

Beta Phi Mu
International Library and Information Science Honor Society

Epsilon Chapter
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2009

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu met for its 2009 dinner and initiation ceremony on Thursday May 7, 2009 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Durham, NC.

Initiation: After a half-hour social, outgoing President Libby Grey began the initiation ceremony at 6:30. Libby Grey, Helen Tibbo, Jim Curtis, and Rebecca Vargha served as ceremony readers. Fifteen new initiates were inducted: Kendra Allen, Carrie Bertling, Brian Clossey, Michael Fitzgerald, Marian Fragola, Elizabeth Gorman, Marion Grabarek-Matthews, Noah Huffman, Elizabeth Matson, Katherine Matsuura, James McGlothlin, Andreas Orphanides, Peter Ramsey, Mary Samouelian, and Stephen Sherman.

Awards: President Grey presented the Achievement Award to Andreas Orphanides. Two \$750 scholarships were given to Shannon Walker and Richard (Chris) Doty.

Dean's Report: Interim Dean Barbara Moran congratulated the award winners and initiates. She then summarized activities at SILS. Dean Griffiths decided not to accept another term as dean, so Moran will be serving as interim during the search process. It has been a tough year with the economic downturn and budget cuts. For the moment, plans for the new SILS building are on hold. Dean Moran was encouraged by our wonderful new chancellor and by the achievements of SILS faculty, alumni, and students.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Alicia Wyatt distributed the minutes and treasurer's report. She thanked the members for their continued support, and reported that BPM is doing well despite the economic downturn. BPM has been able to cut costs by choosing a less expensive venue for the initiation dinner and by taking advantage of electronic communication to cut down the supply budget. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved as submitted.

Leadership Transition: President Grey thanked the outgoing board and the faculty advisor, Dr. Evelyn Daniel. The new board was recognized.

Keynote Speaker: After dinner, incoming president Mary Ruvane introduced Dr. George Houston, UNC-Chapel Hill Professor Emeritus of Classics. The title of the talk was "What's new with Roman libraries?" Dr. Houston spoke about the recent discoveries of a previously lost manuscript in France describing an ancient book collections, work being done by papyrologists about the organization of ancient libraries, and new archaeological work on the library at the Villa of the Papyri in Herculaneum.

Closing: Outgoing president Grey made a few closing remarks. The gavel was passed to incoming president Ruvane. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Shannon Tennant.