ANNUAL REPORT: Mu Chapter, University of Iowa

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Necrology Report:
Dr. Doug Squire – Deceased 8/3/17 – OKU Member since 2/2000

Chapter Activities:

President Professor Marsha Cunningham-Ford presided over the annual meeting.

1. Treasurer Dr. Heather Heddens gave the financial report. $14,797.96 is currently in the OKU account. Dr. Heddens announced that the cost of the OKU dues and banquet will remain the same for the current year.

2. Dr. Heather Heddens announced the Mu Chapter support for activities/initiatives for the 2017 year were:
   a. $100 to each OKU Student Member – will be presented at the annual banquet
   b. White Coat Ceremony held on May 19 for the first year students as they enter their first clinical rotation. The Dentistry Oath is cited.
   d. College’s IADR Research Day held on February 14.
   e. Freshman Orientation Luncheon – for the entering freshman students during their Orientation Week – held on August 16. Membership into OKU is reviewed and explained. OKU Officers interact with the students asking them questions.
   f. $1500 donation for a bench in the Wellness Gardner that recently opened at the College. The area is used by students, faculty, staff, and patients.
   g. $200 to Apollonian Frolics for sponsorship of event tickets for the senior students. This event also recognizes the annual Teacher of the Year Awards.
The Mu Chapter website is now up and running. The website address is: www.dentistry.uiowa.edu/oku. In addition, the new database of all Mu Chapter members can now be sorted by deceased, lifetime, and current members. In addition, the database can be sorted according to year of election.

3. New Initiatives for the 2018 year are:
   a. It was unanimously voted that the Mu Chapter will again support all of the above activities.
   b. A luncheon for the student alumni was held the day after the election to inform the students about their election; review the history of OKU and how they were elected; and explain how the annual OKU banquet works and their participation in the event along with their families.
   c. A donation of $10,000 will be made in Dr. John Doering’s honor to name the Staff Office in the Department of Family Dentistry. Dr. Doering has been an ex officio member of our Mu Chapter for over 40 years and is now retiring.
   d. The development of a Mu Chapter Scholarship for deserving first, second and third year students will be placed on hold for another year.

4. President Professor Marsha Cunningham-Ford presented Ms. Cathy Skotowski as the nomination for Vice President. The nomination was approved unanimously. Ms. Skotowski will start her position after the May Banquet.

5. Past President Dr. John Hellstein submitted junior student, Elaine Boosalis for a vote for the William Kramer Award. She was selected unanimously.

6. President Professor Marsha Cunningham-Ford presented the top 20% of the senior class who were eligible for election into OKU for 2018. We were able to elect 12% of the candidates (9 students). The students elected were: Emillie Brandt, Peter Douglas, Jennifer Feingold, Aaron Kotecki, Eric Meyer, Taylor Postler, Andrew Richter, Garrett Schultz, and Cody West.

7. President Professor Marsha Cunningham-Ford presented the faculty member candidates eligible for election into OKU. The following members were elected by the two-thirds vote:
   Dr. Carrie McKnight -- Faculty Member
   No Honorary Member nominations were received for 2018

8. Past President Dr. John Hellstein presented the Lifetime members: Professor Karen Baker, Dr. Georgia Johnson, Dr. Forrest Scandrett, and Dr. Tom Southard.

9. Treasurer Dr. Heather Heddens asked for hosts for our honorees at the May OKU Banquet. As a host you are required to congratulate your awardee and meet with them prior to the banquet; arrive at the banquet early to greet your OKU member and their family and friends; host them during the evening. All hosts will receive a letter outlining their duties prior the May Banquet.
10. Secretary and Past President Ms. Penni Ryan, Past President Dr. Bruce Justman, and President Professor Marsha Cunningham-Ford will represent the Mu Chapter as our representatives at the Annual Supreme Chapter meeting to be held at the ADEA Meeting in Orlando, FL. Dr. Bill Synan will join this year and replace Ms. Ryan for 2019 as she is retiring.

11. President Professor Marsha Cunningham-Ford announced that the banquet will be held at the Radisson Holiday and Conference Center on Thursday, May 24, 2018 beginning at 6:30 pm.

12. Each graduating OKU member will receive the OKU Key and $100 from the Mu Chapter at the Banquet and will be awarded their OKU certificate on stage at our Commencement Ceremonies on Friday, May 25, 2018.

13. Lifetime members will receive their certificates at the banquet and will be exempt for the 2018 dues and banquet costs.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mu Chapter Secretary Penni Ryan