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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FORTY-SECOND COUNCIL

The 42nd Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society met in Austin, Texas, on October 2-4, 2009, at the Hilton Austin. In addition to three plenary sessions, there were meetings of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate, its Executive Committee, the District officers, the Association Delegates, Chapter Delegates, and the Council committees.

The following members were officially in attendance at the 42nd Council:

Allison Blakely, President
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Leo Lambert, Elon University
Maurice Levesque, Elon University
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Paul R. Valliere, Butler University

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Beverly Shivers, Greater Austin Association
Sonya F. Weiner, Society Member
Amy Wendling, Creighton University

FIRST PLENARY SESSION
October 2, 2009

1. The Council convened for its first plenary session on Friday, October 2, at 9:00 a.m. in Salon F and G of the Hilton Hotel in Austin, Texas. President Allison Blakely greeted the delegates and called to order the 42nd Triennial Council. He then introduced and invited the Mayor of Austin, Lee Leffingwell, to the podium. Mayor Leffingwell welcomed the Council to Austin, noted several distinguished local Phi Beta Kappans, and encouraged the delegates to explore his city, especially the restaurants and the impending Music Festival.

2. The President expressed thanks to Ms. Lucinda Morales, Director of Phi Beta Kappa Society Affairs, who coordinated the planning for the Council meetings, with the help of her colleagues in the National Office. He also thanked Professor Carol MacKay, President of the University of Texas Chapter (Alpha of Texas) and Beverly Shivers and Kathryn Rogers of the Board of Directors of the Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Greater Austin area for their contributions to the planning and support of the delegates' reception the previous evening and for their assistance with Council registration.

3. After polling the delegates regarding their attendance at past Councils, and welcoming the many who indicated they were attending for the first time, President Blakely recognized the representatives from several colleges and universities seeking to establish new Phi Beta Kappa chapters. He offered special greetings to the immediate past president of the Society, Niall Slater. He also extended special greetings to former Society Secretary Douglas Foard who served from 1991 to 2001.

4. The President introduced the other persons on the rostrum: John Churchill, Society Secretary since 2001, and Kirk Overbey, who was serving as Council Parliamentarian. He also introduced others on the dais: Senator Catherine Berheide, Chair of the Committee on Qualifications; Senator James Lightner, Chair of the Committee on Chapters; Senator Theopolis Fair, Chair of the Committee on Associations; and Professor Eric Nye, Head Teller.

5. President Blakely explained that the 42nd Council deliberations would be assisted by four committees composed primarily of delegates. He introduced them by naming their chairs and thanking the members in advance for their efforts on the Council's behalf. Those committees were:

Committee on Credentials

Demetrios Melis (New York Association), Chair
Mary Alice Morgan (Middle Georgia Association)
Joseph Devine (Carnegie Mellon University)

Tellers

Eric Nye (University of Wyoming), Chair
Andrea Dobson (Whitman College), Co-chair
William Bowman (Kentuckiana Association)
Christopher Bradley (West Texas-Eastern
New Mexico Association)
Elizabeth Jenner (Gustavus Adolphus College)
Robert Kirkwood (Delaware Valley Association)
Robert Lowman (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Marjorie Munson (Douglass College, Rutgers University)
Jennifer Peszka (Hendrix College)
Jeffrey Thompson (Denison University)
Jeanne Tougara (Howard University)
Bailey Young (East Central Illinois Association)

Council Finance Committee

Douglas McCabe (Georgetown University), Chair
John Page, Society Treasurer
Philip Bean (Haverford College)
Miriam Klein (Association of Nashville)

Committee on Resolutions

Pamela Macfie (University of the South), Chair
Jay Freyman (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
Linda Hubert (Metropolitan Atlanta Alumni Association)
Joseph Koterski (Fordham University)
Elizabeth Swenson (Cleveland Association)

6. President Blakely then stated that he had nothing to report that would not be covered by the Secretary and turned the podium over to Secretary Churchill.

7. Secretary Churchill began by reminding the delegates of the goals outlined in the 2003 Strategic Plan for the Society out of which came these refined and reaffirmed goals: (a) Expand the role of the Chapters, Associations, District, Senators and Fellows in outreach to public officials, the higher education community, the press, and the public; (b) Strengthen Chapters, increase induction rates and enhance institutional investment in and support for Chapters; (c) Strengthen the Associations, to help increase their membership and facilitate improved communication and collaboration; (d) Focus on annual giving and the cultivation of a broader donor base; and (e) Develop and implement an integrated communication plan. He noted that a process for the implementation of these goals was before this Council. He went on to report what has already been done by the national office: (a) Implementing an on-line registration process for new members; (b) Requiring the administrations of applicant institutions to specify ways in which they will support the chapter; (c) Providing Chapters reporting low acceptance rates with best practices for their improvement (this effort has produced significant positive change, or at least stability, in acceptance rates over the triennium); (d) Continuing to support the selected Parmele Chapters in their implementation of best practices; (e) Sponsoring a National Discussion series, fostering local Phi Beta Kappa-sponsored discussions featuring well-known speakers in various parts of the country; (f) Beginning to plan for an initiative that will offer leaders in business and public policy an opportunity to re-envision the relevance of the liberal arts in their work.

The Secretary went on to discuss the financial condition of the Society: He said it was remarkably solid, considering the environment. The foundation's assets peaked at nearly \$32 million at the end of 2007, then fell to about \$20 million at the end of March 2009. The funds had recovered to almost \$25 million, better than most private endowments of Phi Beta Kappa's size and character. The Society's draw on the foundation had been undisturbed because of a very conservative spending policy and cost-saving measures implemented during the past year. Annual giving had remained stable, very nearly reaching a goal set before the financial

collapse in the fall of 2008. The number of donors had slipped somewhat but the size of the average gift had gone up. The development of a higher level giving group called the Secretary's Circle had also helped the Society financially. During these worrisome economic times, the society remained stable by putting some projects on hold, eliminating two national office positions, frozen salaries, put off non-critical repairs to the headquarters building, suspended a few new initiations, cut costs in each major expense program, and moved to a single annual Senate meeting and a video-conferencing format for much of the committee activity. Services to Chapters and Associations will be restored at the first opportunity.

The Secretary acknowledged the good work of Associate Secretary Scott Lurding, Kelly Gerald, editor of the *Key Reporter*, and Robert Wilson, editor of *The American Scholar*. He also encouraged delegates to visit the Scholar's Web site as well as the Society's Web site and facebook, noticing that they were efforts to improve the Society's communications internally and externally. He concluded by thanking the officers of the Society, the Senate, the standing committees, and the several special task forces and study groups, all composed of individuals providing immeasurable time, energy and wisdom to ensuring that Phi Beta Kappa remains contemporary and relevant in an age of continuous change.

8. President Blakely then called for the approval of the minutes of the 41st Council as published in the Council Bulletin and on the Society's website. There were no additions or corrections, and the minutes were declared approved as distributed.

9. President Blakely then introduced Catherine White Berheide, Chair of the Committee on Qualifications, who briefly reviewed the committee process that brought the four recommended institutions to the Council for consideration. She also reported on the work of three taskforces, one dealing with the nature of library resources in the 21st century, and a second dealing with the employment of contingent faculty. (Both issues had been raised at the 41st Council, and the reports of the special task forces informed the questions raised and the decisions made about the institutions being recommended to this Council.) She also mentioned a third task force to consider the nature of academic freedom on campuses and how to raise the issue with applicant institutions. Thanks

was expressed to all those individuals involved in these task forces. She then referred several times to the delegate's manual beginning on page 69, and asked that any specific question about an institution be submitted to the PBK Office no later than 12:45 that day, so that it could be answered during the second plenary session when each of the institutions would be formally presented for vote. She described the initial application in detail, the comprehensive report, the site visit, and the committee and Senate approval process. She noted that the process operates on a continuous three-year cycle, with the Council vote ending one cycle and the next beginning on November 1. She encouraged the delegates to read carefully the detailed statements on the four nominated chapters in preparation for the presentations and discussion that would occur that afternoon.

10. The President then called for a report from the Chair of the Committee on Credentials. Demetrios Melis reported that, at that moment, 188 delegates representing 168 chapters and 45 delegates representing 38 associations were registered. Eighteen senators, three of whom were also delegates, and one past president were also registered and entitled to vote. Hence, the total voting body at this juncture was 252, representing 206 different units. In addition, there were 77 non-voting members (alternates and guests) registered, bringing the total registration for the Council to 329. Two more reports would be given and these numbers were expected to rise with each report.

11. After reminding the delegates to submit any resolutions or motions to be considered by the Council by 5:15 that day, for consideration by the Committee on Resolutions, the delegates turned their attention to the report of proposed constitutional changes that had been submitted to the delegates six months in advance. President Blakely called on Vice President Cate to present the report, on behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee that had drafted the proposed Constitutional and ByLaw amendments.

12. Vice President Cate briefly outlined the process that led to the report before the Council and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to discuss the proposed recommendations the day before. He then outlined the two basic reasons for the recommendations: to provide for greater participation, transparency and accountability within the Society; and to

refocus and reinvigorate the Triennial Council from being extensive procedural debates to becoming a forum for discussion of substantive issues. He noted two minor corrections in the wording of the recommendations as printed in the Delegates Manual (beginning on page 37): to add “and revoke” to Article IV, second paragraph, in the duties of the Council, and to singularize “past presidents” to “past president” in paragraph 3. He then opened the floor for discussion of the recommendations.

13. Past President Naill Slater suggested that Article 10 be separated out for an individual vote because Section 4 represented substantive changes in the nomination process. President Blakely noted that such a division of the question was certainly possible but asked that such a move be postponed until after a full discussion of the entire proposal, and Professor Slater agreed to withhold a motion for division.

14. The discussion then centered briefly on some apparent confusion on the powers of the Council and where they were outlined, and Vice President Cate addressed the concerns.

15. Professor Slater then explained his concerns about Article 10, Section 4, dealing with the nominating committee. He felt that the present process was superior to that proposed. He then made a motion to divide the question which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

16. The President suggested that the Council first take up the remainder of the proposal, without Article 10, and discussion on other Articles and Sections ensued. The powers of the Council again came under review. Seymour Wilson of the Detroit Association felt Article IV, Section 2, was inappropriately located and moved to delete it. After some discussion and clarifications on voting procedures, the motion lost on a voice vote. This was then followed by another motion to add to Article IV, Section 2, the words “Consider resolutions expressing the views of the Council.” Vice President Cate remarked that an effort to enumerate every power of the Council would not only make the document unwieldy but would probably be impossible; Robert’s Rules of Order provides for such unlisted actions. Jerry Fisher of Florida State University suggested an amendment to the proposed amendment, to read “The Council shall be

empowered to elect Senators, the President and the Vice President, award and revoke chapter charters, adopt model chapter constitutions, amend the Society's Constitution and Bylaws, consider resolutions expressing the views of the Council, and perform all other duties enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society." Several other attempts to further amend the motion were declared out of order until the motion was dealt with. The amendment to the amendment was put to a vote and passed 142-102. The motion to amend Article 4, Section 2 (as amended) was then put to a delegation vote.

17. Head Teller Nye explained the voting process by calling attention to the manual, pages 9 and 10, which described the two different styles of ballots to be employed during the voting: individual ballots and delegation ballots. He encouraged the delegates to study the manual and to be prepared to vote expeditiously. He noted that Constitutional changes placed before the Council required two-thirds affirmative vote of the combined vote of the Chapter and Association delegates present and voting, provided that this vote also constituted a majority of all Chapters. The delegates then voted on the amended constitutional changes and presented their ballots to the tellers.

18. President Blakely then opened the floor for discussion of proposed Article 10, especially Section 4, dealing with the nominating committee. Senator Bruce Barrett moved that the proposed Section 4 be deleted and replaced by Article 10, section 5, of the existing constitution. It was seconded. Discussion followed on the role of former senators in the present committee and Vice President Cate responded regarding the thinking of the committee, noting that the Nominating Committee was a critical committee in the life of the society and that its members should be chosen in as broadly inclusive manner as possible to encourage openness and transparency. A question about the three-year staggered terms was raised, and Vice President Cate explained that this was to ensure continuity without wholesale change each triennium. Such a rotation would provide for better representation of the Chapters and Associations and enhance inclusiveness. Professor Slater again commented on the desire to include former Senators on the committee, and Senator Arlene Bronzaft commented that the proposals for constitutional change reduced the power and influence of the Council and gave the President more power.

19. At this point David Carter of Auburn University, a first-time attendee at a Triennial Council, commented that if the thousands of Members in Course could observe the current deliberations of the Council, they might ask whether this was the single highest preoccupation of some of the most concentrated intellectual firepower in the country. He questioned the substitution of the Council's wisdom for that of the Committee charged to carefully rethink constitutional details, especially when there were many other more pressing matters. (Although ruled out of order, a spontaneous burst of applause followed his remarks.)

20. Some further discussion followed on the proposed Article 10, Section 4, and Vice President Cate commented that, under the proposal, the Senate, not the President, would select the Nominating Committee. He also addressed the nature of the Triennial Council and the lack of relative experience of some of the delegates who are asked to make significant decisions about the functioning of the Society. The proposal would also put the Nominating Committee on par with all of the other standing committees of the Society. Debate was then closed, and the motion to replace the proposed wording with the present wording was put before the Council. The motion failed on voice vote. Article 10 as proposed by the Committee, was then put to a vote, by delegation ballot and head teller Nye again explained the procedure.

21. The proposed changes in the Society Bylaws were then taken up. Vice President Cate commented that the few word changes from the current Bylaws reflected the changes in the Constitution. Bylaw 12 outlined more carefully the procedures for nominations for Senators-at-Large. Bylaw 10 dealt with how resolutions and motions would be handled, to be more efficient in handling proposed changes. It separated those resolutions that express the will of the body, which the Council can adopt anytime, from those that seek to change the governance, operation, policy, or procedure of the Society. After one question, President Blakely called for a vote on the Bylaws, and Head teller Nye explained the process of this individual delegate vote.

22. President Blakely then called on former Senator Judith Sebesta, Chair of the Council Nominating Committee 2006-2009, to present the

slate of nominees for officers and Senators. Professor Sebesta thanked those who had served with her: Joan Ferrante, Werner Gundersheimer, Ralph Hexter, David Levering Lewis, William Reinhardt, Bonnie Wheeler, and Jack Williams. She then placed in nomination for the office of Vice President of the Society 2009-2012 Senator Katherine Soule who stood and was recognized. President Blakely called for additional nominations and hearing none, entertained a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation. The vote was unanimous.

23. Chairman Sebesta then placed into nomination the name of Senator Fred Cate for President of the Society 2009-2012. Senator Cate stood and was recognized. The President called for additional nominations and hearing none, again entertained a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation. The vote was again unanimous.

24. President Blakely then thanked Professor Sebesta and her committee for their work, and, noting that the time allotted for the session had expired, postponed the awards until the next session and adjourned the first plenary session at 11:54 a.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION
October 2, 2009

25. The second plenary session was called to order by President Blakely at 2:45 p.m. He called upon Mary Alice Morgan of the Committee on Credentials for its second report. She reported that as of 2:00 p. m. there were 252 delegates representing 234 chapters registered, and 47 association delegates representing 41 associations. There were 18 Senators registered of whom 3 were delegates, and one past-president was in attendance. The total number of voting delegates was 318 representing 275 different Phi Beta Kappa groups. There were also 55 non-voting guests in attendance, making a grand total of 373 registered individuals for the Council.

26. The Head Teller, Professor Nye, was called upon to report the results of the morning voting. In the vote for the proposed Constitutional changes as amended, with the exception of Article 10, 259 votes were cast, 251.5 for and 7.5 against. Since 173 affirmative votes were required for adoption, the changes were adopted. On the vote for the proposed Article 10, the number of votes cast was 249, with 166 necessary for adoption. The results were: in favor 216, against 32, with 1 vote invalid. The proposed Article 10 was thus adopted. On the vote for adoption of the proposed ByLaws, 283 votes were cast, with 189 necessary for adoption. There were 274 favorable votes and 9 votes against. The ByLaws were adopted.

27. President Blakely then called upon Senator James Lightner, Chair of the Committee on Chapters, who expressed thanks to his committee members, Nancy Blase, Senator John Doner, Senator Susan Hagen, Lisa Newton, and Senator Carol Race for their service during the triennium and to Cara Engel of the Washington office for her work as Committee liaison to the Chapters. He outlined the duties of the Committee and the process of annual Chapter evaluation. He recognized and congratulated chapters celebrating special anniversaries during the 2009-2012 Triennium: 150 years: Marietta College; 100 years: Tulane University, West Virginia University, Beloit College, Denison University, Indiana University, Miami University, Washington and Lee University; 50 years: Brandeis University, Chatham University, Fordham University, Hollins University,

Lake Forest College, Scripps College. Finally, he presented Outstanding Chapter Awards to: Liberal Arts College – Randolph Macon College; Private University – Carnegie Mellon University; and Public University – Kansas State University. Each award-winning chapter received a plaque and a check and was lauded for a diversified campus program and projects, visibility, initiation rate, and timely submission of reports.

28. Senator Theopolis Fair, Chair of the Committee on Associations, was then called to the podium. He noted the five Associations receiving charters during the past triennium: Northern New Jersey, Northern New England, Midsouth, Twin Cities, and Cincinnati. He also recognized several individuals for their service to local associations. He then presented award plaques and checks for outstanding activity to: Small Association – Indianapolis Association; Midsize Association – Kentuckiana Association; Large Association – Washington, D.C. Association. Each organization was lauded for its special events, outreach, and timely submission of reports.

29. President Blakeley then called upon Senator Berheide to present the second part of the report of the Committee on Qualifications. She invited her committee members to join her on the dais. She then gave some introductory remarks addressing some of the questions that were received after the morning session. She reported that updated information on the candidate institutions was received after the application and campus visits. She noted that each prospective chapter had to have a minimum of 10 Phi Beta Kappa faculty in the arts and sciences, and for faculties larger than 100, there must be a minimum of 10% of the liberal arts faculty with Phi Beta Kappa keys. The quality of the student body, and especially the honors students who would probably be the electees to Phi Beta Kappa, was a major factor in evaluation of the prospective chapter. The visiting committee seeks both quantitative and qualitative evidence of excellence, and she assured the delegates that the four institutions being presented had very impressive student bodies. She concluded by noting that the Society, through its Committee on Chapters, continues to evaluate the ongoing excellence of the institutions as well as the viability of the local campus chapter.

30. Senator Berheide then called upon the chair of each of the four visiting teams to present a summary of the application and reactions to the campus visit. Senator Alonzo Hamby reported on Butler University, Professor Andrea Dobson presented the joint application of the College of Saint Benedict and St. John's University, Senator Don Wyatt reported on Elon University, and Senator Lynn Pasquerella presented the report on James Madison University.

31. Following the detailed comments on the four nominated institutions, the floor was opened for questions and comments. Jeff Kovac of the University of Tennessee spoke favorably about Elon University. Laura Beard of Texas Tech University raised a question about the Elon foreign language requirement, which was answered. Caldwell Titcomb of Brandeis University raised a question about the eligible majors at James Madison University and Senator Berheide clarified the acceptable areas. Robert LaFleur of Beloit College commented favorably on Butler University. Finally, Robert Kirkwood of the Delaware Valley Association commented on the small number of nominated chapters and opined that there certainly were a number of fine institutions which should also be considered for chapters. Senator Berheide responded by agreeing that four nominees was a small number and that the Committee on Qualifications and the Washington office had been working to encourage schools that meet the Phi Beta Kappa standards to apply.

32. There being no other questions or comments, President Blakely invited head teller Nye to again explain the voting procedures for the election of new chapters, a delegation ballot. The delegates then cast their ballots.

33. Former Senator Sebesta then returned to the rostrum to present the nominations for Senators. She began with the nominations for Senators-at-Large as listed on pages 50-51 in the Delegates Manual. It was noted that because Senator Cate had been elected President earlier in the day, he would not now be standing for election as Senator. Professor Sebesta then called the names of all the nominees and they were asked to come to the front of the room so the delegates could associate faces with names: Jan H. Black, Yolanda Broyles-Gonzalez, Charles F. Caldwell, Linda Greenhouse, George D. Greenia, Valerie Hotchkiss, Jean E. Howard,

Robert C. Koons, Jonathan E. Lewis, Rachel Moran, Janice S. Nolan, Gilda L. Ochoa, Lynn Pasquerella, Joseph G. Poluka, Robin A. Robertson, and Jeffrey T. Sammons. The delegates then marked ballots for Senators-at-Large. The nominations for Senators representing the Districts were then presented: East Central - Gregory G. Gocek and Andrew D. McNitt; Middle Atlantic - Theopolis Fair and Vera L. Junkers; North Central - Michael Gauger and Calvin Van Niewaal; and Western - John E. Doner and Kate Lehman. These individuals were also requested to come forward to be recognized after which the delegates marked their ballots.

34. Before the nominees for the Council Nominating Committee were formally presented, the issue of whether the Council would elect this committee and then find that it would go out of existence at the end of the Council, because of the new process for creating the Nominating Committee. This produced considerable discussion, and several suggestions for handling the situation were forthcoming. Secretary Churchill clarified the dilemma and suggested that the current members on the nominating committee, as well as the new nominating committee members about to be elected, would constitute the nominating committee for the next triennium, and the Senate would then work out a system for slowly implementing the new procedure, which would also move to a seven member committee from the present eight. While this would take a few years, it would not eliminate anyone who had agreed to stand for election at this Council, and it would give time to work out the specific details and lengths of terms. This seemed to be acceptable to the delegates, and so Professor Sebesta then presented the nominees for the Nominating Committee, four past Senators: Eloise E. Clark, Donald S. Lamm, Niall W. Slater, and Pauline Yu; and four non-Senators: Bette N. Harris, David J. Helfand, Karen O. Kupperman, and Michael F. Lubin. Head Teller Nye then described the voting procedures for this balloting.

35. Professor Nye then reported the results of the voting on the new chapters. There were 241 votes cast. For Butler University 235 were in favor and 6 were opposed; for the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University 230.5 were in favor, 10.5 were opposed; for Elon University, 235 were in favor and 6 were opposed; and for James Madison University, 235 were in favor and 6 were opposed. Hence, all four recommended chapters were overwhelmingly approved. President Blakely asked the

representatives from the four institutions to stand and receive the welcome of the Council.

36. President Blakely reminded the delegates of the speech by Dr. Thomas Bender at 9:45 a.m. the following morning. He then adjourned the second plenary session at 4:55 p.m.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION
October 3, 2009

37. President Blakeley called the third plenary session to order at 1:30 P.M.

38. The final report of the Credentials Committee, as of 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 3, revealed that 258 chapter delegates were in attendance, representing 239 chapters. There were also 48 association delegates representing 41 associations. There were also 18 senators in attendance, of whom 3 were delegates, as well as one past president. The total number of voting members was thus 325, representing 280 different PBK groups. There were also 57 non-voting members, bringing the grand total of 382 registered individuals at the 42nd Triennial Council. The President thanked the Committee for its efforts.

39. The Head teller, Eric Nye, was then invited to the podium to report the results of the elections. He began by inviting all the tellers to come forward to receive the thanks of the Council for their efforts. He then read the list of Senators-at-Large elected for six-year terms, 2009-2015: Linda Greenhouse, George Greenia, Valerie Hotchkiss, Jean Howard, Robert Koons, Lynn Pasquerella, and Jeffrey Sammons. Three individuals were elected for three terms, 2009-2012: Yolanda Broyles-Gonzalez, Rachel Moran, and Gilda Ochoa. The elected District Senators were: East Central – Andrew McNitt; MidAtlantic – Theopolis Fair; North Central – Michael Gauger; and Western – Kate Lehman. The elected members of the Council Nominating Committee were past-Senators Niall Slater and Pauline Yu and non-Senators Karen Kupperman and Michael Lubin. At the end of the report, the President thanked Professor Nye for his efforts and congratulated those elected.

40. President Blakeley noted that the Constitution requires that there be a Council Finance Committee to examine the Treasurer's reports, budget, and all financial matters to be considered by the Council. Douglas McCabe of Georgetown University, Chair of that committee, was called forward to deliver his report. After introducing his committee, he noted that, while the committee is purely advisory to the Secretary of the Society, it analyzes the financial statements and annual audits of the

Society. He reported that the basic operations of the Society appear to be run on a sound financial basis; while revenues are down, expenses are in line with revenues. The auditor's letter is a "clean bill of health". Net assets of the Foundation dropped from \$32 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2007 to \$25 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2009, a percentage less than that experienced by Harvard and Yale and a testament to the very well diversified portfolio with 13 categories of assets: 17% in domestic equity, 17% in international equity, 36% in fixed income, 24% in alternative investments, and the remainder in cash. The Foundation appeared to be managed very differently and much more professionally than in the previous triennium. The annual transfer from the Foundation to the Society is currently \$975,000, just 4% of the net assets, a sustainable rate. In summary, he reported that the committee found the income and balance sheet to be reasonable, respectable and appropriate for a non-profit organization of Phi Beta Kappa's size. The Society is solvent, stable, and well managed, and the Society and the Foundation are in very good shape financially.

41. Professor Pamela Macfie, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions was the called to the podium to give her Council Committee report. She also thanked her committee for their efforts. Four resolutions were to be proposed. There were no proposals judged to be defacto Bylaw or Constitutional changes. One proposal recommended that Phi Beta Kappa create a distinction between which chapters are required and which are recommended to observe the stipulations concerning eligibility for membership in course. The proposal also directed the Council to change the way the Triennial Meeting was conducted in order to discuss specific disciplinary stipulations for eligibility for membership in course. The Committee recommended that this proposal be referred to the Senate. The Committee also received five proposed resolutions that were fashioned into three for presentation to the Council. President Blakeley accepted the recommendations and asked Professor Macfie to bring forward the resolutions for Council action. It was the sense of the delegates to vote on all the resolutions as a package.

42. The first resolution stated:

Resolved that the 42nd Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's deep gratitude to the following members of the Council Nominating Committee, whose service has been completed in this triennium: David Levering Lewis, Bonnie Wheeler, Jack Williams, and to Judith Sebesta, who has served with distinction as Chair of the Committee.

That the 42nd Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's deep gratitude to the following members of the Senate, whose service has been completed in this Triennium: Bruce Barrett, Arline Bronzaft, John Doner, Kathleen Gensheimer, Madeline Glick, Alonzo Hamby, Donald Lamm, Kurt Olsson, Carol Race, and Pauline Yu.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's deep gratitude to the following member of the Senate who completes a term of distinguished service as President of the Phi Beta Kappa Society: Allison Blakely.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's best wishes to Chapters and Associations celebrating 50th, 100th, and 150th anniversaries in the upcoming triennium.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's deep gratitude to officers of Chapters and Associations, whose service will have reached 10 years or more during the upcoming triennium.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's appreciation to the Alpha Chapter of Texas and to all local Chapters, whose members contributed to the success of the Council.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's appreciation to the Greater Austin Association of Phi Beta Kappa and to all local Associations, whose members contributed to the success of the Council.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the President to send expressions of the Society's appreciation to the staff of the National Office of Phi Beta Kappa and especially to Secretary John Churchill.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's appreciation to the Council Parliamentarian, Kirk Overbey.

That the 42nd Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's appreciation to the management and staff of the Hilton Austin Hotel.

43. The second resolution stated:

Resolved that the 42nd Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society join the Senate in extending to the family of former Phi Beta Kappa President John Hope Franklin an appreciation of his life and distinguished work on behalf of the Society and the broader world of culture, the humanities and history, and in extending, also, an expression of sympathy in their loss.

44. The third resolution stated:

Resolved that the 42nd Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society join the Senate in extending to the family of former Phi Beta Kappa Vice President Judith F. Krug an appreciation of her life and distinguished work on behalf of the Society and on behalf of freedom of expression and freedom of access, and in extending, also, an expression of sympathy in their loss.

45. President Blakeley then called for a voice vote on these resolutions. They were approved unanimously. He also expressed thanks to the Committee on Resolutions for their efforts.

46. After some announcements, President Blakeley called for any additional business. Bailey Young of the East Central Illinois Association rose to present a resolution:

The 42nd Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society resolves that universal access to health care is properly to be regarded first and foremost as the ethical obligation of a humane society in the 21st century and consequently urges bold and decisive action by Congress and the Administration to embody this principle in appropriate legislation.

The resolution received a second and discussion followed on the appropriateness of Phi Beta Kappa's taking such a political stand that may not reflect the views of the entire membership. A voice vote was taken and the resolution failed.

47. Michael Gauger, of the Greater Milwaukee Association, reminded the Council that in 2003 a resolution was introduced regarding the power of the Conference of Association Delegates to appoint a Vice Chair. That resolution was referred to the Senate which in December 2006 voted to refer the issue to this 2009 Council. Secretary Churchill commented that he thought the Conference had the authority to elect a vice chair, as well as a chair and secretary, and any two of those three officers would be welcome to attend Senate meetings as guests.

48. President Blakeley then made some brief remarks as outgoing President. He felt that the Society had moved forward during the past triennium, notwithstanding the economic crisis, and he attributed this success to the high quality of the National Office Staff and executive officers, the Senate, and key committee volunteers. And he thanked the Chapters and Associations for their support and for the initiatives taken locally to enhance the visibility and strength of the Society. He spoke of the tragic loss of his Vice President, Judith Krug, and of her dedication to the Society. He then described some of the qualities of his successor, Fred

Cate, especially his extraordinary efforts on the Strategic Planning Committee and the Constitutional Revision Committee. He noted his great talents, organizational abilities, and unique sense of humor that will serve the Society well. He then asked the new President to come forward and accept the gavel.

49. President Cate began his remarks by expressing special appreciation to Past-President Blakeley for his long and distinguished service to the Society, especially during the past triennium during which he worked tirelessly with the staff, the Executive Committee, and the Senate to control costs and to articulate a rational strategy for ensuring the survival of the Society. He asked the delegates to join him in expressing thanks to the Past-President.

50. President Cate then made special mention of former Vice President Judith Krug who lost her battle with cancer in April. She had served as a Senator, as an Association President, as Chair of the Committee on Associations, and Vice President. He then asked the Council to join him in applause for her life and work. He continued by recognizing the strong leadership and wise counsel of Secretary John Churchill, calling him a true renaissance man, a scholar with vast knowledge and broad curiosity. He noted some of the initiatives recently undertaken by the Society and asked Secretary Churchill and all the staff of the National Office to stand for recognition and appreciation.

51. He concluded his remarks by noting that he and Vice President Kate Soule enter upon their offices at a challenging time, but he pledged their best efforts to articulate what Phi Beta Kappa stands for, to advocate powerfully and visibly for those values at every level, and to engage all parts of the Society, the Chapters, Associations, Fellows, and the 600,000 living members, in this vital work.

52. President Cate announced that the 43rd Triennial Council would be held August 2-5, 2012, in Palm Beach, Florida. After reminding the delegates of the Council reception and banquet that evening, he adjourned the third plenary session at 2:14 p.m.

COUNCIL VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE
October 3, 2009

The Phi Beta Kappa held a lecture by a Visiting Scholar on Saturday, October 3, 2009 to showcase the Visiting Scholar Program. Thomas Bender, professor of humanities and history at New York University spoke on *American History in Global Perspective*. His lecture explored various events and stages of American history – the age of discovery, the American Revolution, the Civil War, the age of empire – discussing how each period in history is part of a global history, and how global history is an extricable part of America’s history.

COUNCIL BANQUET
October 3, 2009

The 42nd Triennial Council banquet was held the evening of Saturday, October 3, in the Austin Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Austin.

Douglas Greenberg, executive dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University, received the award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities. Douglas Greenberg is an elected member of the American Antiquarian Society and a fellow of the Society of American Historians. He has served as the executive director of the Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education. He frequently writes and speaks widely about the Holocaust genocide and Jewish identity in the post-Holocaust United States. Greenberg’s career has focused on the strategic repositioning of the organizations he has led and the use of technology to advance academic and institutional missions.

John E. Seery, George Irving Thompson Memorial Professor of Government at Pomona College, received the Sidney Hook Memorial Award, which underwrites an address at the Council banquet by a distinguished teacher and scholar. His address appears below.

The Liberal Arts as a Vocation
John Seery

Thank you Don Wyatt, and thank you my friends and Phi Beta Kappa colleagues. I am honored, overwhelmed, humbled, joyous, and, I should add, somewhat embarrassed to receive this award, the Sidney Hook Memorial Award. Max Weber, the polymathic sociologist, gave a talk in

1920 titled *Wissenschaft als Beruf*, or “Scholarship as a Vocation.” In it, Weber calls academic life “a mad hazard,” and he poses a question which he thinks is the test of what it takes, the right stuff, to endure as a scholar amidst those mad hazards: “Do you in all conscience believe that you can stand seeing mediocrity after mediocrity, year after year, climb beyond you, without becoming embittered and without coming to grief?” Well, in receiving this award, I’m worried that I’ve become that guy who embitters others more deserving. For one thing, most others would know better than to start off a keynote address with a joke from the Weimar era. In all seriousness, I can understand and accept this tremendous award only if I can construe my presence and purpose here as representing small college liberal arts professors all across this country, a dedicated legion that teaches and toils, year after year, without much recognition, except perhaps as local heroes. Presciently Weber heralded their coming, latter-day individuals who remain devoted to their workaday calling as scholar-teachers, without regard to reward, reputation, let alone redemption. I sing the praises of my liberal arts colleagues, and I know—dire rumors to the contrary notwithstanding—that something magnificently important abides and endures, nay flourishes, in those small classrooms and small institutions, albeit in personal relations and in the kind of intimate communities that Weber in his talk describes as operating in *pianissimo* rather than in a publicly *fortissimo* register.

In recent years I’ve become, though, an outwardly loud proponent of that distinctively American institution, the small residential liberal arts college, down-to-earth little utopias think I; but I’m also not an ostrich with my head in the sand. I’ve seen the data: the number of liberal arts colleges has declined by 35% in the last 20 years. I’ve heard the grim reports: the Golden Age of liberal arts education is over, we’ve been told. I suppose I could deliver on this occasion either a damn-the-torpedoes pep talk or an ominous, angry, or resigned, jeremiad. Weber in his talk says, however, that the prophet and the demagogue do not belong on the academic platform, and I think it well to heed that advice of his tonight.

Instead, I stand here of mixed mind, my mood upbeat yet also a bit elegiac about the state of liberal arts education. Many of the things I’ve treasured in academe are indeed changing and changing fast. I suppose it’s an old story of generationalism, but the change also seems to be picking up pace in our epoch; we’re experiencing speed-up, at a rate that is difficult to comprehend as we live through it. I find myself caught in the flux, both

hopeful and yet wary about the new educational world that seems to be unfolding so precipitously in front of us. My graduate school mentor, the Weber scholar Reinhard Bendix, insisted time and again that the ongoing course of history usually reveals an admixture of practices traditional and modern, rather than a clear break and stark graduation from one period to the next. Weber in his major works was an intellectual broker in charting the seemingly inexorable path in modernity from *Gemeinschaft* to *Gesellschaft*, from small-scale, tightly knit communities to large, impersonal forms of society; but Bendix insisted, as something of a corrective, that aspects of *Gemeinschaft* are seldom completely eradicated, even as the forces of *Gesellschaft* seem to take over. Tonight, I'd like to talk about one or two of the aforementioned treasures of mine, not in order to cling desperately to the past or to forestall, or expedite, the looming future—but to narrate the kind of small, daily, unassuming acts of care that become the basis, I think, for more visible public goods, even though they often defy the terms of economic rationality; little gestures, behind-the-scenes routines, unsung virtues that I think are at the heart of the liberal arts way of life, which, if properly remembered and passed on, may be able to strike and negotiate some balance, some continuity, between preservation and innovation.

I'd like to focus on two increasingly old-fashioned forms of residential liberal arts community, namely what it means to play—to perform music—with others in a band; and also what it means to go to a library building and physically check out a book. Weber once wrote a study in the sociology of music, but he never talked about playing in a band—so I will. I grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to parents who stayed on their family farms until their late twenties, and who didn't attend college, largely because of those farm commitments and the war; neither parent played a musical instrument (spoiler alert: aging white guy is about to amble down memory lane). While I was growing up, Coe College was a place that exerted a salutary educational influence throughout the city, and that influence extended to me, as beneficiary: Coe College gave my pals and me coming-of-age access to its athletic, music, and library facilities. It so happened that my family's next-door-neighbor was a professor of music at Coe College, who emigrated in her youth from Czechoslovakia. She, Alma Turechek, would occasionally invite me into her home for late-afternoon chats (she was very encouraging and proud of my early scholastic achievements). Typically, as dusk settled in, as the

sun's light grew dimmer, we would continue talking. During that twilight period, she would leave the lights off in the house as we spoke—she explained that there was a particular Czech word for that transitional situation, *soumrak*, and during *soumrak* folks simply talked or sat quietly as the sun's light slowly receded, and they would wait a while before turning on the lights. It was a special moment, meditative and subtle, and one simply paid attention to the changing light, and to the kind of conversation it prompted. So we talked. Those discussions were vital to my upbringing. I'm pretty sure Alma didn't consider *soumrak*, the time she spent with me, as something she would put on her CV. I doubt she ever received merit pay increases, let alone awards, for it. She's long dead now. But I remember.

Starting in the 3rd grade, I took music lessons on the alto sax, so-called private lessons, one-on-one with a teacher, lessons that were offered in the public schools. Starting in the 4th grade we also participated in concert band, again a regular mid-1960s public school offering, and I can assure you that there were lots of squeaks and squawks along the way. But we had full instrumentation in our little grade school concert band—imagine, enough middle-class parents and their proxies coaxing and encouraging their kids to play trombone, trumpet, tuba, baritone, French horn, clarinet, flute, drums, and various saxophones—and to stick with those music lessons, years on end, well before anyone achieved anything close to the proficiency to produce anything quite beautiful. Starting in junior high, we added jazz band to the mix, bands that were black and white, male and female, jock and nerd. Starting in high school, we added marching band and orchestra. Our high school concert and jazz bands participated in music programs and contests sponsored by Coe College, Drake University, the University of Northern Iowa, the University of Iowa, and Iowa State. It was all part of a robust and vertically integrated K-16 musical system. I also played summer concerts in the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band, funded by the city.

In college, where some of my friends and I found jazz instruction wanting, we founded the Amherst College jazz band, and we eventually got John Coltrane's former teacher, Roland Wiggins, to teach a music theory course at the college. In grad school, I taught private sax lessons for money on the side. At Pomona College, as a professor but not affiliated with the music department, I've played in the concert band and in a student saxophone quartet. That early musical instruction I received,

and the public school, parental, and community support sustaining it has afforded me subsequent opportunities I never would have otherwise experienced. My high school band put out a record. We won a state championship and played on a twin bill with Woody Herman's Thundering Herd big band. Somehow those Midwestern public school music teachers invited famous musicians to play at our high school and to give clinics just for us, and they came—as a high school kid, I met Maynard Ferguson, Dizzy Gillespie, Art Pepper, Clark Terry, Rich Matheson, Lyle Mays, and others. The garage rock-jazz band I was in eventually produced professional musicians who are now Emmy award-winning performers and composers at Julliard, the University of Michigan, on Broadway, and in Hollywood.

About ten years ago, the principal clarinetist of the LA Philharmonic started auditing my political theory classes at Pomona College and we became friends—and music provided a common background for our relationship. For instance, I would talk about the Orphic tradition in Homer, Plato, Virgil, Christine de Pizan and Dante, and he would tell me about the orphic venues in which he had played throughout the world. Imagine having the principal clarinetist of a major city orchestra come to your home to play a concert just for your young kids to encourage them in their musical stirrings, echoic of *soumrak* sessions from my youth. My colleague at Pomona College, the world-renowned composer and pianist Karl Kohn, wrote a sax quartet for my student group and dedicated it to me. Music has charmed my existence. Mind you, I've managed to fake all of these people out—I'm not very good at the sax—and especially for that reason I'm grateful for the institutional opportunities for music performance that have come my way. Even at a lesser level of ability, I know as an insider the joys and wonders of creative performance. What a privilege it is to sit as the top note on a five-part moving sax chord, two altos, two tenors, and a baritone, and to continue with a chord progression, now intermeshing with five part chords from the trombone and trumpet sections, respectively—all with a full rhythm section leading the way. To be enveloped with that lush music, surrounded by true, full-frequency sound waves, all of the human ingenuity and human capital, all presupposed by countless hours of practice and discipline and passion and parental and neighborly and institutional support and coordination, and faith in the future—all in tune, all hitting the beat, all hitting the groove, communicating, improvising, is

that not a glimpse of what people call heaven? Or, closer to earth, what Immanuel Kant called, in music, the unity of the real and the ideal? Methinks musical education—and the performative and creative arts more generally—are absolutely integral, not merely ornamental, to the liberal arts way of life.

Weber in “Scholarship as a Vocation” asks how ideas occur to us. I know how they occur to me (when they do occur): It is a creative process that I first learned via music. Music provides not just the ambient emotional background to my thinking process but also, call it the deep constitutional apparatus for generating my best ideas, those times when both hemispheres of the brain seem to be firing synapses back and forth. Neuroscientists today confirm that musicality enlarges brain activity. Thomas Jefferson fiddled with his violin while writing the Declaration of Independence, and Albert Einstein, another violin player, claimed that his brainpower came from playing Mozart and Bach. For me, today, when I write, I think, implicitly, intuitively, in the background, in terms of musical composition, its underlying logic, structure, and conventions—with preludes, melody, harmony, chord progressions, phrasing, rhythm, dynamics, recurrent motifs, counterpoint, modulation, improv, hooks and codas, and ending on a big bang or a fadeout.

Music, of course, isn’t the only way to structure the deep logic of writing. I think my late friend and colleague, the novelist David Foster Wallace—who once told me that he had no musical ability whatsoever—fashioned much of his writing on another early formative activity from his Midwestern background, namely tennis. I don’t mean to suggest in any way that my writing should be compared to his, his was pure and manic genius, but I will proffer or invite a contrast between our different compositional modalities, musical versus athletic. In many of his works David addressed the subject of tennis explicitly, but I also think tennis was the underlying form of much of his writing—the written page as an arena for sparring with one’s reader, a process of volleying back and forth, with the writer as server, who tries to outmatch the reader as opponent, with sentences that count as angles and set-ups and spins and shots. The common hook is that we both viewed writing as an activity with others, anything but solitary and solipsistic, wherein the reader is to be imagined as a full participant, not just a spectator, to the printed proceedings; and the writer is never simply a soloist. The excitement of reading a David Foster Wallace piece is that he seemed to expect you, the reader, to match wits

with him, to volley shots back; and thus his writing exuded respect and care for the reader as not just interlocutor but as co-equally sentient and worthy partner. But the tennis model of writing and reading is a competitive model, oppositional even when playful; whereas I just happen not to think that way about my own fumbling attempts at writing, which I envision necessarily as an ensemble production, not a match. True, in music it isn't all harmony; there can be risk and dissonance and discord, but the group remains intact and brings different voices together to achieve group coordination: It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing. I do worry about the decline of a common sense of writing as an experience, an engagement with others, rather than as a mere tool or technology, a conveyance for information and knowledge exchange. I do own an iPod filled with music, and I'm thankful for the ease of listening to a huge variety of such digitally produced and consumable music. But oh how I wish everyone would have a chance to be enveloped by live, unrecorded chords, to sit in the middle of a band and play alongside others, to be a creative performer, not just a spectator and consumer of music. I confess that when I read a lot of the dreadful prose that many scholars write these days, I think to myself, Have you no sense of your reading audience as anything but captive? Have you never performed live on stage? Man, have you never played jazz, funk, the blues, or Bach? Do you realize that your prose has no rhythm? I hate to think that our graduate schools are producing a whole generation of scholars with tin ears. I say, PhD programs, in the humanities, social sciences and the sciences, should be requiring not just foreign language facility and quantitative methods but musical facility as well, and we'd be better off as a nation. I'm not being flip. We need to return to the centrality of the arts in our entire educational system, and our leaders, practitioners, and exemplars of the liberal arts need to make that case very assertively and very pleasingly. It's a joyful case to make. But an older generation has to do it, because it takes a number of years of instruction and practice and discipline before the younger generation has the skills to reap the benefits.

Anyway, at eighteen I left Cedar Rapids to attend Amherst College, a geographical displacement that was also something of a culture shock for me. Those east coast preppies threw me for a loop, but that's another story. I felt immediately comfortable, however, in the library, which felt very much like the Coe College library back home. The Amherst College library was and is called the Frost Library, named after the poet Robert

Frost, who was a professor of English at the college for a number of years, before my time. Both the Coe College and Amherst libraries of my day were still very low-tech; no computers, for instance. And bar scanners were yet to be invented, so you checked out a book from the library by signing a card in the back of the book, a card that stayed with that particular book upon its return to the library. So every book on the shelves in the Frost library contained its own log of everyone who had personally handled that particular copy, with a ready inventory of the handwritten signatures of its users over the years. Imagine the thrill of coming upon a book with Robert Frost's signature in the back. Or Robert Fagles'. Or Henry Steele Commager's. Or your professor in a particular class. Or a classmate. Or to come upon a book whose last reader was 100 years prior—and then to find something of value in it, anew, as if you've excavated a rare Grecian urn. Those signed check-out cards made you feel as if you were part of an extended community of readers, holding that history right in your very hands, looking with your eyes at the very same pages that had been scrutinized through another set of once-living eyes. It wasn't that the text became mysteriously sacralized in the process, but it made demonstrable the fact that a book is an intergenerational artifact, that authors can speak to us, as it were, beyond the grave and that their hidebound words can galvanize a kind of protracted readership, a community defined over time. While the advent of bar scanners has certainly made checking out books more convenient, I think something has been lost in the shuffle. We're living on the cusp of a new era of cultural production, having shifted in the classical world from orality to writing and then to the printed word starting in the 15th century, and now into the multimedial digital era. Printed newspapers are going by the wayside, publishing houses are going belly up, and the future of the printed page, and the book, is not an auspicious one. My late Claremont colleague Peter Drucker predicted in 1997 that in thirty more years residential college education would be rendered, by the same digitizing forces, obsolete, books and buildings both becoming relics. Mind you, I have many colleagues today who are mightily enthusiastic about downloading all sorts of reading matter through iPhones and Kimbles, along with e-books and i-books and online, on-demand, googlable access to every damn book ever written throughout recorded human history, popping right up there on your laptop screen. Don't be a stick in the mud, don't be a Luddite, they say. We're in a new Gutenberg revolution, and it's all good, even the texting

and twittering. But then I think back to my undergraduate experience in the Frost library. I just don't think digitized books are apt to initiate quite the same pleasures, the thrills, the undercover bonds, the mysteries that those card catalogued, hand-signed books formerly prompted. Sure, maybe in the future, when you download a particular book, you can access a list of every other worldwide reader who has also downloaded that book, or you'll read in real-time along with other readers and gain new opportunities for interactive and shared reading experiences. Is it likely, however, that those virtual communities, now tracked by Amazon.com, will become memorable and profound, accumulating depth and meaning over time? I wonder. Can the digital ever be tangible? At night, you're not going to tuck your Kindle lovingly under your pillow after you read an amazing downloadable book on it, are you? Dante at the end of the *Paradiso* tries to impart to his reader a poetic notion that a great Book of Love holds the entire universe together: can Dante digitized truly convey that sublime vision? I think you need to be holding a copy of the *Paradiso* in your hands while you try to appreciate, to grasp his view that the pages in front of you are the very scattered leaves of that universal book of which he writes. Okay, maybe that's too quaint. I've read Robert Darnton's amazing essay on Rousseau's readers, who relished the 18th century book's gold-inscribed leather bound covers, who fussed over the book's expensive sheep skin pages or delicate rag paper and its hand-designed fonts and fancy printed letters. I'm aware that books can be fetishized, and that dwelling on a particular historical iteration of the book is to decontextualize a form of cultural production, abstracting it out of its changing economic conditions and power dynamics, and so on blah blah blah. Still, I desperately wish my own 21st century students could experience that thrill of discovering Robert Frost's signature tucked away, among others, in just another book on the shelves in their little college library and to see the names of a handful of others who have likely shared that thrill over that particular book. A book, to be sure, doesn't raise the dead. Reading isn't an exercise in morbidity. Reading doesn't need to conjure up an absent subject. But it does help us understand our participation in a grander human comedy, and a tangible book makes that extended mystery, that protracted history, a little more palpable, something you hold in your hand.

Well, those Frost Library books, and the general liberal arts environs at Amherst College, inspired me to try my own hand at book

writing. My senior thesis turned out to be over 400 pages long—on Max Weber. I went overboard. But I wasn't unusual. My friends were all avidly writing long theses, or conducting elaborate lab experiments, while playing or singing or dancing in music or theater groups, while competing in intramural or intercollegiate athletics, while cultivating friendships and engaging in spirited conversation. The liberal arts were alive and robust and meaningful. Mine isn't a romantic or revisionist memory. I'm again extremely fortunate to find myself at a residential liberal arts institution, Pomona College, with colleagues who are devoted in the very core of their being to teaching and research; with administrators who deeply care about the liberal arts; with trustees who are true-blue believers in and sponsors of that form of education; and with students who read and pursue their studies with passion and rigor and good cheer. And the alums look back on their undergraduate days with tremendous fondness. The spirit and practice of the liberal arts are alive—and attractive. We can admit only a fraction of the students who want to attend Pomona College. And we can hire only a fraction of the PhDs who want to teach there. And yet we operate against the backdrop of a national mythology that purports as a commonplace that a liberal arts education is somehow woefully misbegotten, economically foolish, unaccountable and deserving of its impending demise. What poppycock. My friends, we need to get the word out, that a liberal arts way of life is probably the best, one of the best, of all possible worlds, the highest or the most rewarding of pursuits, the incubator of great joys and profound memories, that a liberal arts education helps cultivate human meaning and helps craft human soulfulness, producing the kinds of people you want to be around for the rest of your life, liberally educated engineers, broadly read mechanics, thoughtful and inspired businesspersons, curious and interesting neighbors. We need to dispel the popular falsehood that reading books and sharing ideas and pursuing truths and contemplating beauty and making music are ultimately exercises in futility, wastefulness, and uselessness. We need to get the word out that the liberal arts is a way of life, not just a curriculum, and that the benefits and utility of the liberal arts are to be measured over the span of a lifetime, not simply in test scores or starting salaries upon graduation. Don't expect, don't place the responsibility for raising the national GNP or for saving the whales or for saving the planet on America's network of small liberal arts colleges. Instead, we need to tell others and to remind ourselves that the ultimate reason for getting a good job in the first place or

for saving the planet is to be able to pursue, to live, to enjoy the ongoing enrichments of a liberal arts way of life.

The main point of Weber's "Scholarship as a Vocation" talk was to assert that the integrity of modern scholarship requires steadfast devotion to increasingly specialized research and that such devotion still resembles something like bygone religious faithfulness, even though modern academic research was, for Weber, a religiously disenchanted and disbelieving enterprise. For Weber, the modern scholar, even though he or she no longer believes that scholarship leads to redemption, ought to regard his or her activity nonetheless as, as it were, a missionary calling, not just a job. But realize: Weber in the talk boasts of the superiority of the German research university, which produces quasi-aristocratic specialists, over the American teaching college, which produces middlebrow democratic generalists. I quote: "The American boy learns unspeakably less than the German boy...The young American has no respect for anything or anybody, for tradition or for public office—unless it is for the personal achievement of individual men. This is what the Americans call 'democracy.'...The American's conception of the teacher who faces him is: he sells me his knowledge and his methods for my father's money, just as the greengrocer sells my mother cabbage. And that is all. To be sure, if the [American] teacher happens to be a football coach, then, in this field, he is a leader. But if he is not [a sport's coach], he is simply a teacher and nothing more." Perhaps in 1920 Weber didn't have much inside acquaintance with the American-style residential liberal arts college. Today, every day, I encounter students and colleagues who do not regard their own scholarly, teaching, and learning activity as fundamentally a function of economics, as a mere job or a way to get a job. But Weber's cartoonish critique should be a worry. I think we need to adopt Weber's notion of a calling and apply it as well to broad-based liberal arts education, and not just specialized research. We need thus to elevate and to exalt and to proclaim widely, impelled onward by the courage of our convictions, that for those of us in the know, the liberal arts way of life, a well-crafted, well-rounded, well-wrought life with others, is indeed a vocation, not just a curriculum, not just a career, certainly not just a job. At the end of his most famous book, Weber warns of a coming iron cage of modernity that will trap us into a cultural order about which it might well be said: "Specialists without spirit, sensualists without heart; this nullity imagines that it has attained a level of civilization never before

achieved.” I see the task of liberal arts education as withstanding that grim future, namely by cultivating an educational ethos that seeks indeed to bring *spirit* and *heart* to our lives. My friends, thank you for listening to me on this occasion, and please trust that I will do my best to live up to the tremendous honor that you have bestowed so generously upon me. Thank you.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Chair Katherine R. Soule called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting were approved.

Chair Soule reported on the status of associations in the New England district. She said that no new associations have been chartered since the last triennial, but the currently active associations are going strong. The executive committee would like to see more associations in the New England district. Chair Soule asked for chapter members to assist. In response to a question from the floor, Chair Soule explained the difference between chapters and associations and advocated for chapters and associations to collaborate.

Chair Soule reported on the Northern New England Association. The association holds regular lecture events twice per year. Chair Soule conducted a successful phone membership effort in the winter of 2008. The association has initiated an awards program for high school juniors. In the future, they plan to honor teachers who have most influenced students.

Molly Eckman reported on the Boston Association. It is a young, relatively new association. Two years ago they launched a Web site and recently implemented a Facebook page. They offer events that cater to various ages including dinner discussions attended by members in their 20s to members in their 80s. The association is making an effort to work with chapters by attending initiation ceremonies, introducing the association, and offering a free 1-year membership.

Deborah Elliot Ward reported on the Maine Association. The Maine Association has a mailing list of approximately 200 people with 50 – 100 due paying members. Dues are \$25 per year. They hold 2 events per year, and offer awards to high school juniors. Last spring they presented awards to 113 schools. They have collaborated with the University of Maine chapter and would like to collaborate with the other Maine chapters.

Lisa Newton of the Fairfield University chapter invited association delegates to contact her. Chair Soule offered to send an e-mail to all the

New England delegates so delegates can continue communication after the triennial.

Chair Soule reported the New England District Executive Committee strives to meet twice per year to discuss Phi Beta Kappa items of note in the district. She invited anyone who is interested in attending an executive committee meeting to contact one of the district officers. The executive committee is interested in learning more about the chapters and associations and discussing topics of mutual interest.

Secretary/Treasurer Carol O'Donnell reported that the district has \$2,488.73 in its checking account. The executive committee is interested in using the funds for an event focused on collaboration between chapters and associations or between chapters. We also have considered launching an interest group program to bring together members with mutual interests. The executive committee is interested in other ideas.

Chair Soule reported on the communications efforts over the last three years. The electronic newsletter has lapsed due to lack of news. Chair Soule invited delegates to send any news items. Kate and Carol both serve on the Committee on Advocacy and Communication and are interested in avenues for open communication and collaboration. She expressed a desire to see a means for chapters and associations to post a calendar of events and report on activities.

Chair Soule turned the meeting over to District Senator Wyatt to report on the Senate, important triennial issues, and the Committee on Qualifications.

Senator Wyatt encouraged delegates to see him after the district meeting to discuss the by-laws and the stipulations.

Senator Wyatt reported that the Committee on Qualifications is forwarding four institutions at this triennial. He encouraged delegates to read the reports and urged them to vote in favor of all four.

Chair Soule then called for the election of officers. The current officers are Chair Kate Soule, Vice Chair Kathryn Olmstead, and Secretary/Treasurer

Carol O'Donnell. Since Chair Soule has been nominated for Senate Vice President, she would step down from the district executive committee.

Elections commenced with Carol O'Donnell elected Chair, Kathryn Olmstead elected Secretary/Treasurer, and Molly Eckman elected Vice Chair.

Chair Soule called attention to the council agenda and noted specific pages pertaining to council proceedings, voting instructions, report of the Senate, proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws, procedures for floor nominations, and report of the Council Nominating Committee.

Chair Soule then distributed a list of issues and questions raised by council delegates. The issues fell into 3 categories – student issues, faculty issues, and association issues. Some discussion of the issues focusing on ways to improve the functioning of associations, collaboration, and communication followed.

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The delegates continued discussion of the issues list in small, topic-focused groups.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol O'Donnell
District Secretary/Treasurer

In attendance:
Kirk Anderson, Wheaton College
Jacques Bailly, University of Vermont
Mary Chaffee, Northern New England Association
Barbara Craig, College of The Holy Cross
Elli Crocker, Clark University
Molly Eckman, Boston Association
Eric Einhorn, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Jim Hartley, Mount Holyoke College
William Karstens, St. Michael's College
Gerald Mager, Amherst College

Lisa Newton, Fairfield University
Clare O'Connor, Boston College
Carol O'Donnell, New England District Secretary/Treasurer
Lynn Pasquerella, University of Hartford
Damon Rarick, University of Rhode Island
Richard Rockwell, University of Connecticut
Howard Segal, University of Maine
Katherine R. Soule, Dartmouth
Corri Taylor, Wellesley College
Thelma Thompson, University of New Hampshire
Caldwell Titcomb, Brandeis University
David S. Turesky, PBK Association of Maine
Debora Elliot Ward, PBK Association of Maine
Don Wyatt, Middlebury College

MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

The meeting of the Middle Atlantic District, held at the Hilton Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas, was called to order by President Joseph G. Poluka at 4:04 p.m. on October 1, 2009. Delegates from at least 34 chapters and five associations were present.

Following welcoming remarks, the minutes of the 2006 District Conference were accepted as distributed. President Poluka then gave the President's Report. He spoke about the symposium, entitled "Leadership: Does the Key Hold the Key?" that the Middle Atlantic District had presented in New York on May 2, 2009, hosted by Hunter College/CUNY. He provided details about the speakers and their topics, and quoted some messages of appreciation that were received from audience members in the days following the event. Although publicized through all the customary channels, the symposium had drawn a smaller audience than usual, due in part, perhaps, to major literary conferences being held in New York on the same day. For the next symposium, tentatively scheduled for 2011, an even more effective publicity strategy is planned.

Professor Vera L. Junkers presented the Treasurer's Report. Dues had been requested, as usual, from chapters and associations. Approximately

half of the constituency had paid the dues when the District received a \$2,500 stipend from the Society, an amount that eventually covered all symposium expenses. Consequently, customary co-sponsorship of this event was deemed unnecessary. Secretary John Churchill then addressed the District conference from the floor. He announced that the national office was obliged to “back away” from the stipends in the next triennium, given a \$430,000 decrease in the Society’s budget. With expenses kept in check, the closing balance of the District was declared most solid. The report was accepted.

Some discussion regarding chapter and association finances ensued. It was concluded that not all chapters collect registration fees from the newly-elected students in the same way, that some chapters can indeed have difficulty in paying dues to the District, and that chapters and associations have disparate financial resources. Receipt of the stipend had initially resulted in a suspension of dues-collection. The Executive Committee, having foreseen the need to propose a by-laws amendment reflecting this change in the financial structure of the District, had included the proposed amendment as a later item on the agenda. It became clear, at this juncture, that the amendment eliminating dues payable to the District could not be proposed. Instead, the spirit of the body was that the current dues structure should remain, and that associations would be asked to pay more than chapters: a “recommended” sum of \$100 was voted on, and approved.

District Senator Theopolis Fair presented a brief report on Senate activities, focusing primarily on the work of the 2008 Strategic Planning Committee.

Senator Fair also gave the report of the District Nominating Committee. Each candidate present then spoke briefly. Statements were made or read on behalf of those who were unable to attend the District meeting. In the absence of nominations from the floor, the slate that had been presented was accepted by voice vote. The officers and Representatives chosen are as follows: President: Joseph G. Poluka (Delaware Valley Association), Vice-President: Joseph W. Koterski (Fordham University), Secretary-Treasurer: Vera L. Junkers (Hunter College), Representative for Upper New York: Lloyd D. Raines (Scarsdale/Westchester Association),

Representative for Metropolitan New York: Vincent C. Alfonso (Fordham University), Representative for Pennsylvania/Delaware: Douglas E. Norton (Villanova University).

The election was followed by a discussion of possible District activities in the 2009-2012 Triennium and by an exchange of ideas and views on topics of interest to the assembled delegates and guests.

- Symposium: to present one, or to try something else? What would be potential topics?
- Suggestion: Use Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholars as symposium speakers.
- Professor Thomas E. Bird of Queens College/CUNY made a motion expressing thanks for all that has been done this last Triennium. The motion was approved.
- For associations (especially), and chapters: An attempt needs to be made to make the existence of PBK better known.
- There should be an outreach to high school students.
- There is no official link between associations and colleges. Representatives of associations should be invited to chapter initiations; the District can suggest this course of action to chapters.
- High school book program—give awards to excellent students.
- Outside of ‘District business’: A variety of comments touched on the GPA, on understanding the PBK stipulations and which colleges they apply to, on which courses count as liberal arts courses, and on the complex issue of language requirements.

In the absence of new business, this District meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera L. Junkers
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Hilda Fisher, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on October 1, 2009. She welcomed those present and gave some introductory remarks. In addition to four officers, 55 delegates attended, representing 36 chapters, 12 associations, and the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The names and affiliations of those who signed the attendance list follows the substantive portion of these minutes. The minutes of the District meeting held at the 41st Triennial Council were approved as printed in the Bulletin.

George B. Pruden, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that the South Atlantic District consists of 49 chapters and 17 alumni associations, with the possible addition of two new chapters at Elon University and James Madison University, if the Council approves granting them a charter. When he assumed the position at the beginning of 2007, the amount on hand was \$2,278.03. The Phi Beta Kappa Society provided a stipend of \$2,500.00 in 2007, which replaced assessing dues of \$5.00 per year on each chapter and association. The interest-bearing account has earned \$3.58. The Executive Committee of the District approved five grants of \$300 each in 2007 and one in 2009, also \$300, to enhance the visibility of Phi Beta Kappa on campuses and in communities, pursuant to a decision made at the 40th Triennial Council in Seattle and reiterated at the 41st Triennial Council in Atlanta. (Brief reports by recipients on how they used their grants were given later in the meeting.) A District meeting was held at the Phi Beta Kappa Society headquarters on May 2, 2007. Five Sub-districts Baltimore Area, D.C. Area, Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida were set up in an effort to improve communications and cooperation between and among chapters and associations. It was also decided that each Sub-district could use \$500 of the Society's stipend to convene a meeting of its chapters and associations. To date \$500 each has been allocated to the Baltimore and Florida Sub-districts, and \$258.13 to the D.C. Area Sub-district. The current balance in the account is \$1,723.48. If the other two Sub-districts also claim \$500, that will leave only enough to fund two more \$300 grants. District Senator James Lightner stated that due to financial constraints the Society will not be providing another stipend during the 2009-2012 triennium. A brief discussion on increasing the Districts funds included the suggestion by the

Secretary-Treasurer that tax-deductible donations could be made to the Society and ear-marked for this District.

District Senator Lightner, provided an update from the last District newsletter. He is on the Executive Committee of the Society and chairs its Committee on Chapters. It was a difficult spring in 2009 due to the recession, but belt-tightening measures are working and the endowment is rebounding. Each year the Committee on Chapters evaluates annual reports based on specific criteria. For the 2008-2009 year, six of the highest-ranking chapters are in the South Atlantic District: the College of William and Mary, Eckerd College, Howard University, McDaniel College, Randolph-Macon College, and Washington College. (The following day it was announced that Randolph-Macon College won the Outstanding Small Chapter award.) In the summer of 2009 the Senate Committee on Associations also reviewed the six highest-ranking associations (and the next day it was announced that the D.C. Area Association won the award for outstanding association). Only three in our District are listed as a concern. And of the 13 chapters designated as Parmele Chapters, which committed to implement the Best Practices document approved at the 41st Triennial, five are in the District: Duke University, Florida State University, North Carolina State University, Stetson University, and the University of South Carolina. He also strongly recommended that delegates take advantage of the opportunity following the Delegates Reception that evening to speak with candidates for election as President, Vice President, Senator, and member of the Nominating Committee.

Senator-at-large Paul Lukacs, who also holds a position at Loyola University Maryland, reported that the Society is in good shape financially after some cost-cutting measures. He remarked that the goal of the proposed constitutional revisions to be voted on at this Triennial are to make the Society more inclusive. He sits on the Qualifications Committee, which received 40 applications for a charter to establish a new chapter. Of those 40, the committee conducted site visits at six and is recommending only four at this time. This speaks to the rigorous standards the Society maintains.

Under Old Business, Vice Chair Sandra Birch explained the rationale for establishing five sub-districts at the District meeting in May 2007. Our District encompasses a large geographical area the coastal states from Maryland to Florida plus West Virginia. Those attending that meeting felt that smaller, regional groups would more likely attract better attendance to discuss matters of mutual concern and benefit between the Triennial Council meetings. And in keeping with the Society's practice of providing financial assistance, up to \$500 could be used in each Sub-district for travel reimbursement and food. To date, only the D.C. Sub-district has met, convened by its chair, Teresa Redd of Howard University. Money has been allocated to the Baltimore Area and Florida Sub-districts for upcoming meetings. Sandra Birch, chair of the Virginia Sub-district, asked those delegates to meet briefly after the District meeting to organize a conclave to be held in 2010. (The chair of the North Carolina Sub-district has withdrawn from that position, and it is hoped that someone will volunteer to serve. Anyone willing to assume this important role should contact the District Chair, Hilda Fisher, at hildacf@verizon.net.) She also reminded delegates that information on our website, <http://southatlanticpbk.org>, provides useful information, such as minutes of District meetings, and will be updated as necessary.

The effectiveness of newsletters was the next item. The previous Secretary-Treasurer produced two issues each year, both electronically and by paper copy mailed from the national office. During the 2007-2009 triennium only one has been issued each year, and the Executive Committee decided to send them out only in electronic form and to only one contact person in each chapter and association, both to make it more convenient to share it with other officers and members and to save the Society time, effort, and expense of preparing and mailing paper copies. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that it is vital to have the name and e-mail address for the current contact person. In addition to a special e-mail to help prepare delegates for this Triennial Council, he sent the last newsletter individually to each contact person on his list (to avoid having it treated as spam) and added an electronic request for a return receipt, to let him know if it was received. He got return receipts from less than half of the 66 he sent, and at least some of those receipts indicated that the cover e-mail had been deleted without being read. He asked delegates to let him know if they did not receive it. (David Lupo, Lowcountry Association,

explained to him after the meeting that some e-mail systems can be directed not to send return receipts and that a message-deleted reply doesn't always mean that. The Secretary-Treasurer asked that he be notified when the contact person changes and requested any suggestions to make the distribution more effective. Chair Hilda Fisher's column in the most recent newsletter requested secretaries to send her a copy of their annual reports so that good ideas for programs, recruitment, fund-raising, etc. can be gleaned and shared throughout the District. She had positive responses from the Sarasota-Manatee, D.C. Area, and Lowcountry S.C. Associations and from Howard University. These will be posted on the website.

The first item under New Business was election of officers to serve during the 2009-2012 triennium. The Executive Committee, acting as a nominating committee, presented this slate: Chair - Hilda Fisher (Goucher College); Vice Chair - Catherine Griggs (Eckerd College); Secretary-Treasurer - George B. Pruden (Coastal Georgia-Carolina Association); and Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee - Robert Rycroft (University of Mary Washington). One more Member-at-Large position needed to be filled, as Teresa Redd (Howard University) has declined the nomination to continue in that position. The Chair called for nominations from the floor. Christel McDonald (D.C. Area Association) was nominated. As no other nominations were made, all these officers were elected unanimously.

Vice Chair Sandra Birch addressed the issue of \$300 grants that enhance the visibility of Phi Beta Kappa. Chair Hilda Fisher called on recent recipients to tell how their grants were used. Linda Hubert, The Metro Atlanta Association added to the number of high schools to which six award-winning books were donated. David Lupo, The Lowcountry (S.C.) Association increased the amount of scholarships awards given to outstanding seniors at the two magnet school in Charleston County. Jeanne M. Toungara, Howard University hosted a lecture and high tea for 26 outstanding sophomores who were presented the Alain Locke Certificate of Recognition. Miranda Pratt, The Middle Georgia Association held a reception for 130 outstanding seniors from area high schools that included a panel discussion on liberal arts education and the presentation of certificates. Jay Freyberg, The University of Maryland -

Baltimore County Chapter will hold a public lecture by Dr. Sandra Herbert and induct Members in Course and two Honorary Members. When delegates were asked whether these grants should be continued to the extent they can be funded from our dwindling account balance, the vote in favor was almost unanimous.

Jeanne Toungara (Howard University) suggested that some money should be used to make the South Atlantic District better known among our chapters and associations. Christel McDonald (D.C. Area Association) suggested that another newsletter be issued after the Triennial Council on the history of the South Atlantic District. And Linda Hubert (Metro Atlanta Association) asked if a live chat link could be added to our website so that chapters and associations could more easily communicate with each other. Secretary-Treasurer George Pruden said that Michael Gauger, Chair of the Conference of Association Delegates, had set up an e-community on the Phi Beta Kappa Society's Web site www.pbk.org, but it had not been utilized much. And someone asked how many hits the District's website had received. Vice Chair Sandra Birch said that she would try to find out.

There being no other business, Chair Hilda Fisher adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Those in attendance:

| <u>Officers</u> <u>affiliation)</u> | <u>South Atlantic District Position (and</u> |
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| Hilda Fisher | Chair (Goucher College) |
| Sandra Birch | Vice Chair (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University) |
| George B. Pruden | Secretary-Treasurer (Coastal Georgia-Carolina Association) |
| Catherine Griggs | Executive Committee Member-at-Large (Eckerd College) |

| <u>Delegates</u> | <u>Representing</u> |
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| Meg Amstutz | University of Georgia |
| Brian Arthur | Mary Baldwin College |
| Bernadine Barnes | Wake Forest University |
| Clayton Black | Washington College |

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| Charles Blake | Shenandoah Valley Association |
| Susanna Boylston | Davidson College |
| Mary Camac | Roanoke College |
| Susan Carlisle | Metro Atlanta Association |
| Peter Chen | Spelman College |
| Linn Deavers | Georgetown University |
| Michael A. Denner | Stetson University |
| Mindy Erchull | University of Mary Washington |
| Jerry Fisher | Florida State University |
| Jay Freyman | University of Maryland - Baltimore County |
| Rhett George, Jr.. | Duke University |
| George D. Greenia | College of William and Mary |
| Alice Haddy | University of North Carolina - Greensboro |
| Linda Halpern | Shenandoah Valley Association |
| Chris Healy | Furman University |
| Art Herriott | Florida International University |
| E. Jens Holley | Clemson University |
| Jean Holzinger | Hollins University |
| Linda Hubert | Metro Atlanta Association |
| James E. Lightner | District Senator (McDaniel College) |
| Robert Lowman | University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill |
| Michael Lubin | Emory University / Metro Atlanta Association |
| Karlin Luedtke | University of Virginia |
| Paul Lukacs | Senator-at-Large (Loyola University Maryland) |
| David Lupo | Lowcountry South Carolina Association |
| Scott Lurding | Phi Beta Kappa Society |
| Mark R. Malin | Randolph-Macon College |
| Philip May | Emory University |
| Christel McDonald | D.C. Area Association |
| Mary Alice Morgan | Middle Georgia Association |
| David Morrow | Morehouse College |

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| James Mullin | Catholic University |
| Saundra H. Oyewole | Trinity Washington University |
| Miranda Pratt | Middle Georgia Association |
| Michael Puma, | Loyola University Maryland |
| Celia Rabinowitz | St. Mary's College of Maryland |
| Milena Rodban | Goucher College |
| J. Mark Scearce | North Carolina State University |
| Sandra Seckel | Greater Tampa Bay Association |
| John Shaver | Sarasota-Manatee Association |
| Ronni B. Silett | Coastal Georgia-Carolina Association |
| Niall W. Slater | Emory University / Past President, Phi Beta Kappa Society |
| Andrew Steigman | D.C. Area Association |
| Sarah Stokely | McDaniel College |
| Alan Stolzenberg | West Virginia University |
| Phillip Stone | Wofford College |
| William T. Stuart | University of Maryland - College Park |
| Klawa Thresher | Randolph College |
| Jeanne M. Toungara | Howard University |
| Anne Warner | Spelman College |
| Brenda Wiens | University of Florida |

Respectfully submitted,
George B. Pruden,
Secretary-Treasurer

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

The meeting of the East Central District of Phi Beta Kappa, held during the Forty-Second Triennial Council on Thursday, October 1, 2009, in Salon E of the Hilton Austin, was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by District Chair Gregory Gocek.

43 members representing 38 chapters and associations in the district were in attendance:

Gregory Gocek, Chair, East Central District, Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area

Joe Fugate, Vice Chair, East Central District, Kalamazoo College Chapter

Rosalie Vermette, Secretary, East Central District, Alpha Association of Indiana (Indianapolis)

Ames, Debra, Valparaiso University Chapter

Baxter, Douglas, Ohio University Chapter

Burkam, David, University of Michigan Chapter

Cate, Fred, Indiana University-Bloomington Chapter

Cerny, William, Notre Dame University Chapter

Dungan, Dona, Augustana College Chapter

Estabrook, Bernd, Illinois College Chapter

Factor, Lance, Knox College Chapter

Fee, Robert, University of Cincinnati Chapter

Gleicher, Jules, Rockford College Chapter

Gorny, Ron, University of Chicago Chapter

Greenslade, Terri, Indiana University-Bloomington Chapter

Hamby, Alonzo, East Central District Senator, Ohio University

Hancock, G. Whitmore, Marietta College Chapter

Hardesty, William H., Miami University Chapter

Holm, Daniel K., Kent State University Chapter

Jenkins, Mary Ellen, The Ohio State University Chapter

Kopacz, Chris, Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area

Knutson, David, Xavier University Chapter

Ledford, Ken, Case Western Reserve University Chapter

Long, Jacqueline, Loyola University Chicago Chapter

McKay, Tim, University of Michigan Chapter

McNitt, Andrew, District Senate Candidate

Moore, Michael, Oberlin College Chapter

Musser, Joseph, Ohio Wesleyan University Chapter

Noble, Theresa, DePauw University Chapter

Pancella, Paul, Southwest Michigan Association

Ramsbottom, John, University of Illinois-Urbana Chapter

Reish, Joseph G., Western Michigan University Chapter

Riese, David, Purdue University Chapter

Roche, Jennifer, The College of Wooster Chapter
Steffenson, Daniel, Albion College Chapter
Strauss-Lipkin, Judi, Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area
Swenson, Elizabeth, Cleveland Association
Thompson, Jeff, Denison University Chapter
Tucker, Brian, Wabash College Chapter
Volpe, Josephine, University of Illinois at Chicago Chapter
Wolfson, Seymour, Detroit Michigan Association
Young, Bailey, Eastern Illinois Association
Zierler, Matt, Michigan State University Chapter

Chair Gregory Gocek opened the meeting by asking attendees to introduce themselves, and followed with a series of announcements. First, the Chair acknowledged the passing of Judith Krug, former Vice President of the National Society and Senator, in spring 2009. Gocek praised Judith for having been an active and devoted member of Phi Beta Kappa, who also had served as President of the Chicago Area Association and at the time of her death was the candidate for the Presidency of the Society. Had she been elected, Judith would have been the first president to come from an association. She will be greatly missed in Phi Beta Kappa. Next, Gocek acknowledged Senator Fred Cate (Indiana University-Bloomington), the current candidate for President of the Society. Gocek then congratulated the Marietta College chapter on the occasion of its upcoming 150th anniversary in 2010. The Chair also acknowledged outgoing Senator Lon Hamby's years of devoted service to the East Central District, and Doug Baxter's generous work in maintaining the District's Web site at Ohio University. Gocek ended his announcements by informing the group of district members who are on various slates for election at this 42nd Triennial Council.

The minutes of the meeting of the East Central District, held in Atlanta, Georgia, in October 2006 as printed in the 41st Triennial Council Bulletin were approved.

The Chair's Report. The first item on Gocek's list was the district Web site, the district leadership's primary means of communication with member chapters and associations. The site is hosted by Ohio University and maintained by Doug Baxter. Gocek reviewed briefly items posted on the site, discussed the site's link with the official PBK sponsored Web site,

and invited chapters and associations to send him information and announcements that they would like posted on the East Central District site. In addition to the Web site, the Chair also maintains periodic contact every three to four months with members and chapter and association officers about district events and business through e-mail contact lists. Gocek then reviewed some of the district activities in which he had participated since the last Triennial, including the installation of the new chapter at Xavier University and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the University of Michigan chapter. He also contacted a group in Columbus, Ohio, planning to start an association there, and he visited Ohio University recently to meet with Doug Baxter.

Next, Gocek discussed programs that the district has initiated in the past three years to expend judiciously the \$2,500 award granted to districts in Atlanta in 2006 to plan activities beneficial to chapters and associations for the interval between Triennials.

The first program proposed, the “District Speakers Program,” has not had any response from district members. Second, the “Initiate Subsidy Program” has had active participation, with chapters invited to submit requests for aid for new initiates. The district has allocated some of the Society grant to pay for half of the fees for students invited to join PBK who are encountering financial difficulties that could preclude their acceptance of the chapter’s invitation to join Phi Beta Kappa. After identifying an appropriate recipient, the chapter sponsor communicates with the district chair and simply indicates the student’s name. On approval, the district pays 50% of the student’s initiation fees for up to eight students per year on a first come first served basis. Since inception, the program has supported 10 such students.

The Chair’s last announcement was about the district meeting planned for late March 2009 at Valparaiso University that did not occur due to lack of response from district members. District funds had been budgeted for this event, but they were not spent. The topic of discussion for the day-long meeting was to be innovative ways to cover the increasing costs to attend college. Based on the sentiments of the group in Austin, an attempt to organize a one-day district meeting before the next Triennial meetings in 2012 is intended. Initial investigation of feasibility began in Austin after the district meeting.

District Senator's Report. Alonzo Hamby expressed honor and pleasure to have represented the East Central District as Senator for 12 years. He thanked everyone for their support of him in his role. He told the group that, as a member of the Qualifications Committee, he was proud to recommend Butler University (Indianapolis, Indiana) at this Triennial for the granting of a chapter charter, adding a new chapter to our district roster. He also strongly endorsed Vice President Fred Cate for president, stressing Cate's excellent job as chair of the Senate's 2008 Strategic Planning Committee.

With reference to a statement in the Report of the 2008 Strategic Planning Committee about the need to develop a stronger relationship with the sheltering institution as a critical way to support chapters (p. 3), the question was raised about what kinds of institutional support are lacking in part or full at some institutions. Cate, chair of the strategic planning report committee, explained that successful chapters enjoy strong institutional support with help for banquets, speakers series, meeting rooms, and such activities, but not necessarily financial support. Some chapters have not been receiving the needed backing from their sheltering institution, thus causing problems for their effectiveness. Promises are made by the institution at the time of the campus visit by the members of the Committee on Qualifications, but the follow through is not always certain. A new requirement is being instituted by PBK whereby letters of support are being requested from the institution at the time of the review. It is not principally a question of money, more a matter of will to honor commitment with the Society's aim to ascertain the value that institutions assign to having a PBK chapter on campus.

Old Business. Chair Gocek noted an issue regarding the district Web site now hosted at Ohio University. At the Atlanta Triennial, he requested to Secretary Churchill that our Web site be hosted at the National Society so that a permanent home would be set with an ongoing Internet presence assured as the essential means for communicating about the district. When the Web site originated under Chairman Baxter, the founding intention was for Ohio University to be the initial but interim host. Secretary Churchill readily agreed to facilitate the migration. In later consultation with the IT specialist at National's DC offices, we were informed that the manner by which we must transfer our content would require additional

labor that National would need to authorize. That has not been approved to date. So we continue to strive to identify a means to accomplish this.

New Business. Most of the announcements focused on this year's Triennial which was populated by an overwhelming number of first-time delegates. Senator Hamby added there are four institutions being presented for the granting of a new chapter charters. Each was selected after an intensive and comprehensive review. All questions about any of these four schools had to be submitted in writing to the Committee on Qualifications before the Friday afternoon plenary session. Vice President Cate reviewed briefly the three plenary sessions and the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, and stated the election of senators is becoming an increasingly competitive process. He added that dealing with resolutions at a Triennial meeting is pretty unscripted because many of the resolutions are proposed by delegates from the floor during sessions.

Q & A. Delegate Bailey Young asked about ways that have been used to identify speakers for the "District Speakers Program" and have them offer a talk. Gocek responded that analogous to the National Visiting Scholars program, for the last two years our parallel concept has been posted on the district Web site for potential speakers to register to participate in the program. A \$100 grant from the district is available to help with travel costs or as an honorarium. Gocek has also frequently invited participation via his regular e-mails to district contacts. The program would also have been discussed at the planned district meeting in Valparaiso, Indiana. Young indicated the East Central Illinois association would like to have someone attend a meeting to talk about why it is worthwhile to be in Phi Beta Kappa.

A question was asked about the feasibility of holding meetings at the state level within the district. Gocek answered that the only successful attempt to meet as a district was at Wabash College (Crawfordsville, Indiana) in May 2006. Meetings in every state would require someone in each area to take charge of organizing a local session and secure a sponsoring host to defray related expenses. Given the constraints on our future finances, noted in the related section below, a round of meetings in our four states could prove cost prohibitive. Gocek stated under current circumstances it would be ideal to hold a district meeting roughly six months before a triennial PBK meeting to caucus on developments within the district and to

focus of a topic of interest to both chapters and associations. It would also offer an opportunity for people unable to travel later to the Triennial to connect with fellow Phi Beta Kappa volunteers. Delegate Judi Strauss-Lipkin added the Chicago Area association board reserves slots for representatives from local PBK chapters in an attempt to build better relations between associations and chapters.

It was noted that active communication with members of the district is extremely important. Gocek agreed and responded he stays in touch regularly with members on his e-mail contact list and seeks the cooperation of contact persons to inform peers at their respective organizations. He also strives to maintain the most current contact data although none is ever provided directly from the National Society. For most certain list accuracy, district associations and chapters need to regularly notify the district about changes in contact persons. Otherwise the only means of determining those individuals is by recurrent audit of the lists posted on the National Society Web site, which does not indicate the entry date of a particular data set. Also given the constrained outlook for our resources, electronic communication is essential as expensive alternatives means such as hard copy mailings could quickly exhaust our funds.

Bob Fee mentioned efforts to launch an association in Cincinnati and wondered how experience in the district could be applied. Gocek noted that the district could serve as a catalyst in sharing consultative guidance, noting that both his fellow officer Rosalie Vermette and he have volunteered for many years at associations and would be happy to share any insights from lessons learned. Other district organizations with helpful ideas were invited to share them via the district, such as via postings on the relevant sections of our district website to provide a permanent reference source for current and future needs.

The next question dealt with a means for students to affiliate with Phi Beta Kappa, albeit peripherally. When invited to join PBK, students could potentially decline official membership for whatever reason, including financial, yet nonetheless indicate on their résumé or vita the factual statement “elected to Phi Beta Kappa”. Such could attain the results of recognition similar to those of a bona fide member. This question elicited much discussion, with many suggestions on how to deal with students who

decline the invitation but use the notation of election to the society in their résumés. Ideas addressed how chapters need to be more proactive in seeking out new members by communicating more effectively with dean's list students on campus; to raise students' awareness about what PBK is and what it stands for; to elicit the aid of deans in schools to help recruit the top students to PBK; to use more effectively brochures and materials prepared by National to help publicize PBK to students; and other methods of making the society known to students. The lack of name recognition among students is problematic at the national level (especially at large state universities) but also at the local level, especially when some students are invited to join more than 30 honor societies. National has a very good brochure about PBK and a complete rationale to join that is available as a PDF file on the society Web site, or from Hand and Hammer, the vendor supplying PBK commemorative insignia like the key.

District Finances - There is \$1099.25 in our ECD checking account, a no fee arrangement.

There is \$1208.75 in a 3 month CD maturing on November 22 that currently earns 0.3%.

For our various programs, principally the New Initiates Subsidy program and a special grant to the Valparaiso U. chapter for its extra efforts to host the planned 2009 district meeting, our spending to date in this Triennial case has been \$433.18. That also includes less than \$5 for administrative costs (postage, etc.)

Regrettably, later at the Triennial after the district meetings, district chairs were told by Secretary Churchill that no additional resources will be provided by the National Society for district programs. The hope is to resume funding at some point with improvement in broader economic conditions, but at present no plans can be made for any more support. Unless a new grant is extended or some other funding mechanism is established (e.g. organizational dues à la the National Society's finances), all district activities will end following full depletion of our treasury.

Election of District Officers: Chair Gocek explained the traditional pattern of having the chair of the district rotate off the committee after three years and the other two officers moving forward, with a new secretary being elected. However, the current officers were all newly elected to their current posts at the last triennial meeting and, based on having established

a very good working relationship over the past three years, all were willing to remain in office for one more term. Gocek moved that the current officers be considered for re-election. On a second, Gocek then asked for nominations from the floor for the three positions. No further nominations were made. The three current officers were elected unanimously to serve a second term.

Adjournment: The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Vermette, Secretary and Gregory G. Gocek, District Chair

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Due to the absence of District Chair Carol Race, Chett Breed called the North Central District meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404 of the Hilton, Austin, Texas, on Thursday, October 1, 2009. An attendance sheet was circulated.

Signing the attendance sheet were the following:

1. Alpha of Kansas: Janet Riley
2. Alpha of Minnesota: Gordon Hirsch
3. Alpha of Missouri: Walter A. Schroeder
4. Alpha of Nebraska: Andrew Graybill
5. Alpha of Nebraska: Kathleen A. Johnson
6. Alpha of Nebraska: Janet Jensen
7. Alpha of North Dakota: Geri Dunnigan
8. Alpha of South Dakota: Judith Lynn Sebesta
9. Beta of Iowa: Ellen Mease
10. Beta of Minnesota: Lawrence Archbold
11. Beta of Missouri: Nancy P. Pope
12. Conference of Association Delegates: Michael Gauger
13. Delta of Iowa: David Yamanishi
14. Delta of Minnesota: Robert Entenmann
15. Delta of Missouri: Chett Breed

16. Epsilon of Iowa: Calvin VanNiewaal
17. Epsilon of Wisconsin: Steve Martin
18. Gamma of Minnesota: Jane Carroll
19. Gamma of Missouri: Nancy Galvin
20. Gamma-Delta of Wisconsin: Asha Srinivasan
21. Greater Milwaukee Association: Michael Gauger
22. Kappa of Minnesota: Elizabeth Jenner
23. Omaha Association: James Wunsch
24. Zeta of Iowa: Madeleine Henry
25. Zeta of Minnesota: Arthur Guetter
26. Zeta of Wisconsin: Alan Lacy

The candidates for District Senator, Michael Gauger and Calvin Van Niewaal, stood and introduced themselves. The minutes from the 2006 District meeting at the Forty-first Triennial Council were circulated. Nancy Pope corrected the minutes of the 2006 District Minutes by pointing out a typo “such entities as the AAU”. The corrected minutes were approved.

Chett stated that the next order of business was the election of the Executive Committee. Calvin asked what business the Executive Committee conducted during the Triennium. Chett explained that the committee reading and voting on two grant applications submitted for the \$2500 grant awarded the District by the national office. This grant program has been suspended for the impending triennium. The following nominations were submitted: Judith Sebesta, chair; Calvin Van Niewaal, secretary; Chet Breed, treasurer. These were elected.

Chett next read North Central District Senator Carol Race’s report. She stated that there would be no funds distributed this triennial for chapter/association vitality, and that two grants had been approved, for Alpha of South Dakota, and for Epsilon of Iowa. The two representatives reported on what their chapters had done with the grants awarded them (N.B. Judith recused herself when the Executive Committee considered Alpha of South Dakota’s application.) Judith stated that the chapter had solicited names and addresses of ΦBK members in the southeastern corridor, which contained the largest city in the state and the ninth and tenth largest cities. There were approximately 300 plus names. Letters were sent out to every name inquiring about the members’ interest in

meeting to discuss forming an association. About twenty-six people responded, most saying they would be willing to meet, some saying they would not attend but wished to be kept apprised of developments. An August 2008 meeting was proposed, but a date could not be agreed upon; most preferred a September date, but as that date approached, most declined. The chapter then sent notices out to these interested people about their attending the Visiting Scholar lecture in fall and in spring the initiation, both of which times would afford those interested a chance to meet. These opportunities were also missed, and the chapter returned the unexpended funds to the district. Calvin explained that the chapter devised a project in which students from mass communications were to create promotional material for the chapter as a service-learning project. The students created a brochure and a five-minute video, which he played. He had several copies of the video on DVDs, which he distributed at requests; he is willing to provide additional copies. The students also designed and built a wooden three-fold display board and created the prototypes of the materials displayed on it. The biggest expense was for a printed vinyl tablecloth with the Key and name of the chapter on it. Also designed was a podium banner in blue with a pink border, on which the Key is shown. These materials are used at initiation, organizational fairs, scholarship awards, and the like. The brochures and other materials are also on display in the Coe College library. The chapter is willing to make the brochure available for adaptation by other chapters; it is in Publisher format. The District meeting generally agreed that there is need for promotional materials that appeal to twenty-year olds, and that the help of the national office is needed.

Chett gave the Treasurer's Report. The District received \$2,500. A grant of \$200 was made to Epsilon of Iowa (Coe College). A grant of \$250 was made to Alpha of South Dakota (University of South Dakota), which returned \$153 of unspent funds. In addition there was an expense of \$11 for checks. Total expenses were therefore \$58. There remains in the district checking account \$2,192, which includes the money refunded by Alpha of South Dakota. The report was accepted.

The District meeting then turned to Other Business. The first topic was what to do with the money remaining in the District's account. It was decided that the Executive Committee will issue a call for proposals for the amount of \$100-\$500. Calvin mentioned that at the last District meeting,

it was thought that an association and chapter or two chapters might work in concert to propose a grant. Jane asked for some ideas that such a grant might be used for. One suggestion was to work with Admissions Departments to highlight the desirability of attending a ΦBK institution.

The discussion then took up the question on how to improve student awareness of ΦBK on campus and how to increase student acceptance rates, particularly among international students. Nancy Pope said that the A&S Dean writes a congratulatory letter; but what is particularly needed is to [have] more ΦBK chapter members give time and money to support chapter activities and initiation. Kathleen suggested having a party and inviting non-active ΦBK members. Another suggestion was to use the junior inductees from the previous year to contact invited students: these “junior members” are eager to make this contact. Madeline said there was a need to help students pay fees. At St. Louis University, Nancy Galvin said, the chapter partners with the Honors Program to inform students at Freshman Orientation. Now, five or six years later, the chapter is getting a steady flow of inquiries on how to qualify for ΦBK. Premed and prelaw majors need to know that they must have a liberal arts background to qualify. Calvin said that his chapter has an alumni fund; one might then apply for a grant to contact alums for fund-raising purposes. Chett suggested sending junior ΦBK faculty to speak at chapters and associations; the grant could support this project.

Two major obstacles were identified: the cost of initiation and the idea that ΦBK is “just another honorary.” One suggestion was to use the statement “Would you like to join one half-million people to promote the liberal arts?” Asha stated that she was elected in 2001, but it wasn’t until she began teaching and joined her chapter that she realized how much importance search committees put on ΦBK membership in reviewing dossiers. Michael said that the PR problem ΦBK has with students not being aware of ΦBK was to be discussed in the Senate today. David mentioned that the Cornell chapter has found it helpful to have a plaque with every inductee’s name on it since the chapter’s chartering in 1919. The cost, \$1400.00, was borne by an alum. The Cornell chapter also invites students in person, not by e-mail. The chapter also invites non-ΦBK faculty to comment on a student, and these faculty also will sometimes personally contact students about their election.

Discussion then turned to the proposed changes in the Stipulations. Chett explained that the creation of Stipulations in 1952 created a two-tier system of those who must abide and those who do not need to. He suggested that we should regard the Stipulations as a sense of our Mission and that X years after chartering a chapter joins those who are not bound by the Stipulations. Nancy Pope pointed out that there are 165 pre-Stipulation chapters, and 111 under-Stipulation chapters. Judith stated that her chapter, while pre-Stipulation, feels that it is right that it abide by the Stipulations. The question “who regulates seeing that the chapters do follow the Stipulations?” was raised: the Committee on Chapters does so. There was some consensus that if a student is exceptional and has a 4.0, s/he could be made an exception; there is a need to be inclusive.

Discussion turned to the effects the proposed changes might have. In rural Minnesota high school language programs are being cut or downsized to two years only. So if a student had two years of high school German, s/he might not be elected. Some languages classes, such as those teaching Japanese or Chinese, proceed more slowly due to the complexity of the language. A student taking Japanese one year at college and one year in Japan would not qualify under the proposed stipulations. Judith thought that for students whose first language is non-English, English should be regarded as the “foreign language” and that they not be required to learn a third language. Ellen said that the Grinnell science division requirement includes calculus (AP Calc will suffice as well) and at least one lab science. (The Grinnell chapter is pre-Stipulation, but because the College sports an open curriculum, with no requirements beyond a freshman tutorial, PBK requirements remain the benchmark for liberal arts breadth and distribution. No requirement is waived; the exceptional 4.0 GPA graduate last year who refused to take calculus because it would lower her perfect GPA didn't make the PBK cut.)

Time then ran out. Michael stated that the Conference of Association Delegates were concerned about the Constitution and By-Laws amendments and it urged delegates to vote no on these.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Lynn Sebesta, Secretary

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

The 2009 meeting of the South Central District of Phi Beta Kappa was called to order at 4:09 p.m. in Room 410 of the Hilton Austin in Austin, Texas. Pamela Macfie, District President, presided. Mary Meredith, District Secretary, took the minutes.

Copies of both the minutes of the District meeting at the Atlanta Triennial Council in 2006 and also the bank account information were distributed to attendees.

Thirty-nine attendees from the following 24 chapters and 6 associations were present:

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| Auburn University Chapter | David Carter |
| Austin College Chapter | Karen Nelson |
| Austin College Chapter | Max Grober |
| Austin College Chapter | Rod Stewart |
| Baylor University Chapter | Jennifer Good |
| Baylor University Chapter | Phillip Johnson |
| Birmingham Southern College Chapter | Jane Archer |
| Birmingham Southern College, District Senator | Susan K. Hagen |
| District Secretary | Mary R. Meredith |
| Fisk University Chapter | Warren Eugene Collins |
| Hendrix College Chapter | Jennifer Peszka |
| Houston Association | Charles Caldwell |
| Louisiana State University Chapter | Claire Advokat |
| Nashville Association | Mimi Klein |
| PBK Association of Greater Austin | Beverly Shivers |
| PBK Association of Oklahoma | Emily K. Pomeroy |
| Rhodes College Chapter | Judith Haas |
| Rice University Chapter | Kerry Keck |
| Sewanee, District Past President | Pamela Royston Macfie |
| Southwestern Louisiana Association | Sally Herpin |
| Southwestern University Chapter | Rebecca Davis |
| Texas Christian University Chapter | Nadia Lahutsky |
| Texas Tech University Chapter | Richard D. Rosen |
| Texas Tech University Chapter | Laura J. Beard |

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| Texas Tech University Chapter | Mary Jane Hurst |
| The University of the South Chapter | Laurie Ramsey |
| Trinity University Chapter | Richard Butler |
| Tulane University Chapter | Brian Brox |
| University of Arkansas Chapter | Mack Ivey |
| University of Alabama Chapter | Margaret Abruzzo |
| University of Dallas Chapter | D. Paul Phillips |
| University of Mississippi Chapter | Luanne Buchanan |
| University of Oklahoma Chapter | Monica Sharp |
| University of Oklahoma Chapter | Jason Houston |
| University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Chapter | Jeff Kovac |
| University of Texas at Austin Chapter | Ken Ralls |
| University of Tulsa Chapter | Bruce D. Willis |
| Vanderbilt University Chapter, District President | Ken Schriver |
| West Texas-Eastern New Mexico Association | Chris Bradley |

President Macfie welcomed all present and asked each person to introduce him/herself. She also asked each one to sign the attendance sheet being circulated, listing name, organization representing, and e-mail address.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Macfie reminded those present that she was no longer able to serve as District President, and that an e-mail request for nominees for her replacement had been sent. She reported that no nominations had been submitted yet, and that nominations from the floor would be called for later in the meeting.

At attendees' request, she described the District President's responsibilities. The biggest one is nominating candidates for District Senator. South Central District must submit nominees for the elections at the next Triennial. The District's officers will name a nominating committee balanced in its membership among such factors as chapters vs. associations, officers vs. members, and school sizes, and including a variety in schools represented. The slate that the committee proposes will also be balanced. The District President's other responsibility currently is chairing the District meeting at Triennial. The District President will in future also be involved in the use of the funds allocated to the District by the National Office.

Mimi Klein, Nashville Association, asked about the bank account. Secretary Meredith reported that the money is in a Wells Fargo account that is designed for a small number of transactions. It includes both a checking account portion and a savings account portion. Currently, the checking account portion has a balance of \$2,000.38, and the savings account portion has a balance of \$500.96. None of the original \$2,500.00 from the National Office has been disbursed.

Macfie called for ideas about how to apply the funds to support activities in the District to enhance Phi Beta Kappa's visibility. District Senator Hagen reported that some districts have used their funds to support speaker series. Charles Caldwell, Houston Association, said uses of the funds should support cooperation among chapters and associations, and should be aimed at high-school level vs. undergraduate level to have more impact. He proposed a grant process using a team for selecting proposals for funds from applications submitted by District chapters and associations.

Other attendees shared their ideas for uses of the funds. Hagen stated that use of the funds was not restricted in any way. They can be used for any program improving visibility of the Society. She also said it is expected that, when all the District's funds have been used, additional funds will be made available.

Several attendees proposed that, as we begin to use the funds, several larger fractions of the balance available should be allocated to proposals selected, as opposed to smaller amounts applied to more projects. Attendees suggested evaluating proposals on factors such as collaboration on projects where possible within the project's area. Another factor suggested for consideration was matching of funds using means such as local funds, fund-raising, in-kind donations, or other contributions.

Jeff Kovac, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, moved that the District begin the process of applying the funds as required, improving the effectiveness based on experience gained as it continues. The motion designated District officers to name a committee to evaluate proposals by district chapters and associations. The committee would evaluate the proposals submitted using various evaluation criteria, including ones some attendees had suggested, and select several proposals for funding. This

would allow the District to gain experience to use in refining the selection process. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

Claire Advokat, Louisiana State University, stated that both faculty and students need “encouragement” to get involved with Phi Beta Kappa on their campuses and elsewhere.

District Senator Susan Hagen reported that she has been District Senator for the past three years. During that time the Society’s constitution and by-laws have been amended. Expenses have been reduced because of the economy’s negative effect on the Society’s financial position. The Society has, however, fared better economically than many similar organizations. Economizing efforts have included, for example, salary rollbacks in the National Office, reducing the quality of paper used for the newsletter, and cutting back the Visiting Scholar Program.

Hagen reported that channels such as facebook and twitter accounts, are being utilized or considered for to reach young people about Phi Beta Kappa. These channels will be monitored. A networking group is also being set up.

Hagen serves on the Committee on Chapters, which evaluates chapters’ reports for signs of weaknesses/problems that other Phi Beta Kappa groups might be able to help with. She also served on an ad hoc committee worked on the problems which occurred during the latest Triennial’s Third Plenary Session. She is currently serving on an ad hoc committee reviewing the stipulations for eligibility.

She announced there is a “traveling exhibit” about Phi Beta Kappa. Contact the National Office for information. A second version of it may be available with a video.

Hagen offered to visit district chapters and associations. She can visit those within driving distance from Birmingham, Alabama without any expense to the chapter or association. Farther away, she will need help paying some of her expenses.

She suggested special programs may be sources of members. She said actions that raise Phi Beta Kappa's visibility and reputation on campuses may help.

Reporting on the Committee on Qualifications, Hagen said fewer schools are applying for new chapters than in a long time. Forty-two schools submitted applications this time. Five were considered; four were put forward. Media coverage (for example, about problems at a school) or a school's finances may affect consideration of a chapter. In such instances, the school may ask to have its name removed from consideration temporarily or permanently. Or the Secretary may suggest it do so.

When asked about the effort required to fulfill the responsibilities of District President, Macfie said that the position is most demanding when the nominating process for District Senator is underway. It will probably also be demanding when the selection committee is in the process of evaluating and selecting proposals for funds. Chairing the District meeting at Triennial is not particularly demanding.

Macfie called for nominations for District President from the floor. Ken Schriver, Vanderbilt University, was nominated and elected by acclamation. Meredith agreed to continue as District Secretary and was re-elected by acclamation.

Meredith asked attendees to check their group's contact information on the Society's Web site and contact the National Office about any changes needed. She also reminded every one attending the meeting to sign the attendance sheet and provide a working e-mail address. She will soon send each attendee an e-mail message to make certain there is a valid list for contacting each District chapter and association. Better and faster communication within the District will be vital in the next several years.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Meredith
District Secretary

WESTERN DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order by the chair, C. Scott Littleton at 4:00 p.m. on October 1, 2009. Those present, as indicated on the attendance sheets, were:

Bruce Barrett, University of Arizona
William H. Beardsley, University of Puget Sound
Elizabeth B. Bernhardt, Stanford University
Anna S. Blount, Southern California Association
John Churchill, Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Society
Jeanne Clarke, University of Arizona
Nan Coppock-Bland, Eugene, Oregon
Alicia M. Corbett, Phoenix Metropolitan Area Association
Gaetano De Leonibus, Willamette University
Alan J. DeWeerd, University of Redlands
Patricia Ann Dillon, Scripps College
John Doner, University of California at Santa Barbara and
Western District Senator
Robert C. Ferguson, Washington State University
Henry F. Fradella, California State University, Long Beach
Christopher D. Goff, University of the Pacific
Katherine S. Golsan, University of the Pacific
Nancy Groves, University of California at San Diego
Darren W. Johnson, University of Oregon
William A. Ladusaw, University of California at Santa Cruz
Fred H. Lawson, Mills College
Katherine A. Lehman, Arizona State University
C. Scott Littleton, Western District Chairman
Katherine Mawdsley, University of California, Davis
Bette Napoli Harris, Conference of Association
Delegates Secretary
Amy Taylor Neel, University of New Mexico
James H. Nichols, Claremont McKenna College
Eric W. Nye, University of Wyoming
Kurt O. Olsson, Senator, University of Idaho
Diane A. Paine, Tucson Area Association
Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University

Roy J. Peterson, University of Colorado
William J. Peterson, Pomona College
Eric L. Prieto, University of California at Santa Barbara
Judith S. Shoemaker, University of California, Irvine
Gregory J. Sorensen, Colorado Association, Denver
Donald G. Sullivan, University of Denver
Bruce R. Suttmeier, Lewis and Clark College
Robert W. Templeton, Southern California Association
Sharon Underdahl, University of California, Los Angeles
Claire Valente, Whitman College
Linda Willenberg, Puget Sound Association
Kathy Williams, San Diego State University
Lesley Wright, University of Hawaii
Louise Yuhas, Occidental College

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by C. Scott Littleton, chair of the Western District. After a brief introduction and welcome, Anna Blount, secretary, was introduced by Chair Littleton. He then asked that each member introduce him or herself and state his or her affiliation.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2006, as published in the Council Bulletin of the Forty-First Triennial Council, and as made available online and in hard copy at this meeting, were approved upon motion of William Beardsley, seconded by Katherine Mawdsley.

District Senator's Report

Senator John Doner spoke on the state of the Western Districts since the last triennial. He expressed concerns about student retention and interest in electing to join Phi Beta Kappa. He noted that there had been issues with the recognition of students for selection into Phi Beta Kappa in the Western District. He suggested that Western District members search for improved ways to encourage potential initiates to accept membership in Phi Beta Kappa as well as ways to improve the selection process.

District Officers Election

No nominees were proposed in advance of the meeting. The Chair then entertained nominations from the floor. A motion by Bette Harris,

seconded by Fred Lawson, that Scott Littleton be elected Western District Chair for the triennial period 2009 to 2012 was approved unanimously. A motion by Chair Littleton, seconded by Fred Lawson, that Anna Blount be elected Western District Secretary for the triennial period 2009 to 2012 was approved unanimously.

District Chair's Report

Chair Littleton reported that, per the Society's \$2,500 grant, checks in the amount of \$277 had been sent out to each association in the Western District and that by now, every association should have received the funds. Chair Littleton hoped that reports on how the funds were used would be sent to him in a timely manner so that he could then update the Society's treasurer. Chair Littleton then asked that members who had submitted agenda items for discussion to please present their questions and concerns.

Discussion Topics

Amy Neel, chapter president at the University of New Mexico, suggested that chapters do more to publicize and foster chapter-association relationships. Their own chapter would like help in gaining and retaining members. Some suggestions were made to offer service credit to faculty who help select students, to have the university president host a party if he is a member or to make him an honorary member. A chapter could obtain contacts from association members to attend events to assist with networking. A chapter could ask students to suggest how much they could contribute to association fees, and perhaps the local association could help with the fee. National dues are now \$55. The dean of the University of Oregon pays for the cost of all initiation fees. Association dues are separate. Another suggestion was to identify faculty who could get paperwork to the students to assist them with any questions that they might have about Phi Beta Kappa. The university could send letters to parents and to the chair of the department in order to personalize contacts with those students who have been invited into Phi Beta Kappa. Other suggestions included inviting a member from an association to attend the initiation ceremony, joining associations in joint programs, making personal phone calls, checking best practices used by other chapters, and getting students to help with marketing. In addition, chapters could list some of the famous people who have received the award. New campus hires who are Phi Beta Kappa could be honored as well.

Darren Johnson, speaking on behalf of Ian McNeeley at the University of Oregon, raised the issue of why Phi Beta Kappa chapters on the West Coast seem to have a lower acceptance rate when compared to chapters back east. He suggested that some explanations could arise from anti-intellectualism, skepticism toward elitist-sounding institutions or poverty. Students from first generation immigrant families may have a lack of knowledge about Phi Beta Kappa. Suggestions to ameliorate the problem could include more publicity and electronic communication on websites, sending additional letters and additional department recognition. Senator John Doner stated that small colleges in the east do seem to have an advantage, but he felt that anti-intellectualism was not the critical factor. However, poverty issues could be examined to see if they do have an impact on acceptance rates. Other members suggested that chapters study ways to better reach out to freshmen, such as having a reception for freshmen in the honors program during their orientation as well as including an information packet with the orientation materials. Chapters could join with other honorary societies to sponsor joint programs. Brochures on the honors programs included with the admission materials could state that Phi Beta Kappa is considered to be the most prestigious and the most selective honor society on campus.

Chapters should also check charters on junior election screenings done in the spring. Some associations offer a graduate scholarship to recent Phi Beta Kappa graduates. Some chapters do not have an association nearby and would need to track down students to make a personal contact.

Chair Littleton raised the issue of intellectual climate change on campus on behalf of Daniel Sheehan from the University of San Diego, who was unable to attend. Professor Sheehan had suggested that Phi Beta Kappa chapters serve as catalysts to promote greater interest in intellectual endeavors on campus. Members suggested that chapters co-sponsor visiting scholars with other organizations. There are core curriculum issues that impede the study of the liberal arts as many campuses are decreasing the number of courses available for students. There is a lack of in-house programs due to issues of cost.

Judy Shoemaker from the University of California at Irvine asked that members discuss how they select new members and how the initiation ceremony is held. There are a variety of selection processes. Some

campuses select potential members from a list of those students who have a 3.7 GPA or higher. Any faculty member can nominate a candidate. At the University of California at San Diego, a computer program is used to select candidates from the registrar's list and those enrolled in humanities courses. Then, the committee reads the list and makes their selection. There is a morals clause and there is a background check on the student. Santa Clara asks for a two page essay after a student receives an invitation. However, the student is informed that an application is not a guarantee of final acceptance. Some chapters start selecting candidates in the fall quarter, and the initiation ceremony occurs in late April or early May. A faculty member introduces each candidate. Some chapters hold a breakfast; others have an evening reception.

Linda Willenberg from the Puget Sound Association asked for suggestions on recruiting new members for associations. There have been issues of declining membership as well as challenges to bring in members who will contribute to support scholarships. It was suggested that associations offer a complimentary membership for a year. Associations could work with chapter liaisons to recruit new association members. (National shares membership lists with associations to assist in recruitment.) In addition, association members could invite other Phi Beta Kappa members to their events and encourage them to join. Programs could be created especially for younger members, following the model of the Washington D.C. Association. Associations could better publicize scholarship awards given out each year.

Chair Littleton suggested that chapters and associations share speakers on or off the campus. As there has been a reduction in the budget for visiting scholars, associations could share the costs. Events on campus generally cost less than events elsewhere. Association members could pay for those students who would otherwise not be able to attend the event.

There was a concern expressed about Phi Beta Kappa's visibility on campus. It was suggested that chapters offer students something that they need, such as tutoring and opportunities for community service. It was also suggested that initiation fees be reduced or no fees be charged except for the cost of purchasing the key.

Chair Littleton asked chapter members to read and review BYLAW 12 as it relates to the structure and composition of the nominating committee for the Western District.

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Chair Littleton commended Ray Hendess for his invaluable assistance in the preparation of the District newsletter. The Chair thanked all those who contributed agendas and led discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Blount, Secretary

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION DELEGATES
October 1, 2009

The Conference of Association Delegates (COAD) of the Phi Beta Kappa Society met during the Society's 42nd Triennial Council on October 1, 2009 in Austin, Texas. Chairman of the COAD, Michael Gauger (Greater Milwaukee Association), called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. in Salon D on the fourth floor of the Hilton Austin. In addition to the delegates, Secretary John Churchill and Senator Katherine Soule (Dartmouth College) were in attendance. Bette Napoli Harris, Secretary of the COAD (Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California), kept the minutes.

Those officially in attendance:

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| Miranda Pratt | Middle Georgia |
| Mary Alice Morgan | Middle Georgia |
| Therese L. Broderick | Upper Hudson |
| Clifford Brooks | Northern New Jersey |
| Anna Blount | Southern California |
| Sally Herpin | Southwestern Louisiana |
| Patricia Randolph | Western New York |
| John Shaver | Sarasota-Manatee |
| Andrew Steigman | DC Area |
| Linda Willenberg | Puget Sound |
| Nancy Blase | Puget Sound |
| Mary Chaffee | Northern New England |
| Paul Pancella | Southwestern Michigan |
| Rosalie Vermette | Indianapolis – Indiana |
| Alicia Corbett | Metro Phoenix |
| Greg Sorensen | Colorado – Denver |
| Elizabeth Swenson | Cleveland |
| Beverly Shivers | Greater Austin |
| James Wunsch | Omaha |
| Daniel Steffenson | Albion College |
| William T. Stuart | University of Maryland – College |
| Park | |
| George B. Pruden | South Atlantic District and |
| Coastal Georgia-Carolina | |
| Hilda Fisher | Greater Baltimore |
| Steve Houghton | Pittsburgh |

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| Mary Jane Hurst | West Texas and New Mexico |
| Diane Paine | Tucson |
| Debora Elliott Ward | Maine |
| Seymour Wolfson | Detroit |
| Susan Carlisle | Metropolitan Atlanta |
| Linda Hubert | Metropolitan Atlanta |
| Andrew McNitt | East Central Illinois |
| Bailey K. Young | East Central Illinois |
| Bob Kirkwood | Delaware Valley |
| Carol O'Donnell | Maine |
| Emily K. Pomeroy | Oklahoma |
| Judi S. Lipkin | Chicago |
| Senator Arline L. Bronzaft | New York |
| Chris Kopacz | Chicago |
| Janiece Nolan | Northern California |
| Ronni B. Silett | Coastal Georgia-Carolina |
| Demetrios Melis | New York |
| Sandra Seekel | Tampa Bay |
| David Lupo | Low Country |
| Christel McDonald | DC Area |
| Miriam Klein | Nashville Association |
| Bette Napoli Harris | Southern California |
| Michael Gauger | Greater Milwaukee |

Gauger welcomed the association delegates to Austin and asked for introductions. The minutes of the Conference meeting of October 26, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia were unanimously APPROVED as submitted by MOTION of Andy Steigman of the DC Area Association with a SECOND by Miriam Klein of the Nashville Association.

Report of the Chairman: Gauger stated that there are 59 chartered and 2 unchartered associations, as well as several in the formative and developing stages. Northern New England and Northern New Jersey Associations were granted charters in this triennium.

The National Office, Conference of Association Delegates, and Committee on Associations, chaired by Senator Theo Fair encourage the formation and development of associations. Gauger reported that since November, 2006, national staff members have visited associations in Boston, Chicago, New York, Delaware Valley, Denver, New York, northern New Jersey,

northern California, southern California, Tucson, Phoenix, Puget Sound, Austin, Tampa, and Washington, D.C.

Gauger also mentioned that in the last triennium, the Committee on Associations has had two joint meetings with the Committee on Chapters to discuss chapter and association collaboration. The National Speaker Series was also developed to help foster collaboration between associations and chapters.

Gauger said that a Best Practices Template has been helpful to new associations.

Recognition of Award-Winning Associations:

Gauger asked Senator Fair to announce the outstanding associations recognized for the 2006-2009 triennium. Fair said that the selection was based on collaboration with chapters, activities, awards, and compliance with national office procedures. He announced the award-winning associations in three categories based on size: Indiana - small association, Kentuckiana – mid-size association, and D.C. Area - large association.

Fair acknowledged outstanding association officers: Judith Crutcher, Kentuckiana; William Bowman, Kentuckiana; Matthew De Julio, Delaware Valley; Carol Klein, Detroit; and Doris Seligman, New York. Gauger congratulated these outstanding associations and officers.

Nomination and Election of Officers:

Gauger announced that he would not seek another term as Chairman of the Conference of Association Delegates. He said that after six years of service to the conference – three years as Secretary and three years as Chairman, he was now a candidate for the Senate representing the North Central District. However, he said he would make himself available if help were needed.

Gauger asked for nominations for the office of Conference Chairman. Scott Littleton of the Southern California Association nominated Bette Napoli Harris as Chair. No other nominations for Conference Chair were submitted. Littleton MOVED for the election of Harris as Conference Chair and Christel McDonald of the Washington DC Area Association SECONDED the motion. Harris was elected by acclamation.

Gauger asked for nominations for Conference Secretary. Harris nominated Judi Strauss-Lipkin of the Chicago Association. No other nominations for Conference Secretary were submitted. Harris MOVED for the election of Strauss-Lipkin and Littleton SECONDED the motion. Strauss-Lipkin was elected by acclamation.

Discussion of the Office of Conference Vice Chairman:

The issue was raised regarding the position formerly named the Vice Chairman of the Conference of Association Delegates. At the last Triennial Council, this position was proposed in the event that the Conference Chair might not be able to attend meetings or carry out other duties. Gauger pointed out that the Vice Chairman seat was not necessary since the Secretary would be able to substitute for the Chair under those circumstances. John Churchill clarified that even if a Vice Chair were elected, only two individuals would be allowed to attend Senate or Council meetings in an official capacity, as guests of the Society.

Presentation of Proposed Amendments to the PBK Constitution and Bylaws:

Secretary John Churchill and Senator Kate Soule delivered a presentation on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Secretary Churchill spoke from an historical perspective highlighting some of the major amendments and revisions since the formation of the United Chapters of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, (e.g. general society's name change, voting rights of associations, etc. Secretary Churchill said that the current recommendations, which originated from Senator Fred Cate's Strategic Planning Committee, had been approved by the Phi Beta Kappa Senate.

Senator Soule provided an analysis of the current recommendations which she said were intended 1. to enhance the nomination and election process for officers and Senators; 2. to reconsider the purpose, composition, and operation of committees; and 3. to refocus the role of the Triennial Council on the key substantive issues facing the Society and the nation. She discussed the proposed amendments, the timeline of the approval process, and the coverage provided in the Summer 2009 *Key Reporter*.

Churchill and Soule responded to questions and comments. Gauger said that some association representatives had indicated that they had not had

sufficient time to deliberate the proposals. Soule responded that the information had been sent to both chapter and association representatives at the same time.

Later in the meeting, Linda Willenberg of Puget Sound stated that she had not received any prior information regarding the proposals and was very concerned.

Senator Arline Bronzaft took issue with recommendations that she said would render the Council less effective. Gauger opined that had this proposal been in effect in the past, associations would not have won the right to vote on the election of new chapters.

Association Candidates in Upcoming Elections:

Gauger asked for the support of association candidates for office. He named Theopolis Fair, Gregory Gocek, Joseph Poluka, and himself as Senate candidates and Bette Napoli Harris as a candidate for the Council Nominating Committee.

Janiece Nolan, a candidate for the Senate from the Northern California Association expressed concern that neither she nor Charles Caldwell, a Senate candidate from Greater Houston was mentioned as an association candidate. Gauger pointed out that the recommendations were for those candidates in races with only two nominees, and he commended at-large candidates Nolan and Caldwell.

Senator Bronzaft spoke of a selective voting technique called “bullet voting,” as a way to maximize one’s vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Comments and Questions:

Robert Kirkwood of Delaware Valley asked association delegates for suggestions on ways to attract younger members.

Caldwell addressed Kirkwood’s question. He said that Greater Houston is trying to attract younger members by: seeking younger Phi Betes for their

Board; changing the look of their website to appeal to a younger market; and target-mailing those who have graduated in the past three years.

Adjournment:

Steigman made a MOTION to adjourn with a SECOND by Strauss-Lipkin. The motion PASSED and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Napoli Harris
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