

Minutes
2003 Alpha Epsilon Annual Meeting
ASAE Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, Nevada
July 29, 2003

1. Kelsi Bracmort, National President, called the meeting to order at 11:06am. Copies of the meeting agenda, treasurer's report, and minutes of last year's meeting were distributed to those in attendance.
2. Kelsi Bracmort welcomed all of the members at the meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes – Russell Persyn, National Vice President read the minutes of the 2002 meeting. Mark Wilkins of the University of Illinois made a correction in the 2002 minutes that he represented the University of Illinois and not Penn State University. A motion was made by Mark Wilkins to approve the minutes with that correction. The motion was seconded by Travis Tsunemori of ASAE headquarters, and passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report – Russell Persyn, National Vice President summarized the annual treasurer's report. A motion was made by Mark Wilkins to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thorp of Iowa State University and passed unanimously.
5. Introductions- Kelsi Bracmort, National President invited those in attendance to introduce themselves and the school they represent to the group.
6. Chapter of the Year Award Presentation- Kelsi Bracmort announced that the 2nd place winner for the 2002-2003 school year was the University of Kentucky and the 1st place award went to Virginia Tech. Russell Persyn was instrumental in having this year's winners included in the ASAE Awards program.
7. Old Business- President, Kelsi Bracmort asked for suggestions concerning the national society website (alpha_epsilon.org). It was suggested that the site be added to several search engines to make it easier to find. Kelsi also requested that requests for certificates be made at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled initiation to avoid last minute rushing and express mail expenses.
8. New Business-

The first item of new business was the new chapter/reactivation initiative. Other student activities and school work were noted as potential detractors of participation in Alpha Epsilon. It was also suggested that a contact person interested in the society be sought out at universities with an inactive chapter of Alpha Epsilon or without a chapter of Alpha Epsilon.

Kelsi Bracmort brought to the attention of the body, the difficulty in getting chapters to submit applications for the Chapter of the Year award. Past President, Dr. Danielle Bellmer of Oklahoma State University suggested that the application deadline be changed since there are many student and faculty obligations around the current May 1st deadline. There was a general consensus that the application deadline be moved to April 1st.

Russell Persyn updated the body on the state of the society's jewelry/pins. He noted that there was an initial expense to get the dies cast for the pins and then they would probably cost between \$10 and \$15 per pin based on the quantity ordered. Discussion occurred on whether or not the jewelry would be part of initiation or optional. If it was a part of initiation, dues may have to increase. In addition shipping costs had to be considered. A motion was made by Mark Wilkins of the University of Illinois to have the society pay for the initial die casting expense. The motion was seconded by Kelly Persyn and approved unanimously. Any chapter wishing to receive pins should discuss the matter with Russell Persyn.

President, Kelsi Bracmort has received requests for the society stationery and was wondering if there was great enough demand to offer it for purchase. Past President, Keli Christopher agreed to look into the costs of having more stationery printed. Any expenses for the stationery will be determined at a later date.

President, Kelsi Bracmort asked if e-mail sent to advisors had reached anyone in attendance and there was a decent response. Travis Tsunemori asked if the e-mails reached anyone outside of the University. As an alumni, he would like to get information about the Alpha Epsilon meeting. Currently, they do not get e-mails but Russell Persyn will get in touch with Travis who works for ASAE about getting alumni member e-mails from ASAE headquarters.

Kelsi also suggested having some kind of event at the next ASAE meeting to promote the society and the profession. She suggested a high-school workshop which was received well by members in attendance. She will look into the details of such an event. Travis Tsunemori of ASAE also suggested that an article be written for publication in the Resource Magazine. Russell suggested working with ASAE headquarters to get a list of new Alpha Epsilon Initiates published in Resource Magazine.

Dr. Danielle Bellmer asked if the society was interested in purchasing sashes for use in graduation ceremonies. A representative from Virginia Tech noted that they have purchased sashes that members use for graduation ceremonies. There was also a question about whether a special certificate for honorary members existed. There is not a separate certificate currently however the executive committee decided to look into a separate certificate or seal.

9. Adjournment—A motion was made by Mark Wilkins and seconded by Kelly Persyn to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.