

**Draft Minutes**  
**Delta Omega**  
**2002 Annual Meeting of the National Council**  
**Monday, November 11, 2002**  
**2:30 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**Loews Philadelphia, Commonwealth D Room**  
**1200 Market Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA**

**Members:** Greg Alexander (National); Laura Beebe (Xi); C. Perry Brown (Alpha Mu); Charlene Caburnay (Alpha Delta); Noel Chavez (Lambda); Woodrow Dellinger (Alpha); Ed Duncan (Omicron); Marlene Egger (Alpha Theta); Sylvia Furner (Lambda); Bob Jacobs (Alpha Kappa); Penny Jessop (Eta); Tonette Krousel-Wood (National); Alan Lyles (Alpha); Don Morisky (National); Lisa Paine (National); Michael Prelip (Iota); Donna Petersen (Alpha); Judy Peterson (Pi); Mary Jane Schneider (Alpha Gamma)

**Guests:** Shondra Aubespain (University of North Texas Health Science Center); Phoebe Barton (University of Colorado Health Sciences Center); Melicia Brown (University of North Texas Health Science Center); Dinorah Calles (University of North Texas Health Science Center); Jan Dodds (Nova Southeastern University); Bettina Fisher (University of North Texas Health Science Center); Janna Flowers (East Tennessee State University); Jeffery Griffiths (Tufts University) Donna Milavetz (Minnesota); Thomas Moorman (University of North Texas Health Science Center); Cynthia Tucker (Morehouse)

**Staff:** Allison Foster

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The agenda was approved as presented, as well as the minutes from the October 22, 2001 meeting.

The first order of business was the presentation of awards to student poster presenters. The students were given their certifications of recognition as well as their award check. They were congratulated on their achievements and the members of the national council were encouraged to visit the student poster presentations at the convention centers immediately following the business meeting.

Ms. Foster gave the secretary's report. She reported that it had been quite a busy year. Achievements included maintaining the web site, updating the on-line membership database (which had to date over 7,000 members), publishing a new classic on-line: Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts by Lemuel Shattuck: 1850. Goals for this year include working to strengthen relationships with chapters and providing meaningful chapter support.

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, 2002) with reserves of just under \$11,500. Dues had been collected from nearly all chapters that had held inductions. The budget for next year was reviewed and approved.

The awards committee report was given by Dr. Paine. The annual student poster session was in its fifth and had eleven presenters. Members of the national council were encouraged to attend the poster session immediately following the business meeting.

The second annual Delta Omega Award for Innovative Curricula was awarded to Dr. Donna Petersen. There were four submissions for the award, all of which were of stellar quality. The curricula that was selected a review committee for this year's award was submitted by the Omicron chapter: "Integrated MPH Core Curriculum". Dr. Petersen presented a summary of the curricula and received a plaque to recognize this award. The national council discussed the criteria for the award and agreed that if a summary of the award could be published in Public Health Reports or another similar journal, it would increase faculty interest. There would also be a twenty page limit on applications so as to expedite the review process.

Dr. Alexander gave the governance report. He stated that there had been no revisions to the governance of Delta Omega this year and pointed out that the by-laws and operations manual could be found on both the website and in the binder given to all attendees of the meeting.

Dr. Morisky presented on the Delta Omega classics. Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts 1850" by Lemuel Shattuck had been published on the web site this year and the next classic "The Etiology of Tuberculosis" by Robert Koch, would be on-line by the end of the year. A forward that explained the relevance needed to be written before the classic could be published; Dr. Morisky stated he would contact a colleague to write the forward.

Dr. Morisky 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.

A list of suggested classics that had been found in the archives was included in the binder. Members of the national council were asked to review the list and be prepared to make nominations at the next business meeting.

Dr. Krousel Wood reviewed the status of chapter relation reports. She reported that as a result of a discussion at the 2001 business meeting, the national office sent letters to CEPH accredited programs and schools of public health that did not have Delta Omega chapters, encouraging them to apply. As a result, seven programs had requested the establishment of a Delta Omega chapter. This would result in a total number of chapters of thirty-eight chapters.

Chapters which had not turned in chapter reports were encouraged to do so. In the binder was a list of chapters which had not 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.

These chapters will be contacted directly by the national office following the meeting.

The seven new chapters that had applied for membership were asked to give a brief summary of their academic programs. The national council then voted to establish the following chapters:

- Nova Southeastern University Medical School (Alpha Xi)
- Medical College of Wisconsin (Alpha Omicron)
- East Tennessee State University (Alpha Pi)
- Tufts University (Alpha Rho)
- University of North Texas Health Science Center (Alpha Sigma)
- Texas A & M University Health Science Center (Alpha Tau)
- University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (Alpha Upsilon)

These chapters were given Delta Omega academic stoles by the Omicron chapter. Ms. Foster indicated that these chapters would be sent administrative information and a Delta Omega mug.

The members of the National Council then spoke to the new chapters about examples of activities that they conduct at their schools.

The national council voted affirmatively on the nomination of Dr. Petersen as the secretary-treasurer for January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2004.

Dr. Alexander was given a plaque of recognition for his outstanding service as a Delta Omega officer and as outgoing Immediate Past President.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.