

**Beta Phi Mu
International Library and Information Science Honor Society**

**Epsilon Chapter
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2014**

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu met for its 2014 dinner and initiation ceremony on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Mediterranean Deli in Chapel Hill, NC.

Initiation: After a half-hour social, President Emily Jack began the initiation ceremony at 6:30pm. 2010 initiate Lisa Gregory, 2011 initiate Mike Millner, and 2009 initiate Marian Fragola served as ceremony speakers. Seventeen new initiates were inducted. Trudi Johanna Abel, Courtney Bailey, Kerry A. Browder, Erin Clary, Dana Hanson-Baldauf, Lori E. Harris, Julia Khanova, Jonathan V. Rountree, and Chelcie Juliet Rowell were in attendance. Initiated in absentia were Sarah Joy Arnold, Dani Brecher, Danielle Fasig, Melissa Lynn Harden, Benjamin G. Jahre, Lisa McCracken, and Karen McElfresh.

Awards: President Jack recognized Courtney Bailey as the Achievement Award recipient.

Dean's Report: Dean Gary Marchionini reported SILS continues to grow and has an enrollment of about 400 students. SILS has benefited greatly from the space in the garden level of Manning Hall. SILS currently has about 30 faculty, many of whom participated in the re-accreditation process. The school also recently launched the SILS Alumni Inclusion and Diversity Committee, with goals to recruit more minority students, deepen minority-alumni engagement, and enhance the information professions. Dean Marchionini acknowledged that like many other library and information schools, SILS is experiencing lower enrollment than in earlier years. He called upon Beta Phi Mu members to continue to recruit others to the information professions.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Kimberly Hirsh reported the Operating Budget is sufficient and the Scholarship budget is healthy. She reviewed the 2013 minutes and treasurer's report, which were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Keynote Speaker: After dinner, Vice President John Blythe introduced Mohamed Hamed. Hamed is the Middle Eastern and African Studies Librarian at Davis Library. Hamed shared his experiences having traveled to Egypt in January 2011 for the Cairo Book Fair and remaining there with his family during the Egyptian Revolution. He shared the history of libraries and culture in Egypt, emphasizing the importance of book fairs in developing countries and the value of digitization for preservation of and worldwide access to materials that cannot be taken out of Egypt.

Closing: President Jack made a few closing remarks and then adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Kimberly Hirsh.