presentations began. At 2:45 p.m. there was a break for refreshments. At 3:15 p.m. the presentations resumed with five more presentations (one presentation was moved to Saturday because of a computer problem). The afternoon student presentations concluded at 4:35 p.m., at which time the meeting adjourned until the dinner hour.

At 6:00 p.m. the delegation met in the dining hall of the Pioneer Hall for dinner. President Stanton gave the blessing for the meal of roast beef, chicken, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, cheesecake, and iced tea or coffee. After the dinner Phil Meckley, professor of religion and philosophy at Kansas Wesleyan University, presented a parable entitled "Two Brothers: An African Tale." After Dr. Meckley's presentation, Dr. Jones presented additional information about topics that had been discussed during that morning's workshops. At 7:30 p.m. the delegates were adjourned to visit.

From 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. the delegation met in the Art Gallery Reception Area in Sams Hall of Fine Arts for coffee and other refreshments prior to the resumption of the student presentations. A card was made available for people to sign wishing Dr. Christine Cotton (Missouri Epsilon) well; she has been suffering from an extended illness. At 10:00 a.m. Dr. Spencer had a few brief opening remarks and the student presentations began at 10:05 a.m. At 10:50 a.m. a short break was taken, and then the presentations resumed from 11:00 a.m. and concluded at 12:25 p.m. The delegation was adjourned to move to the dining hall in the Pioneer Student Center.

At 12:30 p.m. the delegation sat down to eat an enjoyable lunch of sandwiches, salads, desserts, and iced tea. After the meal the annual Region IV business meeting was called to order by Dr. Jones. The minutes of the last meeting in Savannah, Georgia, were approved as distributed in the Alpha Chi *Recorder*, Proceedings Issue, Vol. 44, No. 2, 2001, pp. 50-51. Dr. Edris distributed the annual Financial Report; the report was unanimously approved. Dr. Organ announced that the dates of the next national convention in Washington, D.C., would be March 13-15, 2003. Two faculty sponsors, Dr. Roxanne Sullivan (Nebraska Gamma) and Dr. Richard Frucht (Missouri Mu), offered the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that sincere appreciation is expressed to Kansas Wesleyan University, Dr. Heath Spencer, and members of the Kansas Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi for graciously hosting the Region IV Convention.

Be it resolved that appreciation is expressed to Dr. Marshall Stanton, president of Kansas Wesleyan University, for his warm welcome and words of wisdom.

Be it resolved that appreciation is expressed to Dr. Philip Meckley for his delightful and inspirational presentation.

Be it resolved that the knowledge shared by the student presenters was both interesting and enlightening, truly exemplifying the spirit of Alpha Chi.

Be it resolved that appreciation is expressed to the food service of Kansas Wesleyan University for helping to make the convention very enjoyable.

Finally, be it resolved that the members of Region IV of Alpha Chi meet again in scholarship and friendship at the national convention in Washington, D.C., in the spring of 2003.

Three chapters received Star Chapter Awards for 2000-01: Hastings College (Nebraska Alpha), Westminster College (Missouri Delta), and William Penn University (Iowa Beta).

Under "Old Business," the Region IV Scholarship was discussed regarding how to improve the application form; Dr. Jones volunteered to develop one. Dr. Jones announced that because there was only one applicant for the Region IV Scholarship, and that because the scholarship readers had read the submitted paper and deemed it acceptable, the winner of the 2002 Region IV Scholarship was Mr. Chad McDaniel (Missouri Mu) of Northwest Missouri State University.

Dr. Jones next charged the faculty sponsors to encourage more students to make presentations at regional and national conventions. The mileage reimbursement rate increase was brought off the table for discussion. Dr. Richard Frucht moved that effective immediately the mileage reimbursement rate be increased from \$0.20/mile to \$0.30/mile. The motion was seconded by Dr. Frederick Mattes (Nebraska Alpha) and was approved unanimously.

The election of officers of Region IV was next. Dr. Spencer announced his resignation from the position of vice president of Region IV due to his moving to a different institution not in Region IV. Dr. Sharon Brooks (Nebraska Alpha) was

nominated and unanimously elected as vice president. Dr. Michael Collins (Iowa Beta) was nominated and elected to the office of president of Region IV. For the office of Student Representative of Region IV, Ms. Maria "Luly" Prieto (Kansas Epsilon) was nominated and elected. Dr. Edris (Nebraska Delta) will continue as secretary-treasurer of Region IV.

There were offers to host the 2004 regional conference from two institutions: Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, and Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. Presentation regarding each proposed site were made by Dr. Laynah Rogers (Missouri Rho) and Dr. Frederick Mattes (Nebraska Alpha). The delegation voted to have the next regional convention at Hastings College.

The members approved applications for two Outstanding Chapter Nominees, Kansas Wesleyan University and Evangel University.

Dr. Marilyn Jones (Kansas Epsilon) was elected to be Region IV's candidate for an at-large position to serve on the National Council of Alpha Chi. Dr. Jones thanked the delegation for their support. There being no further new business brought forth, Dr. Jones encouraged anyone with ideas on the use of technology at conventions to contact the officers, made a few closing remarks, and adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Region V Meeting Minutes

Region V held its business session on 23 March 2002 during the Region V Convention at Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Cinnamond (Brescia University). Region V Secretary-Treasurer Blake Janutolo (Anderson University) called the roll. Delegates (14 faculty and 41 students) representing 13 chapters were present.

Minutes of the 2001 regional business meeting in Savannah as printed in the *Recorder* were passed out to the delegates. It was noted that the minutes had switched the names of the recipients of the undergraduate scholarship and the graduate fellowship. The 2001 undergraduate scholarship was awarded to Billie Jean Crigger (Concord College), while Amy Smith (Huntington College) received the graduate fellowship. The amended minutes were accepted by consensus.

Dr. Janutolo presented the secretary-treasurer's report. The region continues to be in good financial condition and able to support travel subsidies for the regional and national meetings, as well as fund the yearly regional scholarships. The treasurer's report for 2001 was discussed.

Dr. Janutolo congratulated Huntington College on receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award at the national convention in Savannah. Region V is proud to have one of its chapters receive this prestigious award.

Certificates were passed out to the following Star Chapters for 2000-2001: Alice Lloyd College, Anderson University, Brescia University, Cornerstone College, Grace College, Huntington College, Tri-State University, and West Liberty State College. Chapters were encouraged to participate in the Star Chapter Program. Chapters were also encouraged to attend the national convention in Washington, D.C., in 2003.

President Cinnamond called for nominations for a chapter to represent Region V in the Outstanding Chapter Award competition. Brescia University was nominated by consensus.

President Cinnamond asked for invitations for hosting the 2004 Regional Convention. Grace College and Concord College extended invitations to host the regional convention. The executive committee will meet and decide on the location. They will announce the location at the next regional business meeting.

President Cinnamond then presided over a number of elections. Erin Thorn (Concord College) was elected as the student representative from Region V to the National Council of Alpha Chi. Dr. Richard Dilling (Grace College) was elected president of Region V, and Dr. Michael Marshall was elected vice president of Region V. Blake Janutolo was reelected as secretary-treasurer of Region V.

Dr. Janutolo commended the student presenters for their efforts and quality of their work. A certificate was given to each presenter. A sincere expression of thanks was given to all those who served on the scholarship committees for their hard work. Winners of the 2002 Region V Scholarship and Fellowship were announced. The 2002 Region V Graduate Fellowship was awarded to Sarah Bennett (Concord College). The alternate was Jenny Clark (Brescia University). The 2002 Region V Undergraduate Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Herring (Huntington College). The alternate was Wendy Schwuchow (Grace College).

Under new business, Dr. Paul Michelson asked the executive committee to consider increasing the number of scholarships given by the region. It was suggested that either two scholarships be given at both the undergraduate and graduate levels or, if that was not financially feasible, the alternates of the undergraduate and graduate competitions would also receive a scholarship, but of a lesser amount. It was agreed that the executive committee would consider the suggestion.

Dr. Janutolo expressed appreciation to Brescia University and the Kentucky Delta chapter of Alpha Chi for hosting the convention.

Hearing no call for further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Region VI Meeting Minutes

The Region VI Convention was held 9-10 March 2002 at the Holiday Inn at 57th Street in New York, N.Y. The business meeting was opened at 9:06 a.m., by President Mike Sabol. The following schools answered the roll call: Dowling College, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Thiel College, Goldey-Beacom College, Robert Morris College, Capitol College, Bowie State University, Dominican College, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Pace University, and Pace University, Pleasantville/Briarcliff.

Dr. Sabol thanked Pace University, both chapters, for co-hosting the meeting. The meeting opened with a moment of silence in memory of Sr. Teresa Brady. Sr. Brady was recognized for her leadership in Alpha Chi, and a donation of \$50 on her behalf was sent to the Sisters of Divine Compassion.

The minutes from our 2001 meeting in Savannah were read, passed, and accepted. The treasurer's report was accepted by motion.

Nominations were taken from the floor to fill the position of President, Vice President, and Regional Student Representative to the National Council.

Ann Kneavel from Goldey-Beacom College was nominated for president and voted in by acclamation.

Ken LaSota was nominated for vice president and voted in by acclamation.

Four student nominees for the position of student representative to the National Council were: Varaum Malhotia, Amani Ahmed, Brian Keller, and Amy Kier.

Each student made a brief presentation prior to the election. Amani Ahmed was elected.

Regional Scholarship winners were announced. Each student received \$100. The winners were Amy Kier, Lori Tennis, Varaum Malhotia, Renee Reiger, and Rebecca Ware.

Dr. Sabol asked for locations from the members present for our next Regional meeting, two years hence. The following cities were submitted: Providence, Pittsburgh, Boston, Baltimore, Ocean City, MD, and New York City.

Providence was the overwhelming favorite of the delegates present. The executive board will gather the information and see if it is feasible for our next regional meeting to be held in Providence, Rhode Island.

We distributed Davis Awards to the following students: Michelle Crescenzi, Wendy Lockaton, Rabi Gopaul, Kelly Lake, Amy Kier, Brian Keller, Chih-Chia Lou.

Goldey-Beacom is submitting a portfolio for the 2003 Outstanding Chapter. They brought their portfolio to the meeting so that other chapters could see it and possibly be encouraged to apply. This will be their second entry. In their previous attempt, they were named the Outstanding Chapter.

At this time, it was with sadness, but deep appreciation, that we recognized the retirement of Michael Sabol as our president. We presented Mike with a gift and our deep appreciation in recognition of his tremendous commitment to Alpha Chi and the students of our organization. Thank you, Mike.

On March 10, at 8:30 in the morning, several delegates went to the Today Show and displayed the Alpha Chi banner.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Region VII Meeting Minutes

Call to Order. On 23 March 2002 Region VII President Michael Flachmann called the regional meeting to order in the Albertson Room of the Dore Theater at California State University, Bakersfield, Dr. Flachmann's home institution and host for the 2002 Region VII Convention.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2001 Region VII Meeting at Savannah, Georgia. After Secretary-Treasurer Al Clark read the minutes from the *Recorder*, Proceedings Issue (Vol. 44, No. 2, 2001, p. 56) of the 23 March 2001 meeting at the National Convention of Alpha Chi, it was M/S/C (Will Hendricks/Randi Brummett) to approve the minutes as written.

Audit Report. Region VII Vice President Mary Harris described the audit of the regional bank accounts and check book which she had conducted earlier in the day and declared that everything appeared to be proper and in order. M/S/C (Hendricks/Brummett) to approve the Audit Report as presented.

Treasurer's Report. Dr. Clark reviewed the finances of Region VII as presented in his regional Treasurer's Report for 2001 calendar year, which he had recently submitted, to the National Office of Alpha Chi. The bulk of the expenditures for 2001 were rebates to chapters that attended the 2001 National Convention in Savannah. M/S/C (Hendricks/Harris) to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Dr. Flachmann announced that the California Iota Chapter, host for the convention then sitting, was paying for all the expenses of the convention proper above the registration fees already collected. There was a round of applause for the California State University hosts who generously saved the region the cost of the bounteous convention.

Election of Region VII Officers. Dr. Mary Harris, Grand Canyon University (Arizona Alpha) was elected Region VII President for 2002-04. After Dr. Flachmann congratulated her, he symbolically turned over the regional gavel, and President Harris ran the rest of the meeting. Dr. Lynn White, Southern Utah University (Utah Beta) was elected Vice President on the strength of interest she expressed at the regional convention in 2000. Since Dr. White was giving birth and consequently not able to attend the convention, however, Dr. Flachmann accepted the election as first alternate, to become vice president in the

event that Dr. White was not able to accept the position. [Dr. White subsequently accepted the vice presidency.] Colby Hudson, a junior at Grand Canyon University (Arizona Alpha), was elected Region VII Student Representative to the National Council.

Old Business: Regional Scholarships. Dr. Clark noted that no Region VII scholarship had been awarded because no student had yet applied for one. After some discussion on how to make the scholarship more attractive, it was M/S/C (Flachmann/Brummett) to raise the amount of the annual scholarship to \$1,000.

Old Business: Visibility Grants. As directed by the Region VII 2001 annual meeting, Dr. Clark circulated a "Proposal for Chapter Visibility Activities and Projects" which offered \$500 chapter grants to fund activities or projects designed to make Alpha Chi more visible on campuses. M/S/C (Clark/Flachmann) to approve the Visibility Grants proposal.

Old Business: Research Grants and Graduating Student Scholarships. Since neither Dr. Lynn White nor Dr. Peng Wen were in attendance to present the proposals they were authorized by the 2001 regional meeting to draft, it was M/S/C (Clark/Youngblood) to table discussion of Research Grants and Graduating Student Scholarships and to request Drs. White and Wen to craft these proposals for consideration at the 2003 meeting in Washington, D.C.

New Business: Selection of the Region VII Regional Meeting Site for 2004. Recalling the discussion of convention sites conducted at the 2000 regional meeting at Pepperdine University, it was M/S/C (Harris/Flachmann) to hold the 2004 Region VII Convention at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah, contingent on the acceptance of the Utah Beta Chapter. The assembled delegates decided not to designate an alternate site, but rather to choose a site at the 2003 regional meeting, if Southern Utah could not host the convention.

New Business: Region VII Convention Rebates. In order to give additional incentive to chapters to bring more students to conventions, it was M/S/C (Youngblood/Clark) that, effective as of the 2002 Region VII Convention, the Region VII rebates to each chapter for documented expenses directly related to attending both regional and national conventions not be limited only to expenses of the one official chapter sponsor and the one official chapter student representative, but be applied toward expenses of all sponsors, co-sponsors, and student members who attend the convention. The amount of the total rebate to each chapter will be no more than what historically has been allowed cumulatively for the official sponsor and official student representative.

New Business: Region VII Rebates for Hawaii Chapters. Since Hawaii chapters in Region VII incur substantially higher airfares when attending conventions in the Continental United States that make it more difficult for them financially to participate in conventions, it was M/S/C (Youngblood/Clark) that, effective as of the 2002 Region VII Convention, the Region VII rebates to Alpha Chi chapters in Hawaii for documented expenses directly related to attending both regional and national conventions on the "mainland" be up to 150% of the maximum amount allowed to chapters located on the "mainland."

New Business: Star Chapter Awards. A Star Chapter Award was presented to California State University, Bakersfield (California Iota), and Star Chapter Awards were announced for George Fox University (Oregon Delta) and Southern Utah University (Utah Beta), neither of which was represented at the convention.

Adjournment. With flight schedules beckoning some delegates, it was M/S/C (Youngblood/Harris) to adjourn the meeting.