

**Draft Minutes**  
**Delta Omega Honorary Society**  
**Monday, October 22, 2001**  
**4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**Atlanta, GA**

Members: Mike Prelip (Iota), Mary Jane Schneider (Alpha Gamma), Mark Robson (Alpha Eta), Thomas Brown (Mu), Marie A. Krousel Wood (National Office), Penny Jessop (Eta), Don Morisky (National Office), Beth Canfield (Alpha Epsilon), Jennifer Doetsch (Alpha), Marlene Egger (Alpha Theta), Sara Vesley (Xi), Carol Redmond (Omicron), Greg Alexander (National Office)

Guests: Chris Tisch (Arizona), Dennell Wallace (Arizona), Meghan Moore (Arizona), Melva Thomas (FAMU), Cynthia Harris (FAMU), Maggie Potter (Pittsburgh)

Staff: Allison Foster, Linda Hooper

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. The agenda was approved as presented, as well as the minutes from the November 13, 2000 meeting.

The first order of business was the Secretary's report. Ms. Foster shared a list of chapters which had submitted chapter report for the past year. Chapters were encouraged to submit reports for two reasons:

- 1) to make sure the national office has the correct contact information and
- 2) so that the national office can have a summary of activities at each chapter to use to promote the society.

In the past year, the national office had offered to pre-print inductee and chapter names on induction certificates. This new service was utilized by nearly all chapters that had held inductions.

Ms. Foster stated that she intended to seek grant funding for Delta Omega this year and solicited help from chapter delegates.

Dr. Krousel Woods gave the treasurer's report. According to the financial statement presented to the council members, Delta Omega would close the year (ending September 30, 2001) with reserves of just under \$15,000. Dues had been collected from nearly all chapters that had held inductions.

The awards committee report was given by Dr. Alexander. The annual student poster session was in its fourth year and had fourteen submissions for ten presentation slots. Members of the national council were encouraged to attend the social hour immediately

following the council meeting and meet the students who would be presenting at the convention center on Tuesday.

The first annual Delta Omega Award for Innovative Curricula had been held. There were seven submissions for the award. The curricula that was selected a review committee for this years award was submitted by the Omicron chapter: "*Capstone Course: Roundtable Case Series.*" Dr. Potter presented a summary of the curricula and received a plaque to recognize this award.

Dr. Morisky presented on the Delta Omega classics. Annotated Legislative History of Maternal and Child Health had been published on the web site this year and the Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts 1850" by Lemuel Shattuck, would be on-line by the end of the year. Dr. Alexander had reminded the council that classics had to meet the following criteria:

- author must be deceased;
- original publication must be in the public domain;
- and work must be historically important.

Dr. Morisky nominated "The Etiology of Tuberculosis" by Robert Koch to be considered as the next classic. The council voted to accept this as a classic. Dr. Morisky will contact a colleague to write a forward for publication on the web page.

A list of suggested classics that had been found in the archives would be sent to the national council for commentary and nominations.

Dr. Krousel Wood reviewed the chapter relation reports. Several chapters had not been active this year and would be contacted about their status. These chapters included St. Louis, University of Texas, University of Puerto Rico, University of Michigan, and George Washington University.

The national office would contact institutions this year that are eligible to start a chapter of Delta Omega and encourage them to do so. It was suggested that letters be sent to the student groups at these institutions.

Another suggestion was made to survey chapters that had become inactive to inquire how they arrived at that status and what incentive would be necessary to activate their chapter.

Two institutions had applied to establish chapters of Delta Omega. The Florida A&M University and the University of Arizona had both submitted formal letters of application. The council voted to establish the Alpha Mu chapter at Florida A&M and the Alpha Nu chapter at Arizona. Ms. Foster indicated that these chapters would be sent administrative information as well as a contact name for their mentor chapter.

Linda Hooper made a special presentation on her activities as a Delta Omega intern. She had done significant research about the history of the society, using archives found at the

Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives at JHU. One significant result of her research is that bio-sketches for a number of the honorary members were now available on line at [www.deltaomega.org/honor.htm](http://www.deltaomega.org/honor.htm)

She had also begun to compile a list of each chapters past presidents. This list will be sent out to each chapter, asking for the past presidents to be contacted to ascertain whether they had any historical records about either the chapter or the national office. This inquiry will be made in early FY02.

Dr. Morisky informed the council that a celebration of Milt Roemer's life would be held on Wednesday night. Ruth Richards would be presenting on his role in Delta Omega.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.