

Beta Phi Mu
International Library and Information Science Honor Society

Epsilon Chapter
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2011

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu met for its 2011 dinner and initiation ceremony on Tuesday May 3, 2011 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Durham, NC.

Initiation: After a half-hour social, President Mary Ruvane began the initiation ceremony at 6:30pm. Emily Jack, Sarah Jorda, and Lisa Gregory served as ceremony readers. Twenty-one new initiates were inducted. Lewis Church, Ashraf Farrag, Dana Haven, Barrett Keziah, Alison LeSueur, Michael Millner, Michael Rooney, Jennifer Sizemore, Lisa Speaker, Julie Steed, and Amanda Stevens were in attendance. Initiated in absentia were Annie Chen, Julie Forster, Daniel Koster, Allison Long, Adam Rogers, Jennifer Stout, Cassidy Sugimoto, Jessica Weber, Tara Wink, and Stephanie Witchger.

Awards: President Ruvane presented the Achievement Award to Lewis Church. Two \$600 scholarships were given to Elliott Hauser and Madeline Veitch.

Dean's Report: Dean Gary Marchionini had both good news and bad news about SILS this year. SILS has been affected by the university's budget woes. However, SILS has been able to add three new faculty positions for the coming year and applications are still strong. Dean Marchionini highlighted the upcoming 80th anniversary of SILS. The week-long festivities will begin on September 17, 2011 (the 80th anniversary to the day of the first SILS class) and feature a tailgate and football game, a presentation by Dr. Fred Roper, and many other events. Celebration will continue throughout the year.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Co-secretary/Treasurer Lynne Bisko reported that BPM has a healthy operating budget and scholarship budget. The board announced a decision to change the organization's fiscal year from June-May to a calendar year of January-December. It has always caused confusion to try to wrap up the fiscal year when all of the induction and dues business has not been concluded. Bisko presented two spreadsheets. One contained a complete report of January-December 2010, the format that will be followed in the future. She also presented a more informal interim report from January to May 2011. Finally, the chapter elected a new Vice-President/President-Elect and a new Secretary/Treasurer. Members received biographical information about Emily Jack, the VP candidate and Sarah Jorda, the Secretary/Treasurer candidate. There were no nominations from the floor and the candidates were elected by acclamation.

Keynote Speaker: After dinner, Vice-president Donna Nixon introduced John Blythe. Blythe was a 2010 inductee to Beta Phi Mu and is the Special Projects and Outreach Coordinator for UNC's North Carolina Collection. He spoke about his indirect career path to librarianship from a career in radio and newspapers. Blythe also highlighted interesting archival investigative work, including identifying North Carolina writers in an old photograph and tracking down the history of a recording of the UNC Glee Club.

Closing: President Ruvane made a few closing remarks and then passed the gavel to incoming President Donna Nixon. New President Nixon adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Shannon Tennant.