The President of the national office, Dr. Donna Petersen, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

The 2007 agenda was approved as presented, as well as the minutes from the 2006 meeting.

Six new chapters that were approved prior to the meeting were announced and welcomed. The new chapters are:

- Beta Kappa Chapter – Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Beta Lambda Chapter – University of Southern California
- Beta Mu Chapter – Northwest Ohio Consortium MPH Program
- Beta Nu Chapter – University of Pennsylvania
- Beta Xi Chapter – West Chester University
- Beta Omicron Chapter – Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Letters of application from one school and one program of public health were presented and reviewed by the national council. The national council voted to establish:

- Beta Pi Chapter – University of Louisville
- Beta Rho Chapter – University of Connecticut MPH Program

It was suggested that the national office update the Delta Omega Membership Survey, which was done last in 2004. <action step> This will provide a better picture of chapter activities for all the new chapters.
Ms. Howe gave the secretary’s report. She reported that most chapters had sent in chapter reports but reminded those who had not to do so as soon as possible in order to provide the National Office with correct contact information. She also reported that the Delta Omega national web site had been updated to a new design and had new features, including a Membership administration section where local chapters can log-on and update member information. Chapter representatives were encouraged to visit the site and make sure their member information is up-to-date. Each chapter has a log-in name and password. Those who did not know their log-in information or needed it to be reset should contact Ms. Howe at the national office.

Dr. Lee gave the treasurer’s report. She reported that some dues are still left outstanding and encouraged those chapters to submit their dues as soon as possible. According to the financial statement presented to the council members, Delta Omega closed the year (ending September 30, 2007) with reserves of $18,422.55.

Dr. Lee then presented the FY08 projected budget. She reported that next year’s projected budget did not include any significant changes. The council voted to approve the budget for FY08. The budget was approved.

The awards committee report was given by Dr. Lee. The student poster session, currently in its tenth year, featured nineteen student poster presenters. This year was the fourth year that Delta Omega sponsored two poster sessions. Members of the national council were invited to attend the reception immediately following the business meeting to meet the presenters and congratulate them on receiving their certificates and awards.

Dr. Petersen presented the 2007 Curricula Awards. She reported that this year there were many outstanding nominations and two of those nominations tied for first place. Dr. Petersen presented the Dr. Anita Farel from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health for “MCH 712: Program Assessment in Maternal and Child Health” and Dr. Amy Lee from the Consortium of Eastern Ohio MPH Program for her and her colleagues’ submission of “Public Health Practice and Issues.” Both Drs. Farel and Lee gave a short presentation about their courses.

Dr. Krousel-Wood, past-president, gave the governance report. She presented changes made to the constitution and bylaws. Dr. Krousel-Wood reported there was one proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws that the member-at-large now be an elected position, as opposed to appointed. There was discussion of the history and creation of the member-at-large position. The changes were approved by the council with an amendment to sections 4.a. and 5 reflecting that the member-at-large is an elected position.

Dr. Petersen presented updates for the publications committee. She reported on the collection of Delta Omega Classics. Dr. Petersen announced the newest addition to the classics, “The Contagiouness of Puerperal Fever” by Oliver Wendell Holmes, which will be available after the meeting at http://deltaomega.org/classics.htm. Dr. Petersen reminded members of the need for written introductions of currently published classics on the Delta Omega Web site and directed those interested to contact Ms. Foster.

Dr. Toomey gave the status of chapter relation reports. She reported on the Delta Omega Mentor Network—a web-based service that pairs public health students or young professionals with Delta Omega members who are willing to give career advice. Dr. Toomey reported that the network currently had seven members signed up as mentors and encouraged council members to sign-up and promote the network to the local chapters. Members can sign-up at www.deltaomega.org/mentorsearch.cfm. <action step>
Dr. Petersen presented several new ideas for discussion:

1. The idea was proposed to have all nominations for the Curriculum Award available on the national web site.
2. Discussion was held to invite Curriculum Award winners to public in the new Academic Public Health Column in Public Health Reports.
3. Create chapter awards to recognize outstanding achievements in Local Chapter service and activity to promote public health practice and excellence. It was proposed that a subcommittee, under Chapter Relations, be formed to draft criteria and nomination and award processes for the awards. <action step>
4. Send annual thank-you letters to chapter representatives. There was discussion that this would be a way to thank representatives for their work with the local and national chapters. There were no objections to this activity. <action step>
5. A point was brought up to reinstate “Celebrating Excellence in Public Health” as the society tag line. This phrase was originally adopted for one year on the 75th anniversary of Delta Omega. The current tag line of the society is “Recognizing Excellence in Public Health.” There was discussion and a motion was made to vote on the change. The motion was not seconded. The tag line will remain “Recognizing Excellence in Public Health.”
6. There was a suggestion that the National Office could develop a media announcement about the society that could be used for inductions, etc. This announcement would be posted on the web site. <action step>
7. The National Office will look into creating a web page on the national web site for chapter inductions and local chapter information. <action step>
8. Membership benefits: Several ideas were suggested for new membership benefits, such as discounts on the NBPHE Study Guide, Barnes and Nobles.com, etc. The National Office will look into the steps to obtain discounts for Delta Omega members. If local chapters become aware of opportunities or have additional suggestions, please inform the National Office. <action step>

Dr. Petersen then brought up discussion of possible national partnerships between Delta Omega and other organizations (such as Habitat for Humanity, etc.). The National Office will explore possibilities and report back to the National Council. <action step>

Dr. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. and invited everyone to the Delta Omega Reception and presentation of awards for the student poster session in the Capitol Room B.