

**Sigma Tau Delta Member Meeting
Zeta Epsilon Chapter
Boise State University**

October 6, 2006

Members present: Kim Lock, Zachery Koppelman, Kelly Kirk, Dawn Ramirez, Terry Allen, Kathleen Orcutt

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m. by Kim Lock, and the following subjects addressed:

1. OFFICER POSITIONS

Chapter officer elections have not been held in the recent past, due to a shortage of candidates. As long as candidates run unopposed, the official practice of a vote by two-thirds of the membership was deemed unnecessary. Members who have volunteered for officer positions for this academic year are Jessica Upson for Treasurer, Kelly Kirk for Vice President, and Bridget VanDerwalker for Secretary. Kim Lock will email the general membership with this information.

2. ACADEMIC DECATHLON DATES

These events are good sources of revenue for STD, as the funds we earn are doubled by ASBSU. We are waiting for a response from Jerry Helgeson, one of the organizers, to confirm that we will be invited back to judge student essays this year. Assuming that this is the case, we can expect to participate in the local Academic Decathlon on December 2nd, the regional event on February 3rd, and the state event on March 9th or 10th. At least eight volunteers will be needed for the first two dates, and twelve for the regional event.

3. WESTERN LITERATURE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

Kim Lock has sent an email to STD members regarding volunteering for this event. So far, six members have volunteered and will stuff packets and help with registration. This counts as a service project for STD because the conference has a public service element—some events are free to the public. Organizers of the conference are Tara Penry and Amy Garrett-Brown, and both are very happy with our response so far.

4. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH

The trip will include four nights at a hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, and participation in various events at the convention.

Poet **Sharon Olds** will be reading from her recent anthology, *Strike Sparks*.

Writer **David Rakoff**, author of, *Don't Get Too Comfortable*, and regular contributor to Public Radio International's *This American Life*, will also be presenting.

Jim Daniels, Professor of English and director of the creative writing program at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, is the author of nine books of poems, including *Show and Tell: New and Selected Poems* (2003), which was a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize. His most

recent work is *Street* (2005), a book of poems accompanying the photographs of Charlee Brodsky. Mr. Pleasant, his third book of short stories, will be published in 2007.

The deadline for submissions is November 30th. Kim will send out an email to members reminding them of the deadline and to get their submission form signed by Jacky O'Connor before the Thanksgiving break.

The chapter will help with costs as able. Volunteers participating in fund-raising events and service projects will earn “points” toward cash assistance. Any dollar we raise is matched by two dollars from ASBSU, so every dollar counts! Kim has asked Michelle Payne, English Department Chair, for additional funding.

5. WEB SITE

Web design specialist Kathleen Orcutt is working on the new web site. New officers need to submit a photo and a bio for her to post. The photos will also be posted on the STD notice board in the LA building.

6. EMAIL LISTS

Kim's broncoweb email address book is not handling the number of STD addressees very well. She proposed that old members who no longer wish to receive email be removed—an email will be sent out about this.

Zach Koppelman suggested the use of a gmail address, which can be passed along to the next president. Anna Warns of EMA has expertise in this area, and may be able to help with building the group list and getting an account.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Kim suggested that we need to have more social events for STD members this year! Proposals include the following:

Theater night, with a nominal charge to members, perhaps to include dinner. Kelly Kirk will send Kim a list of all theatre showings in the Boise area.

More service projects, especially one with an agency with an on-going need of, preferably with writing issues.

A day-long retreat, perhaps in Idaho City. Activities might include breakfast, writing exercises, lunch, a nature walk, and reading activities. A retreat would need to be held during a time when the weather in Idaho City is still hospitable, or else be held closer to Boise. Kim will look into possible locations, such as Bogus Basin.

Zach recommended that two officers or members be certified to drive a BSU van for such an event.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.