



THE HONOR SOCIETY OF  
**PHI KAPPA PHI**

Minutes of the Southeastern Chapter of  
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, February 3, 2023 9:00 am.  
Google Meets

President Dr. John Boulahanis called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Chapter Officers Present**

**President – John Boulahanis**

**Past President – Alan Cannon**

**President Elect – Amber Narro**

**Treasurer – Cheryl Breaux**

**Secretary/Initiation Officer – Lisa Moody**

**Member(s)-at-Large – Dayne Sherman**

**Members: Paula Varnado Sullivan, James Winter, Roy Blackwood**

**I. Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting**

There was a minor correction to a typographical error in the minutes, but the minutes were otherwise approved.

**II. Membership Report – Lisa Moody**

Moody reported that in fall of 2022, we invited 317 student and faculty members, 11 new members as of early January, 2023, including 2 new faculty members, Anne-Liese Fox of the Theater Department and David Sesser from Sims Library.

Dr. Moody also mentioned that once the 14-day roster verification deadline has passed, there will be another round of potential new members and potential scholarship recipients selected and then a spring 2023 online enrollment plan can be set up to increase our membership for this year's induction ceremony.

### **III. Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Breaux**

Checking Account Balance, January 31, 2023: \$12,310.54

Quiz Bowl Revenues and Expenses, Fall 2022

- Revenue Total: \$438.20
  - o \$138.20 Entry Fees
  - o \$300.00 Donation, SLU Alumni Assoc.
- Expenses Total: \$286.55
  - o \$200.00 Prizes, 1st place faculty and student teams
  - o \$86.55 Trophies, ribbons, moderator thank you gift

New Initiates, Induction Ceremony, as of 1/31/2023

- Revenue: \$150.00, New Initiate Fees collected
- Expenses: \$194.33, Fall Invitations

Regalia Sales, 2022-2023

- Inventory (June 2022): 23 medallions, 26 cords, 6 stoles
- Total Sales, January 31, 2023: 1 cord, \$16.00

Endowed Scholarships - Lou Ballard Scholarship and Henry Earl & Carole Corkern Scholarship

- Scholarship funds collected October 25, 2022 paid to SLU Foundation November 2022: \$75.00

**We also received confirmation that we have a chapter credit/debit card that can be used for chapter expenses such as travel.**

**Cheryl also brought up that the Alumni Association gave us \$300.00 for the Quiz Bowl but we did not spend all of it. There was general agreement that we needed to spend the entire amount, but discussion did not go any further on how to insure that happens.**

### **IV. Publicity Report – Amber Narro**

**Dr. Carol Madere was absent, so we did not receive a formal publicity report, but Dr. Narro confirmed our chapter website and provided the links:**

<https://www2.southeastern.edu/orgs/PhiKappaPhi/>  
<https://phikappaphi75.com/>

Dr. Moody asked that the scholarship applications be updated on the website, and it was also agreed that the Phi Kappa Phi Week library display would be featured on the site along with information about the newly established Joan Faust Memorial Scholarship.

### **V. Joan Faust Memorial Scholarship (and other scholarships)**

The Joan Faust Memorial Scholarship has been established and is already endowed thanks to a generous donation from her family. Members asked for information about how to donate

and Dr. Moody promised to forward an email with donation information. It is anticipated that the scholarship will be awarded for the first time during the 2023-24 academic year.

Dr. Moody reminded the members that we do not currently have a scholarship chair, but there are several impending scholarship matters that require attention. These include culling the list of potential recipients for our \$100 scholarships that are chosen for each college based on academic achievement. Additionally, we had spoken of updating our process for the endowed member scholarships, the Lou Ballard Scholarship and Henry Earl & Carole Corkern Scholarship. Traditionally, we have had few applicants for these scholarships, which average about \$600 each, and so we had discussed simplifying the application and requiring only a personal statement essay but not letters of recommendation. We reviewed the scholarship requirements during the meeting and they are as follows:

**CRITERIA for Lou Ballard Scholarship:**

- 1.) Must have overall college GPA of 3.5 or higher and be a member of SLU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.
- 2.) Must be of moral character that exemplifies the spirit and intent of Phi Kappa Phi.
- 3.) Must be a full-time student at time of selection and during the semester the scholarship is received.

Note: May be awarded to a single student or multiple students, as directed by the selection committee.

Retention: May be retained for 2 semesters. Will be awarded on a semester-by-semester basis; may keep for both semesters, provided recipient continues to meet above criteria.

**CRITERIA for Henry Earl & Carole Corkern Scholarship:**

- 1.) Must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.5.
- 2.) Must be a member of the Southeastern chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.
- 3.) Must be of moral character that exemplifies the spirit and intent of Phi Kappa Phi.
- 4.) Must be enrolled full-time.
- 5.) Must have earned a minimum of 90 hours (senior classification).

Retention: May be retained for 2 semesters.

Since the scholarships do not specifically require an application, it may be possible to make changes to our selection process. Dr. Cannon agreed to follow up with the scholarship office to verify our understanding of the scholarship requirements. Dr. Moody forwarded him an email with the most recent contact information and verified that Marcela Goings is a recent contact and Lori Gray is named on the email as the contact person regarding budget and award criteria.

There seemed to be general consensus that requiring a personal statement from applicants would suffice as long as other criteria were met, but no formal vote was taken and the members agreed to revisit the issue at a later date.

There was also a question raised by Roy Blackwood about advertising the scholarships. Dr. Moody mentioned that she sends out a reminder email in February and will soon do so for recent initiates reminding them of scholarship opportunities and other Phi Kappa Phi news.

**March 6 was confirmed as the scholarship submission deadline for the endowed scholarships.**

#### **VI. Request from Member – Chess Tournament**

There has been a request from a member for Phi Kappa Phi to host or underwrite a chess tournament to be held at a similar time to Quiz Bowl in the fall semester. There was some debate about the merits of supporting an event that might or might not align with our society's academic and enrichment goals. Several members wanted to encourage student interest and engagement while others felt the event would not reach a broad enough audience to serve as a recruitment or enrichment tool. It was agreed that the student in question be asked to submit a more substantial proposal with a detailed plan and a more specific request for PKP involvement. We discussed underwriting the event as a whole or limiting our role to provide prize money as we have for other events in the past. We agreed that a vote should be postponed until a more detailed proposal has been reviewed.

On a related note, Dayne Sherman mentioned that the library was about to launch a new initiative with a games collection being available for student borrowing, and he suggested aligning the events: the collection launch, the tournament, and perhaps Phi Kappa Phi sponsorship. He also mentioned a closeby chess tournament as a possible site/event to recruit tournament participants and provided the following links: <https://franklinchess.com/>  
More: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/chess-instills-new-dreams-in-kids-from-rural-mississippi-county/>

#### **VII. Phi Kappa Phi Week**

Dayne Sherman provided a photograph of this year's library display in honor of Phi Kappa Phi week. Roy Blackwood suggested that the chapter's original framed charter be included in this display, and Lisa Moody offered to try and locate it.

#### **VIII. Induction and Banquet –A date for the spring induction ceremony was set for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm (with a 5:15 pm line-up time).**

**No speaker has been named yet for this event.**

**For the Induction Ceremony, John agreed to order greenery for the stage.**

Lisa Moody offered to contact Dr. Jason Landrum to secure some student workers to help facilitate the event.

We also agreed to provide medallions to new initiates who attend the ceremony and to provide a display and offer sales of the honor items at the ceremony. We currently have 23 medallions, 25 cords, and 6 stoles in our inventory. Cheryl Breaux agreed to purchase additional items for our inventory to ensure we have enough medallions (at least 30 more) and stoles (at least 2 dozen more) for the upcoming ceremony and spring graduation.

#### **IX. Other Business**

Other than reminding everyone we need a scholarship chairperson and receiving some offers of help for the current year from Dr. Cannon and Dr. Varnado-Sullivan, no other

new business was discussed.

We adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lisa Moody