

**Minutes, Alpha Psi Omega/Delta Psi Omega, National Meeting
4 March 2011, Atlanta, GA**

I. National Offices introduced

- A. Dr. E. Teresa Choate, President
- B. Prof. Frankie Day, Vice President
- C. Dr. Bret Jones, Business Manager
- D. Mr. Joel Lord, Web Administrator

II. No Regional Representatives or previous national officers were able to attend this year

III. Each chapter introduced themselves, stated their chapter, and their college/university, and state

IV. Nominations of Prof. Frankie Day for President and a new candidate for Vice President have been postponed as no qualified applicant applied. Dr. Choate has agreed to remain as President until then.

- A. Election will be held at our next National Meeting in March 2012 at the SETC convention
- B. A more active search for a VP candidate will ensue
- C. We also ask for you help in identifying applicants for the position of VP
- D. Requirements, according to Article III, Section 4 of the National Constitution:
Section 4. "No person will be eligible for election to a national office except graduates or faculty members of the society actively engaged in theatre activities. The offices of president and vice-president will be held by full-time or retired theatre faculty from an accredited college or university."
- E. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and vita to Dr. Choate at <choatet@kean.edu>

V. Announcements from the National Business Manager

- A. Dr. Jones noted that when chapters discover, usually on line, that their chapter is inactive that it often results in great consternation. He noted that a chapter becomes inactive when no induction report or national dues have been filed after a two-year period. He assured chapters that re-activation is not a difficult process.

- B. *Playbill* announcements: deadline for submission for the next *Playbill* is June 15, 2012 and should be sent to <businessmanager@alphapsiomega.org. Pictures in JPEG format and accompanying Word document with the following information: titles of shows, those pictured with APO/DPO members designated, director and designers noted, chapter name and officers.
- C. He observed that recently several chapters have requested chapter histories, which involves Dr. Jones going into the archives and xeroxing all induction reports and the original charter letter. He is glad to do this for a nominal fee of \$15.
- D. He noted that he had some *Playbills* for distribution at the meeting, as well as pins that could be purchased for \$15. He observed that charters and roll calls may be purchased by contacting him. Honor cord may be purchased through <www.cordsandtassels.com>. Other supplied are also available on our website, <www.alphapsiomega.org> under “Supplies.”

VI. Joel Lord made announcements vis-à-vis the web site

- A. Joel is currently in the process of collecting and scanning all *Playbills* that he can locate, all the way back to 1926 to post on the website.
 - 1. Anyone with access to *Playbills*, please contact him at <webmaster@alphapsiomega.org>
- B. We are looking into updating our system “into the 21st century” so that dues and purchases may be done online.

VII. Reminder on revisions

- A. Newly revised constitutions for Alpha Psi Omega and Delta Psi Omega now available on line
- B. Newly revised ceremonies for both Alpha Psi Omega and Delta Psi Omega are available by contacting the National Business Manager

VIII. All chapter members and faculty advisors are urged to go to our web site and carefully read the national Invitation to Join and Anti-Hazing policy and to adhere to it strictly. Chapter member and faculty advisors are also encourage to familiarized themselves with their state laws and university regulations concerning hazing.

IX. Announcement of the Regional 3 gathering

- A. The Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Clarion University is planning a Region 3 gathering on April 23.

- B. All regions are encouraged to hold regional gatherings. Timely planning and the approval of the National Office are required.
 - C. Our web site will soon feature information on requirements and recommended procedures for holding a regional gathering
- X. 2011 Scholarship winners who received a check for \$750.00 each
- A. Emily Plonski, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
 - 1. Ms. Plonski was present and received rousing applause
 - B. Arrie Allen Tucker, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
 - C. Deadline and application for scholarships to be awarded in 2012 is January 15, 2012
- XI. Revision to the APO and DPO National Constitutions
- A. Last March it was suggested by APO member Dustin Ballard that we add another category to our “Recommended Point System” – the category of “Theatre Education”
 - B. At our Executive Meeting last year we decided that the idea was a good one
 - C. The suggested addition was discussed and approved by majority vote with no nays at our National Meeting on March 4, 2011:
 - 1. Category 6. Theatre Education (above and beyond class requirements)
 - Seminar leader or presenter (10-30)
 - Workshop leader or presenter (10-30)
 - Panel member or presenter (10-30)
 - 2. Category 6 will follow Category 5, Playwriting; subsequent categories are re-numbered accordingly
 - 3. Points must now be awarded in at least 2 of 6 categories
 - 4. Revised constitutions for APO and DPO will go up on the web site in the next few weeks with the revised point system
- XII. General Q & A session was held so members could ask questions of the National Officers and share with each other, ending with refreshments and an open networking session

**Next National Meeting will be held at the SETC conferences
in Chattanooga, TN on March 9, 2012**