



# National and Chapter News

Minutes of the 2010 meeting of the board of directors of Alpha Omega Alpha

The meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, October 16, 2010, was convened at 8:00 AM by President Rae-Ellen Kavey. Present were:

President Rae-Ellen Kavey, MD, MPH

Vice President Donald E. Wilson, MD

Secretary-Treasurer C. Bruce Alexander, MD

Members-at-large Robert G. Atnip MD; Ruth-Marie Fincher, MD; Don W. Powell, MD; Joseph W. Stubbs, MD, FACP

Medical Organization Member John Tooker, MD, MBA, FACP

Councilor members Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD; Anne T. Mancino, MD; Sheryl Pfeil, MD

Residency Initiatives Coordinator Suzann Pershing, MD

Student Members Alicia Alcamo, MS IV; William E. Bynum IV, MD; Cason Pierce, MD

National office staff: Executive Director Richard L. Bynny (effective November 1, 2010); Assistant Treasurer William F. Nichols; Accountant Ani Rooney; Managing Editor of *The Pharos* Debbie Lancaster; and Administrator Judy Yee

Absent and excused were: Member-at-large N. Joseph Espot, MD; Member-at-large Douglas A. Paauw, MD; Councilor member Amy Goldberg, MD; Student member Natalia Berry, MD; Administrative Assistant Carol Wong.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence in memory of Executive Director, Edward D. Harris, Jr., MD, who died in May 2010.

Recognition of retiring members

The board acknowledged retiring directors Amy Goldberg, MD, and Natalia Berry, MD.

Extension of president's term, new board members, and honorary members

Nominations for the 2010/2011 board of directors slate were reviewed and voted upon. President Rae-Ellen Kavey's term was extended by one year until the 2011 board meeting to facilitate the smooth transition of the new Executive Director. Re-elected to a three-year term as members-at-large were N. Joseph Espot, MD, and Douglas A. Paauw, MD.

Honorary member nominations were reviewed and voted upon. Elected to honorary membership were: Daniel M. Fox, PhD, President Emeritus of the Milbank Memorial Fund; Osvaldo Hubscher, Associate Professor of Medicine at CEMIC in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Robert M. Klein, PhD, Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Kansas; Wahid AlKharusi, Ambassador and Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Muscat, Oman. See the announcement and brief biographies of the 2010 honorary

members on page 38.

Reports of officers

Reports of the president, executive secretary, and managing editor were presented.

- President Kavey expressed thanks to everyone for pulling together to continue to the work of AΩA after the death of Executive Director Ted Harris in May.

- Dr. Alexander and Mr. Nichols presented the financial review.

- The board will be more involved with *The Pharos* because it is tied to the strategic direction of AΩA. Editor Richard Bynny, working with the board, will set editorial policy.

Reports of programs

Programs funded during the 2009/2010 year were listed in the Autumn 2010 issue of *The Pharos*, which is available at <http://alphaomegalpha.org/pharos/AOA-ThePharos-Autumn2010.pdf>.

- The Public Relations Committee chaired by Dr. Mancino gave a report on their findings on surveys of the AΩA chapters.

- The Professionalism Project was renamed "The Edward D. Harris Professionalism Project". The direction of this project will be better defined for 2011/2012 by Drs. Bynny, Wilson, and Paauw.

- The Resident Initiatives Project was created to reach out to residents to help them to stay connected with AΩA. A Resident Initiative Committee has been given the directive to deploy this initiative to a pilot group.

- The New Councilors meeting was chaired by Dr. Eric Gall to acquaint new councilors with their duties and the national programs. Dr. David Dale presented a slideshow highlighting the history of AΩA. The lively discussions revealed that meetings to share best practices were desired by all councilors.

New business

- New medical schools that have achieved LCME Provisional Accreditation status may begin the process of applying for an AΩA charter in accordance with Constitution Article IX. A chapter may be formed after obtaining full LCME accreditation. Specific information about this will be included in the future FAQ page on AΩA's web site.

- The next annual meeting of the board will be September 24, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy B. Yee, Administrator