



# SIGMA XI

THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

August 13, 2008

**TO:** North Carolina State University Chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

**FROM:** Dr. Ann H. Williams, President  
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

**CC:** Dr. John Knesel, Chair, Committee on Resolutions, Sigma Xi  
Dr. Kelly O. Sullivan, Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Revision Taskforce  
Board of Directors, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

**ABOUT:** North Carolina State University Chapter Resolutions

Thank you for your submission of resolutions concerning: 1) the Endowment; and 2) changing the governance structure of the Society. The Committee on Resolutions rightfully determined that your resolutions should be submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Society.

The Executive Committee met on August 8, 2008 and reviewed these two resolutions. The Committee understands and appreciates your concern for the members, chapters, and finances of the Society.

1. With regards to your first resolution, the annual audits, performance of investment managers and endowment funds, and interviews and selection of new investment managers in February 2005 will be presented and discussed at the November 2008 Annual Meeting. The chapter is reminded that you may review all independent audit review reports online and previously sent to all delegates to the annual meetings.
2. With regard to your second resolution, the Board of Directors, at its November 2007 meeting, established a Taskforce to Revise the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and in December 2007 charged Dr. Kelly O. Sullivan with heading the Taskforce. A preliminary report on the Bylaws revision was presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its recent meeting of August 7-8, 2008. Further consideration will occur at the November 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

The Executive Committee hopes that you appreciate that it is unnecessary to bring resolutions before the Assembly of Delegates when the issues of concern are already under active consideration by the Board, Committees, or Taskforces of the Society. We appreciate that you perceive the same issues of importance to the well being of the Society. At the same time, you should be aware that the Board is alert as well and has already taken action. Thus, the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, has resolved that your resolutions are currently being addressed or have been addressed by Board action.

Thank you for your expressions of concern for the health of the Society and its chapters. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.