

*Michigan Region of Phi Theta Kappa
Mini Honors Conference
October 26-28, 2012
Host Chapter: Omicron Iota, Schoolcraft Community College
Conference Minutes*

Friday, October 26, 2012

Registration began at 5pm outside in the tent where the Mini Relay was taking place on Schoolcraft Community Colleges campus.

The first evening consisted of the mini relay with some chapters having teams and other chapters from the region showing their support by donating to the cause. The night consisted of themed laps, R&B artist AseNVI and other live music, as well as the tent being full of snacks and food for anyone who was participating in the event.

Saturday, October 27, 2012

First we got a welcome to the college by Schoolcraft College president Dr. Conway Jeffress. We then moved into the first general session which consisted of the Regional Business meeting.

Regional Business Meeting

Present

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

Regional President Matthew Ramey called the regional business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Presentation room.

Regional President Matthew Ramey started with introductions of the board and then we moved into roll call.

Regional Secretary, Joshua Trader, proceeded with the Chapter Roll Call and spirit stick competition. The conference grand total was 92 individuals. Continuing the meeting Joshua then called for a review of the minutes from the Leadership Conference. Corrections were called for by a motion to approve the corrections to the minutes was made by:

Mackenzie Campbell of, Alpha Rho Pi Northwestern Michigan College
Seconded by Heather Jennings Deaneau of Alpha Xi Delta, Bay de Noc Community College
Minutes were approved by majority vote

Joshua urged members to look at the Regional Directory update forms so we can have an updated regional directory. We unleashed toolkits and the chapters in attendance could not get their toolkit until they turned in a update form. Update forms are always available. Joshua also provided the regional with the Treasury Report.

Regional Vice President, Katrina Soper, then followed Joshua Trader. Katrina reiterated the regional goals for those who had not attended Leadership. She also reiterated the regional board member's C.O.R.E. Chapters and encouraged chapters to call upon their regional board member to attend inductions and as sources of assistance. Katrina also unveiled the regional toolkit with the help of the other regional board members. These were available for pick up directly following the session.

Regional President Matthew Ramey continued the business meeting with the Honors in Action update.

Regional PR Historian, Ranequa Kelley, followed this by providing a Regional Newsletter update. She requested articles from the region to place in up-coming newsletters; also, pictures are always welcome. Please submit pieces on a rolling basis in hope that we can release newsletters on a regular monthly basis. Ranequa also talked with the region new yearbook requirements. Ranequa also gave an update the website with what is new and what has changed.

Alumni Representative, Michael Wisniewski Jr., proceeded to share with the region the MRAA Update. He also took a moment to recognize the efforts of chapter advisors and alumni members. He also reminded members of the raffles that will take place at the last general session at the regional convention.

Regional Coordinator, Kari Kahler, continued the meeting by providing the Coordinator Update. She then encouraged chapters to divide themselves among the breakout sessions so that they could come together and share what each had learned. Members are also encouraged to consider running for regional officer positions. Elections will take place in mid-May and apps will need to be in early May. Kari also reminded the region of our goals as a region. Kari also shared that commit to complete events will be taking place throughout the region.

President Matthew Ramey then adjourned the business meeting and members were released for a brief break.

After a short break the day continued with a speech delivered by keynote speaker, Dave Reiber CPMM. This presentation took place in the presentation room. This speech was addressing cooperative competition pertaining to engineering/ Maintenance in automotive manufacturing. He also compared the importance of competition from past to present.

We then had lunch from 12:30-1:15pm. From this time we also had a regional board meeting, advisor meeting and a MRAA meeting.

Following lunch all members had the choice to attend the following sessions:

- Session One 1:30-2:20pm
 - Mark Huston: The Naked and the TED
 - Amanda Itliong: Importance of making a difference in a person's life starting at birth
 - Matthew Ramey: 5 star competitive edge
- Session Two 2:30-3:20pm
 - April Hawksford: Establishing food pantries on college campuses
 - John Dalton: Politics and Competition
 - Matthew Ramey: 5 star competitive edge

Between 2:30 and 3:30 the Alumni meeting was held. We then had another round of break out session from 3:30-4:20pm.

- Session Three 3:30-4:20pm
 - Ryan Fewins- Bliss: Students as advocates
 - Michael Wisniewski Jr.: Question and answer panel on running for office

We then had free time from 4:30-6:30pm and then had dinner from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Following this at 7:30pm we had keynote speaker Israil Ali. Ali is a musician/songwriter/producer/engineer and discussed entrepreneurship. He touched on the importance on being versatile to stay ahead of your competitors and having good leadership characteristics. This ended at 8pm and we then had the superhero mixer that followed.

The mixer and dance lasted until 12 midnight.

Sunday, October 28th, 2012

The morning started off at 9am with the last keynote speaker Guy Wade. Wade is a communication professor at Schoolcraft and spoke on the necessities to survive in a competitive culture: preparation, passion, partners and perseverance.

Breakout sessions continued on Sunday. Members had the option to attend the following sessions:

- Session four: 10:15-11:15am
 - Matthew Ramey and Ranequa Kelley: Earning your stars: Gaining the competitive edge
 - Joshua Trader and Katrina Soper: Building a successful college project
 - Michael Wisniewski Jr: Completing your credentials (C4)
 - Martha Petry: Entertain the Mess: Redefine for Clarity (Hallmark Writing)

Following the sessions lunch was provided and final farewells took place.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joshua Trader
Secretary/Treasurer Michigan Region