

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

**Epsilon Chapter
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2017**

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu met for its 2017 dinner and initiation ceremony on Tuesday May 2, 2017 at Mediterranean Deli in Chapel Hill, NC.

Initiation: After a half-hour social, President John Blythe began the initiation ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Vice-President/President-Elect candidate Michael Millner, Secretary candidate Kelly Agan, and Treasurer candidate Erin Holmes served as ceremony speakers. The chapter inducted six new members. Stephanie Barnwell and Casey Rawson were in attendance. Initiated in absentia were Emma Boettcher, Anne Ligon Harding, Amanda MacDonald, and Tara Pressley.

Awards: President Blythe recognized Casey Rawson as the Achievement Award recipient.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Secretary Dawne Lucas passed out copies of the 2016 meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Christine Stachowicz reported that the Operating Budget is sufficient and the Scholarship budget is healthy. She thanked the many members who donated to the scholarship fund, and encouraged more people to do so.

Election of Officers: The chapter elected a new Vice-President/President-Elect, a new Secretary, and a new Treasurer. Members received biographical information about Vice-President/President-Elect candidate Michael Millner, Secretary candidate Kelly Agan, and Treasurer candidate Erin Holmes. There were no nominations from the floor, and the candidates were elected by acclamation.

Dean's Report: After dinner, Dean Gary Marchionini reported that overall the state of SILS is healthy. Enrollment in the MSLS program has been down, but is now stabilizing. He is optimistic that there will be more retirements to pave the way for the hiring of new graduates. There has been a discussion amongst SILS faculty members about updating the curriculum in order to become more competitive, as most schools do not require 48 hours of coursework, a master's paper, and an exit exam. SILS will continue to require all three of these things in order to turn out leaders, and also plans to launch an online master's degree in digital curation this fall. Once the Board of Governors approves the program, they can begin accepting applications for enrollment. To make the master's degree programs more accessible to working adults, they aim to offer more evening and weekend sections of courses in those programs. Dean Marchionini says that SILS is "responding to the marketplace," although he does not like this phrase. He noted recent and upcoming retirements: Reagan Moore has already retired, and Barbara Moran and Barbara Wildemuth will retire in June. Dean Marchionini ended his remarks by noting that the future is bright, and although SILS does face some challenges, it has faced tough times before and come out strong, and will do so again. He also noted that SILS is great because of the great work we all do.

Keynote Speaker: President John Blythe introduced Chaitra Powell. Powell is the African American Collections and Outreach Archivist for UNC's Southern Historical Collection, a position she has held since 2014. She received her library science degree from the University of Arizona and previously participated in a fellowship hosted by the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum in California. She was recently

named a 2017 *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker. The title of her talk was “Customized Curatorial Outreach: A Journey toward Community Driven Archives.”

Closing: President Blythe made a few closing remarks and then passed the gavel to incoming President Lisa Gregory. New President Gregory adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Dawne Lucas.