

Gamma Sigma Delta
Fall Business Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2012

Twenty-four Gamma Sigma Delta members of the Tennessee Chapter enjoyed a lunch as Mike Buschermohle, chapter president, called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

Minutes from the Winter and Spring Business Meetings were distributed, reviewed and approved.

Committee reports began with a treasurer's report from officer William Hart. The chapter has \$1,642 in checking and \$4,715 in savings. One thousand of the checking balance will be sent to GSD National as a refund on the budget for the 2012 Gamma Sigma Delta Conclave hosted by the chapter in June. This leaves \$642 as the balance for the chapter's checking account.

Mike Buschermohle conveyed a message from President Elect Cheryl Kojima representing the Awards Committee that encouraged chapter members to nominate individuals for 2012-13 awards. For fall, the committee needs nominations by October 29.

Mike Buschermohle also shared dates of upcoming chapter events. The Fall Initiation and Awards Banquet will be held Monday, November 12. The Winter Business Meeting is scheduled for February 26, and the Spring Initiation Luncheon is set for April 11. All meetings are in 156/157 Plant Biotechnology Building. Mike noted that event dates have now been booked for several years ahead.

CASNR Coordinator Emily Gray reported that the chapter's Third Annual Career Workshop was a success, attracting 48 students. The annual Career Fair takes place October 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Old Business

Mike Buschermohle provided a summary of the 2012 International Gamma Sigma Delta Conclave, which the chapter hosted. International officer John Riley said that GSD is considering making their next conclave in 2014 virtual to enable greater participation by chapters in the event.

New Business

The EURECA Competition is scheduled for March 18 and 19, 2013. Kim Gwinn sent a request to the meeting that chapter members are asked to volunteer as judges for the fair on March 18. CASNR participants will give poster presentations at the chapter's Spring Initiation Ceremony on April 11.

Treasurer Willie Hart initiated a discussion of how the chapter encourages and rewards participation in EURECA. Presently the chapter provides \$50 as an incentive to the first 10 students who participate, and \$100 to each student winner. Faculty pointed out that participation has reached a level that no longer requires incentives, especially as honor students are believed to be required to participate. Also the chapter's finances suggest that a change in funding is needed. With these factors in mind, a motion was made to eliminate the \$50 incentive and to continue awarding \$100 to winners. Motion carried.

Margot Emery announced that the chapter's 2012-13 Institute-wide Photo Competition launched today and will continue through April 5, 2013. She encouraged members to participate and shared flyers that they can post to promote the contest.

John Riley gave a report on student and faculty nominations for membership and shared packets with department representatives. A motion was made that nominations be accepted. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Margot Emery, Past President 2011-2012