

Hello, everyone!

I have three items of good news to report for Beta Iota:

- 1) Lorraine Beshore has volunteered to be a member of the Nominating Committee for the 2020-2022 biennium which fills one of the open slots on our ballot.
- 2) Bridget Derr has volunteered to run for president or co-president for the **2022-2024** biennium. She is currently working on her doctorate and unable to take on the 2020-2022 biennium.
- 3) March 1st which I thought was the deadline for our Officers' Report is quickly approaching. The good news is the deadline is actually **April 1st** so there is still time for someone or two someones to step up and save Beta Iota from oblivion.

And now for the bad news: if no one steps up, our chapter begins to die on April 1st. Our last meeting will be on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Harrisburg Country Club, 401 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg. Hostesses are: Chair: Sandy Heim; Lorraine Beshore, Ginny Frankowicz, Cindy Freed, Loretta Kovalik, Judi Whitesell, and Bridget Williams Derr. Invocation will be by Coral Witmer. Our Program will be presenting the Educator of the Year Award. It was also to include the installation of new officers but we have no officers. Just an FYI, your dues are paid through July 1st so if you want to attend the State Convention one last time, you will be able to do that.

I know many of you have a lot on your plate right now, that is why I highly recommend if you don't think you want the job all to yourself, ask one of the other members to join you in this grand adventure. Everyone of you has led a classroom and been a leader before. Leading 4-5 meetings a year is not such a big commitment. Now is the time to take the next step. As president, you will work with the Executive Committee to set the dates for the meetings so it can fit your schedule. Many of you have been committee chairs or officers and all have done an excellent job. In fact, that is what makes the job of president fairly easy. We have great committee chairs who actually do the bulk of the work. Even if you have never been on Executive Board, the job is not that hard. I had never been and I think I did OK. We have never had a president who has served a second term, but if any of you past presidents would be willing to take it on one more time, we would all be so grateful.

The sooner someone steps up, the sooner Daryl and I can start helping you with the transition. We have both promised to help in any way we can. Remember, I have offered to stay on as Newsletter Editor if you like, or if you just need a little help, train you in how to do the newsletter. I have deliberately kept this simple. This is your February Newsletter. As you can see, it does not need to be anything fancy. Just get the news out there.

I have truly enjoyed being a member of Beta Iota for the past 6 years. I love trying out new restaurants, hearing speakers on a range of topics, making the blankets for Head Start, and socializing with all of you. I would be very sorry to see our chapter die when we really have so many active members, a very healthy treasury, and always have a good time when we get together.

Sincerely,  
Julie Evanish  
Co-President  
Beta Iota