

Beta Sigma Kappa OCULARUM

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Annual Membership Meeting Planned

Members are invited to attend the Annual Membership Breakfast, scheduled for 8-9 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2009 in Chesapeake VII of the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to bsktodd@sbcglobal.net or fax (785) 267-3148.

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Council proposes changes in structure

Message from James O. LaMotte, PhD, OD, FAAO, Chancellor

An addition to the Beta Sigma Kappa By-Laws will be presented at the Annual Beta Sigma Kappa Membership Meeting, which is scheduled for 8 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2009, in Chesapeake VII of the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland. The change is intended to aid the transition from an outgoing Chancellor to an incoming Chancellor with the addition of the position of Past-Chancellor. The position of Past-President (or Past-Chancellor) is found in many organizations and usually confers ex-officio status on the individual. The intent of the new position is to provide a resource for an incoming Chancellor.

Also at the Annual Membership Meeting, two new officers will be installed. Dr. Janet Leasher will become Chancellor and Dr. Robert Duszak will assume the role of Chancellor-Elect.

Dr. Leasher is Director of Community Outreach for Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry. Dr. Duszak is co-director of the residency program at the Philadelphia VAMC. Both will make excellent officers for BSK.

Last year, we moved the deadline for submission of student research grant applications and obviously hit it just right as we received the most applications in many years...then the National Boards moved the administration of part I exams to a couple of weeks after our deadline. As expected we experienced a significant drop in applications on the original date and an extension of the deadline yielded some more applications but still fell below our total of last year. The NBEO is not going to change its date so we will have to adjust our application procedures to maximize the number of student grants that BSK awards.

BY-LAWS OF BETA SIGMA KAPPA

Important bylaws changes are to be voted on in June. All proposed amendment changes are indicated with underlined text and reprinted for your review prior to the annual meeting.

Amend Article V Sec. 2., as follows:

Central World Council

Sec. 2. The Central World Council shall consist of the following officers: Chancellor, Chancellor-Elect, Vice-Chancellor, Secretary, and Treasurer *and Past-Chancellor*. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

Amend Article VI adding Sec. 6.

Duties of Officers

Sec. 6 Past-Chancellor

a) The Past-Chancellor will serve as an information resource for the new Chancellor on Central World Council matters.

b) The Past-Chancellor is not required to attend Central World Council meetings, but may be requested to attend a meeting by the Chancellor and will be reimbursed for travel to that meeting.

c) The term of the Past-Chancellor will be one year.



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