

**South Central Chapter Business Meeting**  
**March 18, 2016**  
**Midwestern State University**  
**Wichita Falls, Texas**

President Don Bowyer called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and thanked Ruth Morrow for organizing the conference.

The minutes of the 2015 chapter business meeting were read and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: After a brief discussion concerning the fee for student awards, a motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Proposed By-laws amendments –

- Bowyer explained the changes and why they are being made. The by-laws had been changed to correspond with timeline from national office. Now they are being changed to reflect what we actually do. Bowyer suggested that we vote on them all at one.
- Music in General Studies position is being added to bylaws to reflect what we do. Shannon Small reported that the General Studies position has been added twice by previous boards and should already be in the bylaws.
- Host institution – the board does not feel that it is realistic to set the actual dates of the conference. The host institution should decide when the conference will be held with guidance from the board.
- Call for proposals should be sent out with input from the host institution.
- Motion to accept changes from bylaws. Seconded and approved.

Newsletter editor – we no longer have a newsletter by order of the national office. Schüler provided a brief history of the newsletter issue. During the brief discussion that ensued, members expressed concern about the national office dictating whether or not we can have a newsletter. Also, ideas were suggested on how to connect with members in lieu of an official newsletter. Bowyer suggested that Jeri Walker (the last newsletter editor) put out a call for items to the newsletter to see if there is enough need for a newsletter.

Future conference sites – 2017 Henderson State; 2018 SE Oklahoma State; 2019 – seeking volunteers from Texas. Location should be considered. Perhaps a location closer to a larger city would be best. Kyle Gullings from the University of Texas at Tyler expressed interest in hosting the conference.

Student merit awards – Bowyer led a discussion concerning student merit awards. Members were encouraged to talk with their students and advertise the awards that are available for students. Current awards are: \$100 for paper, composition, lecture recital, poster, and lightning talk.

Student representative – The student representative position is open. Members were asked to consider nominating a student to fill this position.

Common topic – The common topic for the year is transformation. In putting together proposals for upcoming regional and national conferences, consider how the topic can be integrated into your proposal.

New Business – The chapter will hold officer elections in the fall. Consider nominating someone or self-nominating for the open positions.

Bowyer adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Momand, secretary*