

Delta Upsilon Chapter at-Large
President's Annual Report
June 2011
Submitted by
M. Patricia Quigley, President 2010-2011

1. Membership

The members of the Board of Directors for 2010-2011 were: M. Patricia Quigley, President; Bonnie Dinwoodie, Vice-President; Kathleen Gremel, Secretary; Deb Erickson-Owens, Treasurer; Wylie Dassie, Faculty Counselor URI; Karen Hetzel, Faculty Counselor, RIC; Eileen Gray, Faculty Counselor, SRU.

2. Number of meetings held: September 23, 2010 (Fall business meeting and program); October 26, November 23, January 25, 2011 (Cancelled due to snow storm), February 22, March 22, April 14 (Spring business meeting and program at the Providence Marriott), June 23 (Transition meeting at the President's home).

3. Goals for present year

- Plan for Key Award
- Strategic Plan Update
- Connect to clinical settings

4. Business accomplished

- Goal achievement:
 - 1) Key Award planning begun but need further involvement by interested parties to accomplish this goal over the next two years.
 - 2) Strategic Plan update continues to need attention; will continue to pursue with SRU Chapter Leaders to determine a plan. Eileen Gray plans to update this during summer 2011.
 - 3) Connection with clinical settings was accomplished with the VAH as a result of Bonnie Dinwoodie's connection with the facility.
- Induction Ceremony: Chapter Service Award to Kathleen Gremel.
- Spring Program
 - Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Ellen McCarty.
 - Louisa White Award to Deborah Clickner.
 - Mary Louise Palm recognized, with flowers and a necklace from STTI, for her many years of service as newsletter editor and website manager.
 - Noah Bourk, newly inducted member from the RIC SON, will be in charge of print and electronic

communications. He is playing an active role in maintaining a current and interactive approach to communications via the DU Facebook site and recently on Twitter. He is developing a plan for ongoing electronic updates on the website with a new vendor, as the current person is taking a hiatus from those responsibilities. Noah has taken on this new responsibility with positive energy and a commitment to communications that are timely, interactive, and effective, especially with the younger members.

- Participated in telephone conference call, on January 23, 2011 with Julie Jones and another officer, June Clark, Wales, from Region 15 to learn about events and share chapter concerns and issues. Shared with June Clark the efforts of the Chapter, in conjunction with the Hospices of Hope, to support the educational development of palliative care nurses in Rumania.
- Collaborated with Diane Gerzevitz in submitting an abstract for presentation at the STTI Biennial Convention 2011.
 - Rejected for podium presentation 3/2011 but invited 6/2011 to present as poster. Plan to continue collaborative effort with Diane Gerzevitz to present poster, which will give DU an opportunity to disseminate awareness of the international effort, which its members are supporting.
 - As a result of conversation on January 23 with June Clark from Wales, Nicoleta Mitrea, a palliative care nurse from Romania, was able to receive financial support from STTI to attend the STTI Nursing Leadership Summit in Amsterdam, April 1-2, 2011. The chapter received an emailed communication from Nicoleta, via Diane Gerzevitz, thanking STTI and DU for their contributions in providing her with this opportunity.
- Submitted Chapter Community Service Star Recognition Form at the invitation of STTI for the Used Eyeglass Collection community service project (4/8/2011).
- Mentoring Nicole Smith in her new role as Chapter Delegate to the Biennial Convention, including responsibilities for voting electronically when notified by STTI.
- Submitted Chapter News via STTI Connect on an almost monthly basis.

5. Unfinished or ongoing business
 - Update Strategic Plan
 - Update Chapter Management Manual
 - Key Award Data collection
6. Problems encountered
 - Recruitment of members who are willing to serve; President –elect position has remained unfilled.
7. Budget for present year and expenditures
 - See Treasurer’s Report
8. Proposed budget for present year
 - See Treasurer’s Report
9. Recommendations for following year
 - Conduct planning sessions for Key Award data collection beginning 7/1/2011 and continuing throughout this Biennium. Collect all data and seek an “organizer” to store data.
 - Seek members who are willing to serve DU in its mission.
 - Continue to engage the new inductees to become actively involved in Chapter activities.
 - Begin a new Community Service project with the newly inducted members.
 - Participate in Region 15 activities.
10. Revisions needed for Chapter Management Manual
 - See Governance Committee Report.
11. Committee members willing to serve in following year
 - See individual committee reports.
 - All members of the BoD are continuing in their positions except for a potential limited term of the Treasurer; if this occurs there is a plan for a replacement.