

Order of Omega | Winter Board Meeting 2013: December 7, 2013

Minutes from meeting

Attendees:

Kent Gardner, Mardie Sorensen, Seth Ressler, Darald Stubbs, David Grady, Mike Taddesse, Kent Pawlak, Larry Lunsford, Jason Frampton, Brandon Cutler, Cheri Wechsler, Matt Littman.

Meeting started at 3:01 p.m.

1) Review Minutes: 2013 Summer Board Meeting

- David Grady motioned to approved Summer Board Meeting 2013 minutes.
- Seconded and motion passed.

2) Fellowship & Scholarship Report – Reatha

- *Report given by Mardie in Reatha's absence.*
- Scholarship process revised and updated in 2013.
- Kent P gave brief, historical overview of scholarship process.
- Committee received 185 applications & are now being scored.
- Fellowships: we received a total of ten (10) fellowship applications
- Winners of Fellowships will be announced at reception (Dec 7).

3) Financial Report: 2012-2013 – Mardie

- Overall up by around \$45,000 over last fiscal year.
- Bottom line net income down by about \$45K, possibly a reflection of Mardie becoming full time staff at HQ.
- Increased initiations & merchandise orders means increased postage, etc.
- \$60,000 in scholarship/fellowship last year.
- \$8,000 in Chapter grants last year.
- *Mardie passed out printed report.*
- Presented 2012 990 IRS report for Board to look over.
- Kent Pawlak raised question about needing to clarify with legal or accounting, about sales tax with merchandise orders. (Has been added to topic of discussion for Summer Board Meeting 2014.)
- No questions at this time for Mardie RE: financial report.

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4) Summer Board Meeting: 2014 – Kent

- Dates for Summer Board Meeting are tentatively slated for July 10 – 13, 2014.
- Location is TBD at this time, possibly Palm Springs.
- Decision will be made in the Spring, around March/April timeframe.

5) Regional Conferences: 2014 – Mardie

- Order of Omega presence at Regional conferences was discussed i.e. case studies and initiations.
- Please let Mardie know if any of you can attend.
- Mardie discussed the new case study format i.e. Track 1 & 2 featuring a crisis track and a systemic issue track. Had 19 teams at AFA and the idea to make teams open to include a mix of 1st year & 2nd year Graduate students has been received well by all.

6) Chapter Update - Mike

New Member Total: 11,086 (6/29/12 – 6/26/13)

Total Chapters to Date: 533

New Chapters: 8

- Northeast Region: 2
- Mid-America Region: 1
- Southern Region: 4
- Western Region: 1

Reactivated Chapters: 6

- Northeast Region: 4
- Mid-America Region: 2
- Southern Region: 0
- Western Region: 0

Total Active: 459

Total Inactive: 74

7) Regional Chapter Directors – Mardie

8) Reception – Mardie

9) Chapter Issues - All

10) Other Business – All

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The Order of Omega Recognition Reception is 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Flagler/Gilchrist Room. A reception honoring Dr. Gardner following the banquet will be held in the Orange Room. Board members and Regional Chapter Directors are asked to serve as host and hostesses for the reception so please be there by 5:15. This is our opportunity to network with Fraternity and Sorority national officers as well as Greek Life staff that work with our chapters on a regular bases.