

Engineering, Mathematics and Science Alumni Chapter Meeting
April 8, 2006
9:00am – 1:00pm
Women in Engineering Mentor Center, Ottensman Hall

1. **Call to order** at 9:04am by Tammy Salmon-Stephens.
2. **Introductions:** Matt Thalmann, Jeff Kronser, Rob Ehlers, Rayelle Miller, Anne Saylor, Chuck Cornett, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Angie Gasior, Kim Schmelz.

Guests: Andy Martinek and Anna Enters from Theta Tau, and Heidi Mikulsky and Rachel Korth from Tau Beta Pi.

3. **Appointments to open positions:** Motion made by Jeff Kronser to appoint Anne Saylor and Rayelle Miller to the board, second by Rob Ehlers. **Motion passed.**
4. **Theta Tau Report:** Anna Enters reported on the Geode and what it would contain this year, it will be mailed the week of May 15. Summary on the cost of the Geode and request for additional funds for 2005 as well as funding to zero out the balance from 2004 and 2005. She gave details on the M-Ball to be held tonight. “All Envy Aside” will be performing. The “M” will not be lit tonight and instead will be lit the Friday night before Commencement. Reviewed budget for M-Ball. Matt Thalmann asked for an update on the M-Ball shortly after it was over so that the board didn’t wait until Homecoming to hear how it went. *Theta Tau requested the following funds: An additional \$500 towards the 2005 Geode. \$1000 for the 2006 Geode and \$3079.22 to zero out the Geode balance from 2004 and 2005. As well as \$600 for M-Ball.*
5. **Tau Beta Pi Report:** The Chapter plans to award three scholarships of \$250 to three members. The chapter received the Secretary’s commendation from the National Office of Tau Beta Pi at the 2005 convention, which included a cash award of \$100. The chapter increased their fundraising efforts this year, which included two service auctions and are able to appropriate \$400 to scholarships. With the \$250 that the EMS Alumni Chapter presented them with in the Fall 2005, their scholarship funds total \$750. Two scholarships will be presented to two active members and the third to a new member. *The chapter asked that the EMS Alumni Chapter continue to support their scholarship efforts.*
6. **Treasurer’s report:** Jeff Kronser and Rob Ehlers will meet with John Belken to get the chapter’s finances all worked out. Chuck Cornett has plans to move the chapter account to a new bank with electronic access. *Cornett asked for \$100 to pay the Alchemist Club for their help at the Homecoming tent last year. Tammy Salmon-Stephens requested the \$200 that was budgeted for the Pioneering Your Future program.*

7. **Appointments continued:** The two terms that are open on the board are 2nd Vice President and Director. Discussion on what each position is responsible for. Rob Ehlers moved to appoint Anne Saylor as 2nd Vice President until 10/08 and Rayelle Miller as Director until 10/06. Second from Jeff Kronser. The chapter will seek new members for the fall election. **Motion passed.**
8. **Foundation Update:** Angie Gasior reported that 5 million of the \$7.5 million needed has been secured for the new Engineering building. Reported the on the M-Step project which will help fund a lab in the new building.
9. **Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Miller to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2005 chapter meeting, second by Thalmann. **Motion passed.**
10. **Faculty Liaison Report:** Chuck Cornett reported. There was \$1593 in expenses for the EMS Fish Fry held at Homecoming and \$761 in income. The Brat Fry held on Homecoming day had \$700.45 in expenses and \$595 in income. The cost of the EMS Alumni Chapter meeting on Homecoming was \$45.85. Discussion on ways to get alumni involved in homecoming events and having a department hold a reunion each year to bring alumni back to campus. Homecoming 2006 will be held in Pioneer Crossing. Matt mentioned that there is a golf outing on the afternoon of the Fish Fry that alumni attend and should then be encouraged to attend the Fish Fry. The Geode awards three \$100 awards. We need to be more active in giving those. The Geode award is given for exemplary writing and at this point students thought they were going to be receiving a check for \$100, instead it was applied to their tuition bill. *Ehlers moved to change name from award to scholarship, Saylor second.* **Motion passed.**
11. **Campus Report:** Tammy reported that the new engineering building will be completed in the Spring of '09. General Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Engineering Physics will all move to the new building. The new residence hall will open this fall. The Rock County Initiative was approved. ME is hiring a new professor. Dr. Li is retiring as well as Dr. Sundin. The International Exchange program is strong. Dean Shultz is excited about video streaming. The NANO/MEMS class started this spring. Women in Engineering banquet is being sponsored by Durrant Engineering, the date of the banquet is April 20th. The job market is improving for engineers right now and companies are really recruiting!
12. **Presidents Report:** Tammy gave an update on Alumni Career Services. She also encouraged the chapter members to go to alumniforwisconsin.org and urge legislators to support higher education so that we are allocated funding in the next biennium.
13. **Chapter Business:**
 - a. **Additional meeting:** *June 26 at Strand Associates at 5:30pm.*
 - b. **Chapter vision and goals:** Increase involvement with the Dean by asking what support they need from the chapter. Stress the value the chapter can

bring to the college and encourage college updates. For the vision we wanted to make the chapter more visible and use the board as a communication tool. *Tammy will start working on a vision statement.*

- c. **Endowment funds:** Kim and Angie will talk to Kim Govier in the Foundation about our endowments funds including asking about the transferring over of EMS Life dollars. They will also ask about the Heiser account and find out when they put the dollars in, if there's a disadvantage to putting it in at a certain time during the year and what the last date in June we can transfer money over. The chapter wants to be able to award \$1000 in scholarships in 2007. *Ehlers moved to begin awarding a \$1000 scholarship in the 07-08 school year and amend last fall's motion of having two \$500 scholarships. Second by Thalmann. Motion Passed.*
- d. **Geode Scholarship:** Kim and Angie will ask the Foundation what happens if a graduating senior is awarded the scholarship and no longer has an outstanding balance.
- e. **Committee Structure and Assignments:**
 - Constitution and By-Laws Committee:** Chair: Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Matt Thalmann member.
 - Finance Committee:** Chair: John Belken, Members: Jeff Kronser and Rob Ehlers.
 - Nominating Committee:** Chair: Tammy Salmon-Stephens. Members: Kim Schmelz
 - Membership Committee:** Chair: Rayelle Miller. Members: Kim Schmelz
 - Special Events Committee:** Chair: Jeff Kronser. Members: Rayelle Miller.
 - Supporting Member Committee:** Chair: Rob Ehlers. Members: Kim Schmelz
 - Honors and Awards:** Co-Chairs: Matt Thalmann and Anne Saylor. Members: Tammy Salmon-Stephens and Kim Schmelz.

Tammy suggested calling or e-mailing alumni members to be on a committee.

14. **Adjournment:** Thalmann motioned to adjourn at 1:00pm.