

Order of Omega
2012 Executive Meeting
Saturday, December 1, 2012
Indianapolis, IN

Meeting was call to order by Dr. David Grady.

Minutes: Jessica Gardner

Attendees: Dr. David Grady, Dr. Kent Gardner, Mardie Sorensen, Reatha Cox, Jessica Gardner, Kent Pawlak, Margaret Morgan, Darald Stubbs, Seth Ressler, Dr. Larry Lunsford, Cheri Wechsler

Review of the 2010 Summer Board Minutes: Everyone had reviewed minutes from the previous meeting and it was determined that there weren't any action items to discuss at this time.

Fellowship & Scholarship Report: Reatha Cox reported that in order to put us over \$1 million in scholarships and fellowships awarded this year the fellowship committee voted to increase the graduate assistant award level from \$500 to \$750. Order of Omega awarded three (3) doctoral fellowships and seven (7) graduate assistant fellowships for a total amount of \$8,250. Those awards will be presented tonight at our annual Recognition Reception. Mardie suggested that we look at other organizations fellowship structure and award levels as a comparison, and look to see if we need to modify our program. Due to the tight turnaround needed for the \$1 million scholarship milestone announcement, the scholarship applications were judged in two batches. Austin Deskewies, a Pi Kappa Alpha from Millsaps College, was our top recipient with a perfect score of 75. It was discussed previously that the award recipient's school would also receive a \$1,000 gift. Ideas were discussed, and it has been determined that Millsaps will receive \$1,000 as a permanent gift to help finish funding the outside seating area that was created by the students in 2011. A plaque noting Austin's name and Order of Omega will be put up in the area. Margaret Morgan will be presenting Austin and Millsaps with their awards in January 2013.

Financial Report for 2011-2012: Dr. Gardner reported that our overall income was good last year. However, royalty income was down from previous years. There was an increase in the chapter development expenses due to the drive-in conference we undertook. Our revenue from merchandise is up, in part because of the table covers which are a big hit, and the new graduation stoles. HQ saw an increase in phone expenses due to the phone system having to be replaced because of a lighting strike. HQ has since changed phone service from AT&T to Time Warner Cable. We also saw an increase in legal and professional expenses due to the costs associated with the Order of Omega trademark registration as well as the new website that was completed by GIN Systems last fall. Overall bad checks are still low, and with that being said it doesn't look like it is necessary to go to credit card payments for dues yet. Kent and Mardie discussed that there will be a significant increase in payroll this fiscal year due to an overlap in the Executive Director salary.

2013 Summer Board Meeting: This year's meeting date is July 11-14th and Kent and Mardie are still looking at properties - specifically Colorado Springs and New Orleans. They plan on having a location picked by late February or March.

2013 Regional Conferences: The following are the dates and who plans to attend the regional conferences –

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| • AFLVC | Feb. 7 - 10 | Brandon Cutler/Kent Gardner/Mardie Sorensen |
| • SEIFC | Feb 21 - 24 | Darald Stubbs |
| • NGLA | Feb. 21 - 24 | Jason Frampton/Kent Gardner |
| • SEPC | March 21 – 23 | Darald Stubbs/Kent Gardner/Mardie Sorensen |
| • AFLVW | April 7 – 10 | Cheri Wechsler/Kent Gardner/Seth Ressler |

It will be the first time holding an Order of Omega/KA Case Study Competition at SEIFC. There will now be case studies at all conferences.

Please have your chapters send in pictures for the display board. We try to update the board with specific pictures from that region. Student Board Member applications will go up on the website immediately following this meeting and will be due following the last conference on April 19, 2013.

Regional Chapter Director Updates: Brandon J. Cutler from Ball State University has taken over the Mid-America position. Jason Frampton took a new position at Gannon University, which is in the Northeast Region, and has since taken Veronica's place as the Northeast RCD. RCD's – please remind chapters that we still have funds available for programming grants, and the Outstanding Chapter Award applications are due next week!

AFA Case Study Competition & Challenge: It was overall very successful again this year. We will discuss at a later date if we need to add a monetary award to the challenge level. We did have to turn competition teams away because there were only ten spots. It might be a good idea to have two tracks so everyone can participate - one track could be crisis management based and the other programming based.

Meeting adjourned.