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The International Foreign Language Honor Society

Phi Sigma Iota

Member of the Association of College Honor Societies

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

on February 13, 2024

# Attendance

**Present:** Cody Hanson (president), Cynthia Klima (first vice president), Cassio de Oliveira (secretary), and Pauline Lanzine (administrative director). Second vice president Hildegard Rossoll was unable to attend.

# Call to Order

The meeting was held over Zoom. President Cody Hanson called it to order at 4:35PM.

# President’s Report

Hanson attended the ACHS meeting on January 26. All honor societies are encountering similar challenges as PSI’s: declining enrollment, questions on how to appeal to and reach students today. PSI’s situation is thus not unique.

# Administrative Director’s Report

Lanzine will send out another reminder that the deadline for scholarship applications is March 30th. Lanzine has been working with Roz Macken to file taxes, encountering some issues on the government website. Has also attempted to adjust the shipping fees on PayPal, but has not managed to due to technical issues on the website.

# Approval of Minutes

A motion (Klima/Hanson) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting passed, as amended, unanimously.

# Phi Sigma Iota Virtual Conference

Hanson watched the student scholarship videos and likes them a lot; he played a short clip from one of them in order to see how streaming it over Zoom would work for conference attendees. No issues reported.

Hanson heard back from one of the keynote speakers; response from the second speaker is pending.

Klima was invited to introduce the videos from scholarship recipients.

Past President Kasja Larson may not be able to attend the conference and introduce the keynote speakers as originally planned.

Mirna Trauger will speak about the scholarship program. Julie Baker will talk about how her active chapter has been doing.

Lanzine purchased a Zoom license for Phi Sigma Iota to host the conference. Zoom invitations are forthcoming. As of today, there are 18 individual RSVPs; Lanzine will send out a final reminder. Lanzine suggests recording the meeting and posting the recording on the PSI website; she has already contacted the student scholarship winners and acquired their permission to do so, the next step would be to get prior permission from the keynote speakers.

The conference will last between 1.5 and 2 hours. Those in attendance at the meeting endorsed the draft conference program below.

# Proposed Conference Schedule

1:05 PM – President Cody Hanson: Phi Sigma Iota Welcome

1:10 PM – Past President Kasja Larson(?): Introduction to the Conference and Keynote Speakers

1:15 PM – Yun J. Kim, Emory University (confirmed), and Cindy Crowe, University of Evansville (confirmation pending): Keynote addresses on the importance of studying languages

1:50 PM – Q&A and General Discussion with Drs. Kim and Crowe

2:10 PM – First Vice President Cynthia Klima: Introduction to Student Scholarships and Student Videos

2:15 PM – Lauren O’Grady and Anika Mazier: Videos by Student Scholarship Recipients

2:25 PM – Q&A and Comments with Lauren and Anika (to be confirmed)

2:30 PM – Mirna Trauger: the PSI scholarship program

2:40 PM – Julie Baker: what an active chapter has been doing

2:55 PM – Second Vice President Hildegard Rossoll: Concluding remarks and a call to action

# Regular Business

The next meeting of the Executive Committee has been provisionally scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 4:30–5:30PM ET.

# Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassio de Oliveira