



The International Foreign Language Honor Society

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Telephone Meeting of the Executive Committee April 26, 2013

The meeting convened at approximately 10:07 a.m. after all participants were connected for the conference call. The participants included members of the Executive Committee (Randall Donaldson, Cynthia Halpern, Joan Marx, Leslie Sconduto, and Phillip Wolfe) along with the Administrative Director Roz Macken.

1. The minutes of the February 4, 2013 Telephone Meeting were approved. (5-0)
2. **Ownership Linkage:** President R. Donaldson reported that he will compose a draft of a letter to be sent to Chapter Advisors updating them on PSI business. The Board will review the letter at the September meeting.
3. **Budget:** P. Wolfe reported that the \$80,000 that PSI put in the Wells Fargo account has grown to \$89,000. Given that the market has been doing better, P. Wolfe then made a motion that \$50,000 be maintained in the checking account and that the overage be sent to the Wells Fargo account by June 1st. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).
4. **Administrative Director's Report:** R. Macken was pleased to report that she had been kept busy with new initiates to PSI. Binghamton University, for example, had 84 new initiates in an era in which language programs have been under assault.
5. **Scholarship Committee:**
 - J. Marx reported on the scholarship awards, providing details of the applicants and their projects and the exact distribution of the \$12,000 in scholarship money earmarked for this purpose. The awards included two for \$3000, one for \$2,500, one for \$2,000, and one for \$1,500. These were designated for students from the following institutions: Binghamton University, Bryant University, Eastern University, Muskingum University, and Northern Kentucky University. Their report was accepted by the Board (5-0).
 - J. Marx also raised an issue regarding the student application form in regard to the section requiring the "Education Record of the Applicant:

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Grade Point Average: Cumulative _____
Foreign Language _____”.

She reported that students typically list the foreign languages that they are studying rather than provide the GPA in each of those languages. Thus, PSI needs to clarify this area of the application. J. Marx moved that the line read as follows:

“Grade Point Average: Cumulative _____
Grade Point Average: Foreign Language (list individually if more than one foreign language) _____”

The motion was accepted by the Board (5-0).

- R. Macken suggested that PSI formally extend their thanks to the members of the Scholarship Committee in a letter to be signed by her. The Board agreed.

6. Fall Meetings: The Board reconfirmed the date of the Annual Board Meeting and November Conference Call

- Annual Board Meeting: September 19-22, 2013 at the (Mirna and perhaps PSI advisor from Furman)
- Tentative November call Nov. 22 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Joan F. Marx
Executive Secretary