



The International Foreign Language Honor Society

# Phi Sigma Iota

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## Telephone Meeting of the Executive Committee April 28, 2011

The meeting convened at approximately 4:55 p.m. after all participants were connected for the conference call. The participants included members of the Executive Committee (Randall Donaldson, Cynthia Halpern, Susan Rosenstreich, and Phillip Wolfe) along with Joan Marx, and the Administrative Director Roz Macken.

1. The minutes of the conference call of January 20, 2011 were approved as amended.
2. **Budget:** P. Wolfe reported \$13,000 deposited in PayPal Account by Roz thus far, and there is currently \$60,000 in PSI checking account. Wolfe announced that, given the state of PSI finances, the organization could contribute to the SEPCHE breakfast if possible. C. Halpern said that she would go back again to the SEPCHE group to see if the various institutions would be willing to include PSI's participation in their event. In addition, Wolfe will get another CD. Bernie Halpern will be invited to the Annual Board Retreat in September in order to discuss investments.
3. **The Forum:** C. Halpern, with consent of all of the Board members, expressed her special thanks to Roz Macken for her fine work on the *Forum*. All agreed that the next potential editor, Michael Pasquale of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, should be invited to the Annual Board Retreat in September.
4. **Past President:** Board members discussed the possibility of seating the immediate past president as an *ex officio* member of the PSI Board. This discussion will continue at the September 2011 PSI Board Meeting.
5. **Scholarship report:** C. Halpern and J. Marx reported on the scholarship awards, providing details of the applicants and their projects and the exact distribution of the \$10,000 in scholarship money earmarked for this purpose. The awards included one for \$2500, three for \$2000, one for \$1,000, and one for \$500. These were designated for students from the following institutions: Allegheny College, Binghamton University, Colorado College, Mercer University, Muskingum University, and William Jewel College. Their report was accepted by the Board.
6. **Status of Chapters:** The Board approved the chartering of one new chapter as follows:

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Resolved that:

- The application of Xavier College for a chapter charter to be approved (4-0).
- The application of the reactivation of the chapter for North Central College (4-0).

There was a substantial discussion by the Board before the vote on the second item due to the restrictive nature of the Article III.c. of North Central College's new chapter bylaws. R. Macken and S. Rosenstreich expressed concern that North Central College may be restricting membership in PSI. Rosenstreich said that it would be better to reactivate the chapter rather than approving a new chapter. R. Donaldson and P. Wolfe agreed to their reactivation but, in doing so, PSI should urge them to reconsider that particular section of their bylaws. They also said that PSI should ask them to explain why the language is restrictive in order to make sure that their chapter is not in conflict with the mission of PSI.

7. **Agenda Items for the Annual Board Retreat (September 22-25, 2011):**

- Outreach letter to be sent to selected schools inviting them to consider forming a chapter
- PSI's response to the challenges of language study at the high school and college levels given the current trend to eliminate language programs from curricula

8. **Miscellaneous:** S. Rosenstreich reported that she received a nice response from the New President of McDaniel College, Roger N. Casey, when she wrote to him to thank him for the PSI invitation to his 2011 inauguration. She said that she would share it with the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Secretary