



PHI BETA MU

Phi Beta Mu Delegate Assembly Meeting December 15, 2011

Continental Room A, Lobby: Hilton Chicago Hotel

President Bowhay called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

The invocation was given by Executive Secretary, David Lambert.

Each member present stood and identified themselves and the chapter each represented. There were 38 members in attendance with 15 chapters represented.

As is the custom of the fraternity, the oath was led by Executive Secretary David Lambert.

In her opening remarks, President Bowhay expressed her excitement about the direction of the fraternity and her appreciation for the members of the board and each chapter member for their positive impact on music and bands throughout the world.

David Lambert then presented the minutes from the 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Gary Wells to accept the minutes as read. There was a second by Keith Bearden. The minutes were approved. The financial report was then presented by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer David Lambert for approval. Alfred "Buzzy" Green moved that the report be accepted and it was seconded by Cathy Williams. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Elva Kaye Lance presented a report on the **Commission Project** for which Mark Camhouse has been employed to write a six minute grade four wind band piece commemorating the 75th anniversary of the fraternity. It was explained that the deadline for participation needed to be extended to December 2012 to accommodate various meeting schedules, hopefully allowing

participation by individual chapters interested in doing so. As of December 10, 2011, payment had been received from the following chapters.

Alpha (Texas) - \$250

Mu Alpha (Alberta CA) - \$250

Kappa (Colorado) - \$250

Alpha Theta (Nebraska) - \$250

Theta Chapter -\$250

Iota Chapter - \$250

Eta Chapter (Tennessee) - \$250

The Rho Chapter (Alabama) and the Delta chapter (Mississippi) have verbally committed to the project during recent meetings, with payment expected before the end of the calendar year. International will be delighted to have all chapters participate in this endeavor. If a chapter would like to participate, the chapter representative should contact David Lambert, Keith Bearden or Elva Kaye Lance.

Keith Bearden, chairperson of the **Outstanding Bandmaster Committee**, reminded everyone that the 2011 recipient is David R. Holsinger and that Mr. Holsinger and his family and guests would be at the awards breakfast to receive the award immediately follow the assembly meeting. Mr. Bearden then announced that James Copenhaver would be the 2012 recipient.

Cathy Williams, chairperson for the **Outstanding Contributor Committee**, announced that the 2011 recipient is Al Sturchio and that he and his family would also be present at the awards breakfast to receive the award. She announced that the 2012 recipient would be Ed Lisk.

Rodney Bennett, chair of the **Constitution and By-Laws Committee**, explained that the committee has begun tweaking the wording of the two documents but in no way changing the intent. He explained that with the advancements made with the internet and email, some of the wording needed to be changed to bring the documents up to date. He told the members present that the document would be placed on the International Webpage 30 days prior to next year's delegate assembly in December so the revisions can be reviewed by the membership of each chapter. The revisions would be voted on at the Delegate Assembly in December, 2012.

Lois Wiggins, chairperson of the **Projects and Objectives Committee**, updated the delegates on how QuickTime and other media resources will be able to be used when the new website is put into place. Member delegates from Missouri/Lambda Chapter and Texas/Alpha Chapter shared projects. Tom Proshak of Lambda Chapter presented an extensive research project that has resulted in the publication of a book titled, **History of Missouri Bands 1800 to 2000** written by

C. Herbert Duncan, and published by Missouri Bandmasters and Lambda Foundation/Phi Beta Mu. It can be ordered online at www.historyofmissouribands.com. Greg Countryman of Alpha Chapter presented a project entitled "The Band Directors Support Network" which is in implementation. This project will help band directors in the state of Texas in 3 ways: PBM members will present free clinics for bands requesting those services, substitute services will be provided so directors can visit other schools, and PBM members will serve as mentors for young directors.

Paul Worosello, chairperson of the **Extension and Advocacy/Professional Development Committee**, introduced a visitor, Mr. Mark Reid, who is interested in implementing a new chapter in British Columbia. Mr. Worosello also presented information on a project his committee has been working on entitled the "Phi Beta Mu Resource Library". This project would allow every member of Phi Beta Mu to make a positive contribution in several ways including advocacy, technique and establishing a lending library. Access to the Resource Library would be on the public side of the new website. Information can be sent to Paul at worosell@swbell.net.

Mike Townsend, chair of the **Public Relations Committee**, told the member delegates that 2,612 members have been identified and their information is on the web page. He indicated that there were still many who were not located due to some chapters not updating information in a timely manner. Since all communication is now done by email, he asked the delegates to return home and encourage their web administrator to get their chapter's information updated.

Robert Eklund, **webmaster**, gave a brief history of the development of our current page and told the delegates that the International Web Page has taken another huge leap. Phi Beta Mu now has a web design team developing a new look for our page for both the public and the membership. He told those present to ask their membership to provide feedback throughout the year. President Bowhay thanked Robert for all the time he spent in getting us into the electronic age.

Alfred "Buzzy" Green, **Newsletter** editor, addressed the assembly. He asked that all members check their email for accuracy. He asked how many of those present had received the latest newsletter. He then discussed various possibilities as to why some may not have gotten it on their email including "spam blockers", junk mail, etc. He also said that each chapter might want to appoint a member to handle newsletter submissions to avoid duplication of material, etc. The newsletter will continue to be an electronic document.

Sheryl Bowhay gave a brief overview of the new International Web Page. She indicated it would be up in the near future for all to use. She also asked support in having an election every

year for board members rather than the current system of every three years. In 2012, the membership will elect two new board members and extend the terms of two board members by two years, two current board members by one year, and elect a Vice President (President Elect). In 2013, two new board members will be elected. In 2014, two board members will be elected. In 2015, a Vice President and two board members will be elected. In 2016, two board members will be elected and in 2017, two board members will be elected, and 2018 two board members and a Vice President will be elected. She asked support to amend the constitution and have those changes approved at the assembly meeting in December 2012. All agreed.

President Bowhay presented the **Hall of Fame** report telling the assembly that there were presently only six members in the International Chapter's Hall of Fame. Those are Dr. Milburn Carey, Col. Earl. D. Irons, Jack Mahan, D.O. Wiley, Eldon Janzen and Jack White. She was happy to announce that the Hall of Fame Committee has nominated three outstanding individuals to be inducted into the International Hall of Fame at the 2012 Awards Breakfast. The new inductees are Richard Crain, Jim Slutz, and Robert Eklund.

In closing, President Bowhay again thanked everyone for their work and dedication to the fraternity and encouraged them to attend the Awards Breakfast honoring David Holsinger and Al Sturchio.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.