

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

**Epsilon Chapter**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2010**

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu met for its 2010 dinner and initiation ceremony on Thursday May 6, 2010 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Durham, NC.

**Initiation:** After a half-hour social, President Mary Ruvane began the initiation ceremony at 6:30pm. After welcoming everyone, Ruvane recognized two Beta Phi Mu members who passed away this past year, Edward G. Holley and Linda Frank. Donna Nixon, Shannon Tennant, and Lynne Bisko served as ceremony readers. Twenty-three new initiates were inducted. Jane Bahnsen, John Blythe, Lisa Gregory, Alisa Herr, Sarah Jordan, and Laura Westmoreland were in attendance. Initiated in absentia were Page Andersen, Jesse Carter Isley, Peter Cobb, Suzanne Corr, Sarah Everhart, David Green, Lee Harrison, Anthony Joseph, Lili Luo, Jennifer McElroy, Laura O'Neill, Alexander Poole, Amy Roberson, Morgan Stoddard, Elizabeth Ward, Robert Wellons, and Tina Winston.

**Awards:** President Ruvane presented the Achievement Award to Morgan Stoddard (in absentia). Two \$750 scholarships were given to Michael Nutt and Casey Rawson.

**Dean's Report:** Dean Gary Marchionini thanked Barbara Moran for her interim leadership of SILS. During her tenure, the EPA contract was once again renewed, faculty successfully secured grants and contracts, and the problem remained stable. SILS was inundated with 500+ applications for the masters' program this year. And while SILS was not affected by last year's budget cuts, the new SILS building is on hold for a few years due to the economy. He stressed the need to grow the undergraduate program and urged BPM members to continue to champion SILS by finding opportunities to mentor, advise and recruit.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Co-secretary/Treasurer Shannon Tennant reported that BPM has a healthy operating budget and saw a slight increase in scholarship contributions this year. The scholarship fund balance is low since we paid the 2008-2009 scholarships from 2009-2010 funds. The board feels strongly that the primary use of our funds should be scholarships to SILS students, so we made the decision to move funds from the operating budget to cover scholarships. We hope you support this decision and will continue to contribute towards scholarships next year. Tennant also stated that the current board will serve for one more year and asked members to consider standing for election at next year's annual meeting.

**Keynote Speaker:** After dinner, Vice-president Donna Nixon introduced Kevin Cherry, IMLS Senior Program Officer, who describes himself as a "pack rat for the common good." Cherry congratulated the initiates on their successes. He then talked about the importance of libraries as memory institutions and their role as stewards of the communal memory.

**Closing:** President Ruvane made a few closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes prepared by Lynne Bisko.*