

*2009-10 Michigan Regional Convention
May 15-17, 2009
Host Chapter: Alpha Xi Mu, Henry Ford Community College
Conference Minutes*

Friday, May 15, 2009

Registration was followed by dinner in the Rosenau Rooms. All Candidates for Regional Office were then called to the Berry Auditorium for the Candidate Orientation. Following this, Patt Dettloff, MRAA President-Elect, commenced the Chapter Flag Ceremony at the Forfa Auditorium. Thereafter was the National Anthem. Rodney Longley, President, Alpha Xi Mu, welcomed everyone in attendance.

Present

Stacey A. Fleming, President
Michael Hooten, Vice-President
Jay Shah, Secretary/Treasurer
Steven Durette, PR/Historian

Thomas Obee, Regional Coordinator
Carolyn Verla, Alumni Representative

Stacey A. Fleming, President, Michigan Region, also welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the 2008-09 Regional Board. Also introduced were guests Maggie Webster, former Division II International Vice President, and Michael O'Connor, President, New York Region. Mr. Thomas Obee read through the Annual Report to the Region. Stacey A. Fleming joined Mr. Thomas Obee in presenting the Hallmark Award to Alpha Xi Delta, Bay De Noc Community College, which was won at the 91st International Convention in Grapevine, Texas. The following Service Hallmark Awards were also presented:

1. *3rd Runner-up* – Alpha Upsilon Zeta, Wayne County Community College District
2. *2nd Runner-up* – Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College
3. *1st Runner-up* – Alpha Xi Delta, Bay De Noc Community College
4. *Winner* – Omicron Iota, Schoolcraft College.

Steven Durette, PR/Historian, gave an update about the Regional Website, which indicated that it would be moved to a new server for the upcoming year, and also mentioned about the Regional Listserv. Followed by this was the Performing Arts Competition, and the contestants were as follows:

1. Jason McCoy – Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College (Vocal)
2. Sherry Rietz, Alpha Omicron Psi, Oakland Community College-Royal Oak/Southfield (Vocal)
3. Amanda Carnat – Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College (Vocal)
4. Drew Gorzen – Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College (Drama/Comedy)
5. Rodney Longley – Alpha Xi Mu, Henry Ford Community College (Drama/Comedy)
6. Sally Lovelace – Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College (Dance)
7. Casey Capps – Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College (Instrumental)

Followed by the Performing Arts Competition was a fellowship event: Rock, Paper & Scissors competition hosted by MRAA in the Rosenau Room.

Saturday, May 16, 2009

The day started out with the Voting Delegate Orientation in the Berry Amphitheater. Carolyn Verla, Alumni Representative encouraged all Voting Delegates to ask Candidates questions, and to attend the Political Rally. Stacey A. Fleming, Regional President, then called the Regional Business Meeting to order and once again welcomed the Conference attendees. Following this, Roll Call was taken by Jay Shah, Secretary/Treasurer with the “Roll Call Presentation” by each Chapter for an opportunity to compete for the “Spirit Stick” award, which was judged by Maggie Webster. There were a total of 132 attendees. Jay Shah then requested and received approval of the 2008 Mini-Honors Conference Minutes as presented. Motion to approve the Minutes was called by:

Adam Kresmery, Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College.

Seconded by Stacey Desimone, Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College.

Jay Shah gave a brief update about the Mentoring Program and encouraged all chapters to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity that’s available to them. This includes invitations to Regional Officers for speaking at Orientations, Inductions, etc. and also asking for any other help with the chapter.

Thereafter, Carolyn Verla, Alumni Representative, and Roger Hammonds, MRAA President, introduced the MRAA Board, announced the 50/50 raffle drawing, a bag pack raffle, and the \$250 Golden Opportunity Scholarship. The Rock, Paper, and Scissors competition winner was also announced: Daniel Pohanka, Alpha Rho Nu, Kalamazoo Community College.

Maggie Webster gave the Headquarters update. She talked about the Honors in Action and the Honors Study Topic, *The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences*, the types of events that can be created relating to this topic, and the research that is involved. She also informed everyone about the Leadership Development Program and the International Service Program, Operation Green: *Keep America Beautiful*. Following this, Michael Hooten, Stacey A. Fleming, and Jay Shah shared their experiences from the International Convention, International Leadership Conference, and the International Honors Institute. Maggie also talked briefly about the International Convention. Also promoted was CollegeFish.org and everyone was asked to sign-up if they haven’t already. Great news was that Phi Theta Kappa reached their goal of raising \$350,000 for the Hites Scholarship Challenge, and in return, was rewarded with a \$1 million transfer scholarship.

Thereafter were Candidate speeches in the following order:

Regional PR/Historian

1. Karen Gomez, Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College
2. Patricia Mailloux, Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College

Regional Secretary/Treasurer

1. Jacob Smallegan, Beta Xi Xi, Muskegon Community College

Regional Vice-President

1. Jamie Hall, Alpha Omicron Omicron, Mid Michigan Community College
2. Gloria Ham, Alpha Rho Nu, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Regional President

1. Stacey Desimone, Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College
2. Daniel Karlskin, Alpha Rho Pi, Northwestern Michigan College

Joe Shaw, Advisor, Alpha Xi Delta, then presented a bid to host the 2009-2010 Leadership/Mock Chapter Conference.

Cora Davis, Alpha Delta Omega, presented a bid to host the 2009-2010 Mini-Honors Conference.

Sally Lovelace, Beta Lambda Kappa, presented a bid to host the 2010 Regional Convention. Alpha Rho Pi presented a second bid.

Following this was lunch in the Rosenau Rooms.

Stacey A. Fleming called the Third General Session to order. The Regional Board then presented awards to chapters ranging from One Star to Five Star. Thereafter, the Paragon Advisor Awards were presented to the following:

1. Angela Heiden, Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College
2. Jenn McCabe, Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College

Mr. Thomas Obee presented a Special Advisor Award for Retiring Advisor to Sherry Springer, Advisor, MRAA and Omicron Iota, for serving the Michigan Region several years with full commitment and dedication. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Carolyn Verla, Alumni Representative.

Scholarship Hallmark awards were presented as follows:

1. *Third Runner-Up* – Alpha Xi Mu, Henry Ford Community College
2. *Second Runner-Up* – Alpha Rho Nu, Kalamazoo Valley Community College
3. *First Runner-Up* – Omicron Iota, Schoolcraft College
4. *Winner* – Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College

Maggie Webster, Headquarters Guest, was then auctioned for a dance during the fellowship event to be held at night. Proceeds would benefit the Hites Scholarship Challenge. Thereafter, the entire Regional Board was auctioned off individually and raised a total of \$1,250, which went towards the Hites Scholarship Challenge.

The "80's Block Party" was hosted by Alpha Xi Mu in the Student Center, and marked the end of Saturday.

Sunday, May 17, 2009

The day started off with the Voting Delegates placing their vote for the Regional Officer Candidates. Thereafter, the Fourth General Session was called to order. Sherry Springer, Advisor, MRAA and Omicron Iota, announced her retirement and a new advisor for MRAA, Diane Wisnewski, currently an Advisor for Beta Lambda Kappa.

Please refer to the following site to view all the awards that were presented during the Convention:

http://www.ptk.org/regions/awards/Michigan_awd.htm

Rodney Longley, President, Alpha Xi Mu, presented our conference guests with a token and deeply appreciated their presence that weekend.

Maggie Webster thanked the Michigan Region for a great time and presented the Host Chapter, Alpha Xi Mu, with an Appreciation Plaque from Headquarters.

Roger Hammonds announced the bag pack raffle winner as Alpha Rho Nu, Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The golden opportunity scholarship was won by Cora Davis, Alpha Delta Omega, Glen Oaks Community College.

Leadership Hallmark awards were presented as follows:

1. *Third Runner-Up* - Alpha Omicron Rho, Oakland Community College - Auburn Hills
2. *Second Runner-Up* - Alpha Rho Pi, Northwestern Michigan College
3. *First Runner-Up* - Omicron Iota, Schoolcraft College
4. *Winner* - Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College

The Most Distinguished Chapter Awards were presented as follows:

1. *Second Runner-Up* - Alpha Rho Pi, Northwestern Michigan College
2. *First Runner-Up* - Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College
3. *Winner* - Omicron Iota, Schoolcraft College

The Continued Excellence Chapter Award was presented to Lambda Mu, St. Clair County Community College.

Sherry Springer then announced the new 2009-10 MRAA Board:

- Patricia Dettloff, President
- Janel Johnston, President Elect
- Anyelei Amarillo, Vice President
- Andrew Schultz, Secretary
- Jeff Albrecht, Treasurer

The Conference bid winners were announced as follows:

- *Leadership/Mock Chapter Conference* – Alpha Xi Delta, Bay de Noc Community College
- *Mini-Honors Conference* – Alpha Delta Omega, Glen Oaks Community College
- *Regional Convention* – Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College

Rod Longley then presented the Regional Board with a small token from Alpha Xi Mu.

Following this were the Regional Officer farewell speeches, and thereafter the installation of the new Regional Board:

- *Alumni Representative* - Roger Hammonds, Omicron Iota Alumni, Schoolcraft College
- *PR/Historian* – Patricia Mailloux, Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College
- *Secretary/Treasurer* – Jacob Smallegan, Beta Xi Xi, Muskegon Community College
- *Vice President* – Jamie Hall, Alpha Omicron Omicron, Mid Michigan Community College
- *President* – Daniel Karlskin, Alpha Rho Pi, Northwestern Michigan College

Daniel Karlskin thanked the Michigan Region for their votes to choose him as the new Regional President, and officially closed the Regional Convention.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jay Shah

Secretary, Michigan Region