

*2012 Michigan Region of Phi Theta Kappa
Leadership Conference
September 7-9, 2012
Host Chapter: Alpha Rho Pi
Northwestern Michigan Community College, Traverse City, MI
Conference Minutes*

The 2012 Leadership Conference held at the Leelanau Outdoor Center or LOC

Friday, September 7th

Registration and Icebreakers

Registration was supposed to have taken place under the big ash tree but it was raining so it was on the porch registration started at 1:30pm. As chapters registered they were given nametags, and survival packs that also included a bandana which let them know their "color." Some individuals also participated in a high-ropes course from 2pm to 4pm. After registering chapters found their way to the cabins and were allowed to settle in prior to dinner. Dinner was set to start at 5:30pm in the Great House. At 6:40pm an orientation from the Leelanau Outdoor Center staff informed all members of the general rules and regulations that they would have to observe for the weekend. Members were informed that the color of the bandana that they had been given at registration determined which team they would be a part of for the weekend. Teams were then instructed to create a team name and cheer that they would present to the group. This provided members an opportunity to establish new fellowship ties.

Present

Matthew Ramey, President
Katrina Soper, Vice President
Joshua Trader, Secretary/Treasurer
Ranequa Kelly Boyd, PR/Historian
Michael Wisniewski Jr, Alumni Representative
Kari Kahler, Regional Coordinator

Regional Business Meeting

Matthew Ramey, President of the region opened the meeting with a warm welcome and introductions

Roll Call and Minute Approval

Secretary, Joshua Trader, began the roll call and "spirit stick" competition. At the completion of this Joshua announced the grand total in attendance to be 82. He then presented the Conference Minutes from the Regional Convention to the Region. Corrections were made to these minutes and a motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by:

Alan May of Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College
Seconded by Bill Lethig of Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College

The minutes were approved as corrected by majority vote.

Budget

Joshua Trader with help of Kari Kahler, Regional Advisor, presented the treasury report and the proposed regional budget. After brief discussion and explanation a motion to approve the budget was made by:

Taylor Moullos of Alpha Rho Lambda, Jackson Community College
Seconded by Bill Lethig of Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College

The budget was passed by majority vote.

Regional Goals

Vice President, Katrina Soper, carried the meeting on with the proposed regional goals After some discussion a motion to approve the goals was made by:

Bill Lethig of Beta Lambda Kappa, Macomb Community College
Seconded by Lakesha Lewis of Beta Gamma Alpha, Washtenaw Community College

C.O.R.E

Vice President, Katrina Soper, also proposed the C.O.R.E chapters. After a couple corrections a motion to approve was made by:

Mackenzie Campbell of Alpha Rho Pi, Northwestern Michigan College
Seconded by Samantha Lappine of Alpha Rho Nu, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Regional Honors in Action Project

Matthew Ramey, President, proposed to the region that we would be concentrating on Theme Number 8 in for our Regional Honors in Action project. We talked about the importance of research and told them that we would move forward and un-roll the project at our next regional event Mini-Honors held at Schoolcraft College October 16-28, 2012.

Regional Newsletter

Regional PR/Historian, Ranequa Kelly Boyd, asked members to submit their own articles for the upcoming newsletters. Members can submit their articles and photos either via email to the regional list serve or to Ranequa directly.

Website

Ranequa talked about the website and also requested that chapters update their websites on our chapter directory of the regional website so that all chapters can easily access one another's websites. Also if members are interested they are more than welcome to sign up to our regional list serve.

Headquarters Updates

Monika Byrd, Dean of Leadership Studies and Service Learning, gave us an update from headquarters. She talked about some of the things that headquarters is doing and how great of a job the Michigan Region is doing. She also spoke briefly about the upcoming annual events, Annual convention held this year in San Jose and also Honors Institute held and Villanova.

MRAA Update

Michael Wisniewski Jr, MRAA Representative, recapped on the new members of the MRAA Board and announced the MRAA Hospitality event that would take place after the business meeting.

Coordinator Update

Kari Kahler, Regional Coordinator, welcomes all the members and also thanked all those that helped make the conference a possibility. If any members have questions throughout the weekend they are more than welcome to raise these concerns or ask questions to any of the board members.

This concludes the regional business meeting. Following the meeting MRAA held their hospitality event.

Saturday, September 10th

The General Session, Leadership Development was led by Kari Kahler. Utilizing the Hundred Acre Wood characters members looked at their personality qualities and how each brought a special aspect to a team. Members grouped themselves in the categories of Pooh, Tiger, Rabbit, and Owl. For those who attended last year and went through the Hundred Acre Woods activity they had a chance to tame the animal they previously had and that was ran by Nicholeen Frusti.

Following the Leadership Development members participated in team building exercise led by the LOC staff.

Following this we had lunch and the advisor's had a meeting during lunch

Following lunch we had our first general session and this was:
The Culture of Competition & Thinking Critically—Dr. Gary Hauck

One of the highlights of his talk was his 5 keys to thinking critically

1. Challenge Assumptions
2. THINK CONTEXT
3. Think of all sides
4. Suspend judgment
5. Reference Skepticism

Following Dr. Hauck we started with our Leadership Survival workshops

Leadership survival workshops- Navigating Phi Theta Kappa

- College Project/C4: Katrina Soper & Mike Wisniewski
- Competitive Edge/CollegeFish.org: Matthew Ramey
- Challenging the Process—the Leadership Challenge: Ranequa Boyd-Kelley & Joshua Trader
- Entertain the Mass: Redirect Towards Clarity—Honors in Action/Hallmark Writing Martha Petry
- MRAA Business Meeting

At 3:45 we had another session of Leadership survival workshops- Navigating Phi Theta Kappa

- Running for Regional and/or International Office: Mike Wisniewski & McKenzie Campbell
- Five Star Chapter Development—Monika Byrd
- Challenging the Process—the Leadership Challenge: Ranequa Boyd-Kelley & Joshua Trader
- Entertain the Mass: Redirect Towards Clarity—Honors in Action/Hallmark Writing: Martha Petry

After the sessions we had a short break and then we went into our Michigan Region Challenges that was put on by, host chapter of Alpha Rho Pi.

Culture of Competition—MI Region Challenges
Challenges 1 - 4

We broke for dinner and then went back to the challenges!

Culture of Competition—MI Region Challenges
Challenges 5 – 9

Following the challenges we had our final team challenge which was a fire building competition

Sunday, September 11th

Started with breakfast and then we went into general session with our keynote speaker Dr. Mark Howell.

Dr. Howell spoke about leadership and competition. He spoke about Henry Ford, Ray Kroc, Walt Disney and Steve Jobs. He spoke on how these guys all made certain things easier and did so with and involving something they were all passionate about. He talked about how these guys all followed their heart and they all were visionaries as well. He then talked about how the leadership component. He talked about how as leaders we have to use competition as something to better ourselves and how it is something that should push us but not ruin us.

We then went into meeting and announced the team “color” that won and it ended up being the advisors team.

We then went into announcement:

Martha Petry, advisor, Jackson Community College

Wanted to thank the regional officer team and Alpha Rho Pi for a wonderful event and thanked every

Schoolcraft College, Omicron Iota chapter announced that Omicron Iota was hosting Mini Honors this year and the theme is Superheroes. They believe what we do as Phi Theta Kappans is very similar to having super powers and saving the world. To kick off Mini Honors, they are hosting a mini-relay for life. They know some chapters have already held a relay event and that's fine because we still want you to participate in this "Regional Relay". They will use the amounts anyone raised at their event and add to whatever you raise on site-this way you can still compete with the region for most funds raised on site. A Michigan chapter was not on the top ten chapters who raised funds for ACS, and the tenth spot raised around \$3400. As a region, we can get on that list this year! If any chapter can't make the trip, they are offering to have surrogate walkers so you can still participate. Prizes will be awarded to those with the most creativity, most participants and most on-site fundraising. Marketplace will also take place at the

relay. The weekend will continue with great speakers, breakout sessions pertaining to our Honors Study Topic themes, breaks for studying, and a mixer with the Region's own.....Allan May! They are excited for Mini Honors and can't wait to see the region again.

Matthew then concluded the last business meeting of the weekend. Members were then dismissed to lunch and a final group activity lead by the LOC staff and a presentation.

Respectfully Submitted by
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Secretary/Treasurer, Michigan Region