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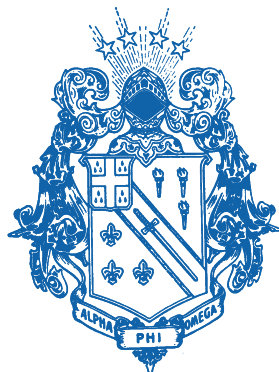
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# TORCH & TREFOIL

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## Service Projects Benefiting Youth SPRING YOUTH SERVICE DAY April 20-22, 2007



*During SYSD 2006, Brothers from Tau Chapter and Section 74 collected diapers and monetary donations for the Child Abuse Prevention Project (CAPP).*

Spring Youth Service Day (SYSD) is approaching and APO Brothers across the nation are planning youth-based service projects. SYSD is APO's way of participating in the largest service event in the world – our national partner Youth Service America's National/Global Youth Service Day.

SYSD presents Brothers with the challenge of identifying youth-related needs and the opportunity to plan and execute service projects meeting those needs. SYSD projects may engage youth in service (clean a park together), work directly with youth (take Scouts to the zoo to learn about conservation), or be something else (organize a fundraiser for a local youth organization) – it's up to you! Service happens when your skills and willingness to share them intersect with the needs around you; there are unlimited youth-based needs that APO can help meet through service.

One 2006 SYSD project that met an important need was the "Diaper Round Up" coordinated by Tau Chapter at the University of Florida. Tau Chapter worked with the Child Abuse Prevention Project and other Brothers in Section 74, and together they collected 3,000+ diapers and cash donations to help local abused children.

Nationally, APO performed 30,503.5 hours of service and reached 41,904 youth during SYSD 2006! These figures are impressive in breadth *and* depth, as APO impacted thousands of youngsters' lives, instilled in young citizens the importance of service, and probably recruited future Brothers in the process.

Make this year's SYSD even more successful than last year with your enthusiasm and personal commitment to actively participate in a youth-based service project! (Please note: SYSD reports from Chapters are due May 1st at <http://www.apo.org>)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MAGGIE KATZ, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

## Accountability, Brotherhood & Collaboration

As long as we have all been out of school, we are still working on our ABCs. For your newly elected Board of Directors, the ABCs refer to Accountability, Brotherhood and Collaboration – the watchwords of our term. We are determined to apply these concepts to strengthening our Fraternity. Let me elaborate.

**Accountability** – we promise to keep our promises. Past President Jack McKenzie is often quoted by Board members for saying “Taking the job is voluntary, doing it is not.” Yes, we are volunteers but, once we agree to do something, we are obligated to do it. We will live up to our responsibilities to each other and to Alpha Phi Omega by meeting our goals and doing what we say we will do.

**Brotherhood** – we will respect each other. Family members do not always agree. Sometimes, we get mad or frustrated. But that does not mean we stop being family. When we took the oath of membership, we promised to stick together. We do not always have to like each other, but we do have to work together in the spirit of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

**Collaboration** – we will be inclusive in our decision-making. Everyone will have a reasonable opportunity to participate in making the important decisions effecting Alpha Phi Omega. If our members do not know enough about an issue to weigh in, we will provide education. We recognize that the way things are done is often as important as what is done. We will give people the chance to share their thoughts and concerns about issues facing the Fraternity because every voice matters.

This is what your Board promises you. What we ask in return is that you be present. Take an interest in what is happening around you, on campus and beyond. Accept responsibility for knowing the important issues we face and learn more about them. Share your thoughts, ideas and concerns; be involved.

Synergy is probably the greatest thing about Alpha Phi Omega. Alone, we each have pieces of the puzzle. As students, you know what is happening on college campuses today. You know what appeals to students and how best to engage them. As alumni, we have a broad perspective, often from many different Chapters. We have a good sense of the big picture. If we combine our puzzle pieces, we can complete the picture. Together we can make the whole greater than the sum of its parts – synergy.

Your 2006-2008 Board of Directors is studying their ABCs. Together, we can learn what it takes to help Alpha Phi Omega spread Leadership, Friendship and Service farther than ever before.

Fraternally,

# *Introducing the Newly Elected National Board of Directors*



## **NATIONAL PRESIDENT MAGGIE KATZ** *Gamma Pi '80*

Elected as National President by the delegates of the 2006 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Development Manager, The Heat And Warmth Fund (THAW), Detroit, Michigan. B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan, 1984. MBA in Marketing from Eastern Michigan University, 1996. Member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Alpha Beta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity.

Pledged Gamma Pi Chapter in fall 1980 and re-pledged in fall 2000; served as pledgemaster, mascot and Section 54 conference vice chair. Served Section 54 as Gamma Pi chapter representative, 1984-1987; treasurer, 1987-1989; and chair, 1989-1994. Previously served on the National Board of Directors as Region VI Director, 1994-1998; Program Director, 1998-2002; and National Vice President, 2002-2006. Served on the following National

committees: Service, Finance, Pledge Class Namesake, Impact of Single-Gender Chapters on Coeducational Campuses, Risk Management, Growth Task Force and Convention Site Selection as Chair. SERVE presenter and staff member of several Chapter Program Workshops and Sectional Resource Weekends. Recipient of DSKs from Gamma Pi Chapter, Section 54 and Region VI. Attended 13 National Conventions, advising numerous reference committees and conducting workshops. Life Member, Silver Founder's Circle and Torchbearer. Currently serves as advisor for Gamma Pi Chapter, the University of Michigan, and Zeta Pi Chapter (rechartered 2006), Wayne State University. Resides in Livonia, Michigan, with her cat, Blackie.

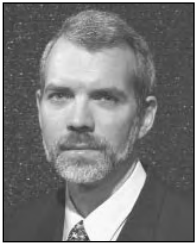
## **NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT Mark A. Stratton** *Delta Xi '94*

Elected as National Vice President by the delegates of the 2006 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Co-Manager of the Office of Census Data for the Indiana Legislative Services Agency and part-time teacher of Political Science for Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis. B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Theatre; M.A. in Political Science from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

Pledged Delta Xi Chapter at Ball State University in the fall of 1994 as part of the Alexander Lewandowski pledge class. Served Delta Xi as sergeant at arms and president. Served as one of Delta Xi's voting delegates to the 1996 National Convention in Phoenix and as a member of the Rules and Credentials Reference Committee. In 1998, served as the Region VI alumni voting delegate. Member of the Section 52 volunteer staff (serving as communications chair, membership chair and leadership development chair), Region VI volunteer staff (serving as alumni coordinator, leadership development coordinator, membership coordinator and parliamentarian), vice chairman of the Membership and Extension Committee, SRW presenter and staff, CPW presenter and director, advisor to the Rules and Credentials Reference Committee and lead advisor, National Convention legislative director, and APO LEADS presenter. Previously served on the National Board of Directors as Region VI Director, 2004-2006. Awarded the Delta Xi and Tau Omicron Chapter Distinguished Service Keys, the Section 52 Distinguished Service Key, and the Region VI Distinguished Service Key. Life Member and Torchbearer. Resides in Fishers, Indiana, with his wife, Michele (alumna of Omicron Zeta Chapter), and daughter, Joelle.



# PROGRAM DIRECTORS



## ALUMNI/INTERNAL VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

### Jeffrey L. Cantor, Kappa '87

Environmental Engineer for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, regulating the diesel trucking industry. B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1991. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Program Director in 2006. Resides outside of Trenton, New Jersey.

## MARKETING

### Jim Hahn, C.F.R.E., Lambda Omicron '83

Development Director of the Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc., an anti-homeless agency. B.A. in English, West Virginia University. Earned Certified Fundraising Executive credentials from CFRE International, 2004. Board member: Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee and the Greater Milwaukee Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). Elected to the National Board of Directors as Program Director in 2006. Resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



## SERVICE/COMMUNICATION

### Carla Moran, Theta Zeta '90

Chief of Staff to a Massachusetts state legislator. B.A. Political Science, University of New Hampshire; Graduate Certificate (Public Policy), University of Massachusetts-Boston. First elected to the National Board of Directors as Program Director in 2002. Resides in Quincy, Massachusetts.



## MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION

### Hon. John K. Ottenad, J.D., Alpha Phi '89

Administrative Law Judge for the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation in St. Louis, Missouri. A.B. in History and Political Science from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, 1991. Juris Doctor from the Washington University School of Law, 1994. Elected to the National Board of Directors in 2004 as Region VIII Director and as Program Director in 2006. Resides in Manchester, Missouri.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### Ed Richter, Alpha Iota '82 & '83

Senior Reporter, Middletown Journal, Middletown, Ohio. B.A. in Journalism with a minor in Political Science, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. First elected to the National Board of Directors as Program Director in 1998. Resides in Franklin, Ohio.



## FINANCE/OPERATIONS

### W. Brant Warrick, J.D., Beta Rho '90

Attorney, Louisville, Kentucky; part-time Faculty, Criminal Justice and Legal studies program, Northwest Arkansas Community College. B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Economics, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville. First elected to the National Board of Directors as Region VIII Director in 1998. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Program Director in 2004. Resides in Louisville, Kentucky.





# REGIONAL DIRECTORS

## REGION I

### **Marilyn Mims Dow, Phi '91**

Middle School Art Teacher at Parthum School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. B.F.A. in Surface Pattern Design, 1995, and M.S. in Art Education, 1996, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region I Director in 2002. Resides in Epping, New Hampshire.



## REGION II

### **Michael E. Haber, Epsilon Zeta '89**

Operations Manager at Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. in Albany, New York. Physics major with an Astronomy minor from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region II Director in 2004. Resides in Troy, New York.



## REGION III

### **Dawn M. Gurganious, Alpha Delta Delta '96**

Special Education Teacher in Springfield, Virginia. M.Ed. in Student Personnel Services, University of South Carolina, 2001; B.S. in Public Administration, George Mason University, 1999. Educational Coach/Tutor. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region III Director in 2006. Resides in Falls Church, Virginia.



## REGION IV

### **Matthew J. Cross, Psi Omega '95**

Network Administrator for Seminole County Government. Improv Performer/Technician for SAK Comedy Lab. A.A. in Engineering, 1991, from Gulf Coast Community College. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region IV Director in 2004. Resides in Sanford, Florida.



## REGION V

### **J. Adam Bolain, Beta Rho '91**

Senior Quality Assurance Technologist for the Heinz North American Corporate Headquarters. B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in 1995. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region V Director in 2004. Resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



## REGION VI

### **Robert M. Coop, P.E., Tau Omicron '91**

Project Manager, USI Consultants, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana. B.S. in Civil Engineering with a certificate in Consulting Engineering, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 1993; Licensed Professional Engineer in Indiana and Michigan, 1999. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region VI Director in 2006. Resides in Westfield, Indiana.



# REGIONAL DIRECTORS



## REGION VII

### **Cole T. Robertson, Beta Rho '86**

Licensed Real Estate Broker and owner of Phoenix-Redstone Management in Lubbock, Texas. Recreation and Leisure Services Management major with a Business minor, Texas Tech University. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region VII Director in 2006. Resides in Lubbock, Texas.

## REGION VIII

### **Kathryn S. K. Whitfield, J.D., Alpha Epsilon Epsilon '97**

Canvass Director, Hudson Bay Company of Illinois, Inc. in Lincoln, Nebraska. B.A. in Psychology and Political Science with minors in Sociology and Philosophy, Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 2000. Juris Doctor from the University of Nebraska School of Law in Lincoln, Nebraska, 2004. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region VIII Director in 2006. Resides in Lincoln, Nebraska.



## REGION IX

### **Ginny Combs, Omicron '88**

RN/MDS Coordinator for Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. Associate degree in Nursing from Kirkwood Community College, 1991. Elected to the National Board of Directors at Region IX Director in 2004. Resides in North Liberty, Iowa.

## REGION X

### **Franklin D. Brodsky, Epilson Zeta '92**

Senior Component Architect for Intel Corporation in Chandler, Arizona. B.S. in Engineering Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1995 and B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1996. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region X Director in 2006. Resides in Chandler, Arizona.



## REGION XI

### **Tony Ploughe, Alpha Gamma '86**

Contract Flight Test Instrumentation Engineer at The Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington. B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology from Purdue University, 1991. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region XI Director in 2006. Resides in Seattle, Washington.



# Support APO Through Our Affinity Programs

An affinity program is an offer made to an organization or group for a product or service that generates revenue for the organization. These types of programs come in all shapes and sizes. Alpha Phi Omega is presented with numerous affinity opportunities every month. We carefully consider these programs and select only a very few. The Fraternity considers these types of programs for two reasons. First, to keep membership fees as low as possible while still providing an outstanding experience, and second, to provide additional member benefits. Two programs that are relatively new are [www.APOTravel.org](http://www.APOTravel.org) and GEICO Auto Insurance.

The private-label travel site [www.APOTravel.org](http://www.APOTravel.org) is similar to Expedia®. The Fraternity receives part of the commission from the travel vendor without any of the liability, and the cost of travel is the same as any online travel site. If you currently use an online travel site, you can support the Fraternity by trying this new program.

GEICO provides the Fraternity money for each person who requests a quote and identifies himself or herself as a member of Alpha Phi Omega. The benefit to our members is a discount off their standard rate, depending on the state in which the member resides. The majority of discounts run between 8 and 15 percent.

Some members choose not to participate in these types of programs, and we certainly understand and respect those choices. If you prefer not to receive information from Alpha Phi Omega regarding our affinity programs, e-mail us at [noaffinity@apo.org](mailto:noaffinity@apo.org) and provide your name and membership number (or initiating Chapter). You can also call the National Office and we will exclude you from our periodic updates on these types of offers.

## Summer Camp Service Opportunities

Wherever you live, Summer Camp programs certainly exist and offer unlimited opportunities for APO Brothers to provide service to youth. Now is the time to start planning your summer activities, and what a great way to expand our Fraternity by planting the seed with potential future members! Just think how much fun you would have sharing your talents and improving your leadership skills, all while earning a summer income and college credits.

If you're open to adventure, we'd like to tell you about a specific service opportunity that awaits you this summer! It's the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Located in north-central New Mexico amid the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains, Philmont will host roughly 29,000 participants. The ranch will employ more than 1,000 staff members in a multitude of positions from late May/early June through middle/late August. Philmont offers good pay, especially since room and board are included.

Additionally, Philmont has partnered with a local university so all staff can receive college credits for their summer work experience.

Fun and exciting activities featured in Philmont's summer program include rock climbing, horseback riding, trout fishing, archaeological excavations, gold panning, rappelling, burro packing, challenge/ropes courses, living history programs, spar-pole climbing, blacksmithing, campfire programs, tours of gold mines, fly tying, mountain biking, astronomy, chuckwagon dinners and rifle/shotgun shooting. On the days you may not be working, you can explore nearby destinations such as Santa Fe, Taos, Angel Fire, Red River and Eagle's Nest.

To obtain more information and/or download an application, visit [www.scouting.org/philmont/](http://www.scouting.org/philmont/). You can also call Philmont Scout Ranch directly at (505) 376-2281.

*We thank Cole Robertson, Region VII Director, for his time and contributions to this article.*





# 2006

More than 1,700 Brothers joined together for “*Unbridled Service*” at the 39th National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky! The four-day event began with a Reunion Carnival where Brothers congregated to visit with old friends and learn more about upcoming activities, workshops and service projects.

The Fellowship Banquet featured keynote speaker Daniel Kalef with the Muhammad Ali Center. Daniel shared his message about how Alpha Phi Omega has similar values of his organization – inspired by Muhammad Ali. The Center is a “global gathering place” where people come together to learn, share and celebrate commonalities as human beings and formulate ways of advancing humanity today and in the future – so much like the vision of Alpha Phi Omega’s great Founder!







# National Convention *Highlights*

Workshops, with an unlimited variety of leadership and friendship, continued throughout the event; Brothers were quite entertained with the Speed Fellowship activity and the Wedding Crashers Dance as well. Our dedicated Voting Delegates carried out the business of APO during the Legislative Session (*see pages 12-15*) and elected new officers.

Brothers dressed in their best derby attire for the memorable Awards Banquet, where the new Board of Directors was introduced. Kate Farrell Westlake, 2006 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree, shared her personal message about taking the valuable principles of APO and making these a significant part of your life each and every day.

In 2008, we look forward to seeing you in Boston, Massachusetts, for the 40th Biennial National Convention!



# National Awards

*National Distinguished Service Award  
Recipients: Anthony M. Ploughe (left)  
and David A. Emery (right)*



*Theta Upsilon Chapter at Case Western Reserve University is  
honored with the Earle M. Herbert National Friendship Award*

## National Distinguished Service Award

David A. Emery  
Philip M. Pfeffer  
Anthony M. Ploughe  
Philip H. Prince

## Dean Arno Nowotny National Service Award

Alpha Zeta Gamma Chapter at The College of New Jersey

## Earle M. Herbert National Friendship Award

Theta Upsilon Chapter at Case Western Reserve University

## John Grossi Man-Mile Award

Beta Sigma Chapter at Texas Tech University

## Josiah Frank Historian's Award

Zeta Beta Chapter at Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
& State University

## M.R. Disborough Scouting Service Award

Beta Psi Chapter at Southeast Missouri State University

## Phyllis Churchill Tenney Excellence in Advising Award

Richard I. Koval, Alpha Beta Chapter  
at Pennsylvania State University

*Zeta Beta  
Chapter at  
Virginia  
Polytechnic  
Institute &  
State University  
receives the  
Josiah Frank  
Historian's  
Award*



*Beta Sigma  
Chapter at  
Texas Tech  
University is  
presented with  
the John Grossi  
Man-Mile  
Award*





# Presented at the 2006 National Convention

## 2005-2006 Chapter of Excellence Award

Epsilon Chapter at Truman State University  
Mu Chapter at Indiana University  
Alpha Gamma Chapter at Purdue University  
Alpha Sigma Chapter at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
Zeta Delta Chapter at Miami University  
Theta Alpha Chapter at Stevens Institute of Technology  
Theta Omega Chapter at Randolph-Macon College  
Kappa Chi Chapter at Creighton University  
Lambda Rho Chapter at Augustana College  
Lambda Phi Chapter at Eastern Michigan University  
Xi Beta Chapter at the University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Omicron Delta Chapter at McMurry University  
Pi Chi Chapter at Duquesne University  
Rho Gamma Chapter at California State University,  
Long Beach  
Rho Pi Chapter at the University of California at San Diego  
Rho Sigma Chapter at Point Park University  
Tau Lambda Chapter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Omega Epsilon Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University  
Alpha Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Vermont  
Alpha Delta Tau Chapter at Nova Southeastern University  
Alpha Epsilon Chi Chapter at Bethany College

*The Chapter of Excellence program recognizes those Chapters whose programs of Leadership, Friendship and Service promote growth and longevity. It's also designed to promote better communication between the Chapter and the sectional, regional and national leadership through regular reporting of Chapter activities. Chapters must achieve 8 of the 12 requirements, including those indicated as mandatory requirements, in order to receive designation as a Chapter of Excellence. The requirements must be completed during the Fraternity's fiscal year.*



*Beta Psi Chapter at Southeast Missouri State University receives the M.R. Disborough Scouting Service Award*



*Richard I. Koval (right) is presented with the Phyllis Churchill Tenney Excellence in Advising Award*



*Ed Richter, Membership/Extension Program Director, presents Alpha Delta Tau Chapter at Nova Southeastern University with the 2005-2006 Chapter of Excellence Award*



# NATIONAL CONVENTION ACTIONS

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

### DECEMBER 29-30, 2006

### THE GALT HOUSE HOTEL & SUITES – LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

#### REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Convention revokes the membership of Saquondria Burris of Iota Rho Chapter (Florida State University).

The Convention revokes the membership of Joseph McLaughlin of Iota Xi Chapter (Edinboro University).

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS

##### ARTICLE XII – ALUMNI

##### SECTION 2 – LOCAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Amend to read:*

Each recognized local Alumni Association shall annually reaffirm its recognition by January 15 by application to the National Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Committee. ...The fee for formal recognition will be **twenty-five (\$25)** dollars.

##### ARTICLE IX – CHAPTERS

##### SECTION (NEW) – CHAPTER DEBT

*Amend to read:*

When a Chapter's charter is declared null and void due to Chapter inactivity, all debt owed to the Fraternity resulting from Chapter operations or lack thereof shall be forgiven.

A Chapter that has been placed on an intervention program after two years of inactivity may petition the National Finance Committee for forgiveness of unpaid debts. Debts incurred as a result of financial malfeasance or impropriety on the part of a Member shall be recouped by the Fraternity using any legal means necessary.

When a Chapter's charter is revoked, the petitioning group reactivating the Chapter must petition the National Finance Committee for debt forgiveness or must meet any acquired debts.

##### ARTICLE IX – CHAPTERS

##### SECTION (NEW) – ALCOHOL

*Amend to read:*

No Chapter funds shall be used to purchase alcohol under any circumstances.

##### ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

##### SECTION 3 – PETITIONING MEMBER FEE

*Amend to read:*

There shall be a National Petitioning Membership Fee equal to the National Pledge

Fee to be paid by each Petitioning Member.

**The fee shall be nonrefundable and shall be sent to the National Executive Director not later than ten business days after the Petitioning Ritual is conducted.**

##### ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

##### SECTION 4 – PLEDGE FEE

*Amend to read:*

There shall be a National Pledge Fee of **twenty-five (\$25)** dollars to be paid by each new Pledge. The fee shall be nonrefundable and shall be sent to the National Executive Director not later than ten business days after the Pledge Ritual is conducted.

##### ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

##### SECTION 6 – ANNUAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FEE

*Amend to read:*

Annually by November 15th, each Chapter shall submit to the National Office a roster of Active Members, together with the Annual Active Membership dues of **twenty-five (\$25)** dollars per Active Member regardless of Life Membership status. The minimum annual dues per Chapter shall be **seventy-five (\$75)** dollars. The definition of an Active Member shall be determined by Article III, Section 2 (2). A Chapter, to remain active and in good standing, must meet the above requirements by yearly paying all dues.

##### ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

##### SECTION (NEW) – ANNUAL INSURANCE FEE

*Amend to read:*

Annually by November 15th, each Chapter shall submit to the National Office a roster of Active Members, together with an annual insurance fee of seven (\$7) dollars per Active Member. The annual insurance fee shall be paid for each Pledge Member within ten days of the date of the Pledge Ritual. The definition of an Active Member shall be determined by Article III, Section 2 (2). A Chapter, to remain active and in good standing, must meet the above requirements by paying this fee when due.

##### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

##### SECTION 2 – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

*Amend to read:*

Active Membership shall be conferred upon enrolled students who are in the fellowship of the principles of Alpha Phi Omega; who, to the satisfaction of their Chapter, are so oriented; who have successfully completed a Membership education program structured in accordance with the guidelines established in the National

Pledging Standards and the Membership Policies of the Fraternity; and who are encouraged, but not required, by their Chapter to be a registered member of any Scout or youth service organization. Initiation shall be according to the official ritual of the Fraternity. Active Membership shall carry all rights and responsibilities in the Chapter, except that the individual Chapters may determine the degree of participation of Members in graduate **or professional** school. Active Membership shall be continued so long as the Member remains in good standing with the Chapter and continues enrollment in the institution. Active Membership may be transferred from one Chapter to another if the Member transfers institutional enrollment, provided that the new Chapter accepts the Member as an Active Member, and that the new Member completes the necessary forms and sees that they are forwarded to the National Office. **Individuals who hold Alumni Membership may be reinstated to Active Membership in accordance with any provisions adopted by the Chapter. The Chapter shall notify the National Office of the change in Membership Status and transmit to the National Office the Active Membership Reinstatement Fee as defined in Article VIII, Section 13.**

##### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

##### SECTION 7 – ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

*Amend to read:*

Upon leaving their respective **academic institution as a result of graduation or termination of student status or university employment**, all who have held Active, **Associate**, Advisory, or Honorary Membership in a collegiate Chapter **and who have not been suspended or expelled by that Chapter or the National Fraternity**, shall be recognized as Alumni Members.

##### ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP

##### SECTION (NEW) – RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

*Amend to read:*

Any Member of this Fraternity may resign their membership at any time they deem necessary. Their resignation should be in writing, addressed to the National Executive Director, and notarized. The correspondence should include any necessary identifying information, such as Chapter and Member Number; upon receipt of this letter, the Chapter shall be notified. Unlike Members who have been expelled as described in Section 10 of this Article, Members who have chosen to resign may be eligible for subsequent Pledge, Advisory, or Honorary Membership if they meet the other

requirements for eligibility for these Membership types.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP SECTION (NEW) – ALUMNI MEMBER- SHIP REINSTATEMENT FEE

*Amend to read:*

A Member who previously held Alumni Membership and who has been reinstated to Active Membership pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of these Bylaws, shall pay an Active Membership Reinstatement Fee equal to the Annual Active Membership Dues for one Active Member. If such a Member has been reinstated in such a manner that he or she would appear on the Chapter's roster during the Charter Reaffirmation Process and would therefore pay the Annual Active Membership Dues, the Active Membership Reinstatement Fee is waived.

### ARTICLE IV – NATL. CONVENTIONS SECTION 6 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

*Amend to read:*

The National Convention shall have:

The sole power to establish rituals, ceremonies and Fraternity symbols. The established symbols of the Fraternity are the Jewel, Flower, Tree, Colors, Bird, Coat of Arms, Badge, Sign, Handclasp, Greek Letters and National Membership Pins.

### ARTICLE V – NATIONAL OFFICERS SECTION (NEW) – DUTIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Amend to read:*

A representative of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America shall serve as a liaison between the Boy Scouts of America and the National Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS SECTION 1 – POWER TO AMEND

*Amend to read:*

The power to amend the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standard Chapter Articles of Association, Rituals, Ceremonies, Symbols, and Toast Song shall rest in the National Convention.

### ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS SECTION 2 – PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT

*Amend to read:*

Every proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standard Chapter Articles of Association, Rituals, Ceremonies, Symbols, or Toast Song shall be submitted to the National Executive Director . . .

### ARTICLE VII – NATL. COMMITTEES SECTION 5 – NATIONAL FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

*Amend to read:*

It shall be the duty of the National Finance and Operations Committee to propose ways and

means to finance the Fraternity adequately, . . . and to oversee the use and development of Fraternity symbols.

### ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS SECTION 3 – VOTE REQUIRED TO AMEND

*Amend to read:*

An affirmative vote equivalent to three-fourths of the total votes cast by registered delegates present and voting at a session of the National Convention shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standard Chapter Articles of Association, Rituals, Ceremonies, Symbols, or Toast Song.

### ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECTION 6 – BOARD MEETINGS

*Amend to read:*

The National Board of Directors shall meet at least once each calendar year. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors...A quorum at all Board meetings shall consist of a majority of the currently elected voting Members of the National Board of Directors...

### ARTICLE X – SECTIONS SECTION 1 – FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF SECTIONS

*Amend to read:*

There shall be geographic sections composed, as nearly as is practical and convenient to the Active Members of the Fraternity, of an equivalent number of Chapters. Each region shall have no more than ten sections.

## RITUALS & TRADITIONS

### INITIATION RITUAL

Page 33, Paragraph 1

PRESIDENT: (private)

## AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD CHAPTER ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE XV - ALCOHOL

**Insert as XV and renumber following articles**

No Chapter funds shall be used to purchase alcohol under any circumstances.

## AMENDMENT TO THE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

No Chapter funds shall be used to purchase alcohol under any circumstances.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development

Be it resolved that the Alumni Relations Committee develop methods to increase the fre-

quency and efficacy of communication between both individual Chapters and Alumni Associations and the National Office and Alumni Associations. Such communication should promote increased interaction between these groups, and involvement of alumni Brothers with each other and current Brothers, in activities that encompass each of the three cardinal principles.

Be it resolved that the Alumni Relations Committee investigate the creation of an Alumni Manual to be distributed to graduating seniors as a supplement to materials already provided to them by the National Office and to existing Alumni Associations. This manual should also be made available to all Alumni Brothers via the National website.

Be it resolved that the Alumni Relations Committee investigate developing and implementing an Alumni Association Scholarship fund to aid current Active Brothers.

### Awards and Appreciation

Be it resolved that the 2006 National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega recommends a Pledge Program of Excellence Award be created by the Membership Extension Committee in contingency with the Regional Directors and the Board of Directors.

Be it resolved that the 2006 National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega recognizes the late President and Honorary Brother Gerald R. Ford for his involvement with Scouting and his services to the nation.

Be it resolved that the document containing the descriptions for available National Awards be included in the same mailing as the "Same Page" document.

Be it resolved that we, the 2006 National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, thank:

■ The Board of Directors: Dr. Fred Heismeyer III; Maggie Katz; Dr. Lisa Covi; Dr. Julie Moore; Carla Moran; Ed Richter; Dr. Elizabeth Tom; W. Brant Warrick; Marilyn Mims Dow; Michael Haber; Malcolm D. Lee; Matthew Cross; Adam Bolain; Mark Stratton; Kari Logan; John Ottenad, J.D.; Ginny Combs; David Corning; Robert London; Richard Schmidt; Robert Barkhurst; David Emery; Dr. Stan Carpenter; E. Ross Forman; Dr. Tom Galt; Bobby Hainline; Dr. Lawrence Hirsch; Lorin Jurvis; Wilfred Krenek; Jack McKenzie; Dr. Glen Nygreen; William Roth; Gerald Schroeder; Col. Lucius Young, LTC, Ret.; Dr. C. P. Zlatkovich; George Cahill; Irwin Gerst; Roger Sherwood; Warren Weidman; James Chandler.

■ Parliamentarian: Jeff Neurater  
■ Fellowship Banquet Speaker: Daniel Kalef  
■ Local PR: Adam Ritchie  
■ Girl Scout Troup 710 for presenting colors at the Opening Ceremony  
■ University of Houston for presenting the fre-

- Eternal Flame of Service
- Theta Upsilon Chapter from Case Western Reserve University for presenting the Activation Ceremony
- Alpha Gamma Chapter of Purdue University for presenting the Fellowship Banquet
- Delta Gamma Chapter of Ohio University for putting on social events
- Convention Services Manager: Jennifer Cecil of the Galt House Hotel and the Galt House Hotel staff
- Convention Bureau: Susan Saur and Kim Wallace
- The city of Louisville and Mayor Jerry Abramson
- Logistics Coordinator: George Kober
- Legislative Director: Jeff Cantor.
- The Convention Committee: Adam Rone, Amy Cruse, Ashleigh Lawrence, Brian Martin, Brittany Montgomery, Christine Zanni, Claude Sigley, Colin Milne, David Keely, Deandrea Jones, Ericka Harney, Erin Doolittle, Ginny Wright, James Mooney, Jill Scognamiglio, Joe Bomba, Joe Glerum, John Burke, John Strada, Matt Bailey, Melody Martin, Patrick Higgins, Lisa Coop, Patrick Kaiser, Pete Forbes, Regina Forbes, Rob Coop, Sara Dobson, Shawn Goldman, Stacy Mefford, Stephen Hodges, Thom Bomba, Thomas Leggett, Tyler Lauber, Erin Roberts, Ken Best, Tanah Combs and Jeremy Williams.
- Thanks also to all members of Reference Committees for their grueling service to the Fraternity, the Active Brothers and Guests for their attendance, and all Voting Delegates for their service to the future expansion of our Fraternity.
- Beta Zeta Chapter of the University of Georgia for presenting the Awards Banquet
- All APO LEADS presenters
- Floor Services Coordinator: Kathryn Whitfield
- The delegation from Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines
- Kenneth Vest for chairing the Awards Banquet
- Eta Chapter from Northern Illinois University for handling Printing and Publications and the Lightbearer newsletter
- Epsilon Chapter from Truman State University for staffing Registration
- National Office Staff: Judy Mitchell, Linda Secrist and other office staff members who worked for months on Convention arrangements
- The Section Chairs
- Tau Omicron Chapter from Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) for staffing the Family Activities Room
- Convention Sergeant at Arms: Rob Coop
- Fraternity Store: S. Rod Schnell, Jordan Neuringer and Bob Barkhurst
- Brothers helping with Floor Services
- Card Spotters: David Sides, Rebecca Salley, Howard Wolf
- Reference Committee Advisors
- Anyone else we forgot to mention

The Fraternity extends best wishes for a speedy recovery to Joe Kuchta, Alpha Chi advisor.

#### **Finance**

The Board of Directors is instructed to refer to a committee the task of investigating methods by which Chapters can protect their Chapter finances against things including, but not limited to, embezzlement and fraud.

#### **International Relations**

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors establish a clearly defined policy regarding Brothers and Alumni of International APO organizations who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States and wish to obtain membership status in APO-USA.

#### **Leadership Development**

Be it resolved that the National Leadership Award will be presented every two years at the National Convention to the Chapter with the best overall leadership program as determined by the Leadership Development Reference Committee.

#### **Marketing**

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors will develop an accountability process for approving appropriate and meaningful marketing materials, including logos, for electronic and print publication.

Be it resolved that the 2006 National Convention endorses the use of the following graphic:



Be it resolved that the National Board will reevaluate the placement of the Communications function within the Service Committee, while considering the option of placement within a Marketing Committee.

Be it resolved that the National Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Director will market the Torchbearer and other national fund-raising programs to the Brotherhood and provide them the opportunity to advertise, and will also promote the Torchbearer at all sectional, regional and national conferences.

Be it resolved that the National Board shall conduct a study to reevaluate the current Vision and Mission statements and also assess the necessity of the Strategic Objectives. At least one Active Brother from each region shall be involved in the process. The Mission and Vision statements shall emphasize Alpha Phi Omega's three Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

#### **Membership & Extension**

Be it resolved that Alpha Phi Omega National

Service Fraternity strives to identify, recruit and promote a diverse, open membership throughout our Fraternity. We seek a diverse Brotherhood that reflects the populations of our host campuses and the community at large, and reflects individuals' differences.

Be it resolved that the National Board of Directors is hereby instructed to propose an amendment to the National Bylaws for consideration at the 2008 National Convention establishing that no demographic quotas will be imposed on any Chapter.

Be it resolved that the Fraternity acknowledge that open membership requires that the opportunity to pursue membership is open to all students as described in Article III Section 1 without gender implication. To facilitate implementation of this policy, a new Transition Committee will be formed that will:

- Be made up of at least the following:
  - Representatives of any and all single-gender Chapters that are interested in participating
  - At least one member of a Chapter that has successfully made a transition from single-gender to coeducational
  - Alumni Members, confirmed by the committee as ex-officio members
  - An advisor from the National Board of Directors chosen by the National President and confirmed by the committee as an ex-officio member
- Be chaired by an Active Member
- Make its proceedings easily accessible to all interested parties
- Be established at or before the February 2007 meeting of the National Board of Directors
- Streamline the process of bringing all Chapters into compliance with regard to the open membership policy as stated in the National Bylaws by the 2008 National Convention
- Support said Chapters in the process of developing programs, which involves coeducational Active Members and single-gender alumni.

Report on its progress to the National membership semiannually.

#### **National Organization**

Be it resolved that the National Board of Directors shall reorganize the Board Policy Manual into manuals of focused content with involvement from Active Brothers;

Be it further resolved that Fraternity policies and those of its National Board of Directors be made available to any Member upon request and verification of membership.

Be it resolved the Board of Directors shall consider the following amendments to Board structure: the addition of a Board Treasurer directly elected by the National Convention, an evaluation of the performance of Board Members reported to Active Brothers, and the addition of a seventh Program Director position permanently dedicated to the area of Marketing and Communication;



Be it further resolved the Board of Directors shall consider supporting the use of sectional and regional student councils.

#### **Rituals & Traditions**

Be it resolved: The National Membership and Extension Committee is hereby instructed to research and draft an optional Big Brother Revelation Ceremony, to be included in the Ritual Manual.

Be it resolved: The 2006 National Convention reaffirms that rituals are a private matter of the Fraternity, and as such, public displays of the preparation and performance of rituals, including, but not limited to photography, video, or other media, should not be published in any public media.

#### **Rules & Credentials**

Be it resolved that the 2006 39th National Convention directs the Board of Directors through the National President to appoint a committee consisting of Active Brothers and

Alumni to develop an educational program for Members about the legislative process, and how Active Brothers can participate in the legislative process.

#### **Service & Communication**

Be it resolved that the National Service Week program of emphasis for 2007-2008 be: "LENDING A HELPING HAND: Serving Individuals with Disabilities";

Be it further resolved that the project theme for 2007 be: "Serving Children with Disabilities" and that the 2008 project theme be: "Serving Adults with Disabilities".

#### **Scouting & Youth Services**

Be it resolved that Alpha Phi Omega Scouting and Youth Services Committee create and distribute to Chapters annual information pamphlets or information packets pertaining to Scouting and youth services to include, but not be limited to, contact information for the National Partnerships of Alpha Phi Omega and

other youth-oriented organizations, and to offer examples of successful Chapter youth service events.

Be it resolved that the National Fraternity Scouting and Youth Services Committee investigates other connections with youth organizations such as 4-H and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

#### **TIME & PLACE**

Be it directed by the 39th National Convention that the National President establish a committee to review and propose any changes it deems necessary to the 40th National Convention of Article IV - National Conventions, Section 7, TIME AND PLACE, and any other associated changes.

*The delegates voted that the 2008 National Convention be held December 27-30 in Boston, Massachusetts.*

## The Value of a Strong Endowment

When Alpha Phi Omega established the Endowment Trust, the purpose was to build up a financial base that the Fraternity could use to support the growth or development of programs and services to benefit Alpha Phi Omega. This purpose remains and the goal of the Endowment Trustees is to strengthen the base of support over the next 10 years. This means staying on course and growing the present worth of Alpha Phi Omega's Endowment from \$3.5 to \$10 million in the next 10 years.

**What are the funding sources of our Endowment?** There are two primary sources – Life Membership fees and alumni gifts, lifetime or deferred. The \$100 alumni fees and \$50 undergraduate fees collected from our Life Member Brothers are made part of our Endowment. Likewise, gifts received through either lifetime gifts of cash or securities or through deferred gifts from various planned giving instruments (i.e. bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plans and annuities) are also made part of the endowment.

**How can our Brothers help grow our Endowment?** In 2006, there were just over 500 new Life Memberships received. Increasing this number, even by 10 times that amount, would provide an estimated \$2.86 million in the next 10 years. If you know of a Brother who is not a Life Member, encourage them to make the \$100 investment and become connected to APO through the *Torch & Trefoil* newsletter. Another way you can help is to consider becoming part of the Blue and Gold Society by making Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Trust part of your planned giving decisions. The Blue and Gold Society recognizes Brothers who make a lifetime gift of \$10,000 or more or a deferred gift of \$25,000 or more to the Endowment Trust. Already, more than 30 Brothers have declared their intentions to support APO in their estate plans. Ten times that number would enable our Fraternity's endowment to have a stronger financial base and offer more support to programs and services that help our Brothers have a better Fraternity experience.

A strong endowment for any organization ensures sustainability in all times, providing opportunities for growth in programs and services that attract new members. Please help Alpha Phi Omega Endowment build its value. For more information about the Endowment Trust or to discuss a planned gift, please contact the National Office at 816-373-8667 or visit the website at [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org).

# WHO, *what*, WHEN & Where?

## ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mar. 30 - Apr. 1

*Section 2 Conference*  
Host: Theta Iota  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ

*Sections 43/44 Co-Sectional Conference*  
Host: Alpha Gamma Omega  
(University of Texas at San Antonio)  
Radisson Hotel at San Antonio  
Downtown Market Square  
San Antonio, TX

*Section 49 Conference*  
Host: Chi Omega  
McKendree College  
Lebanon, IL

*Sections 53/55 Bi-Sectional Conference*  
Host: Epsilon Beta  
Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, MI

*Sections 56/59 Conference*  
Host: Delta Gamma  
Ohio University  
Athens, OH

### March 31

*Merit Badge Day*  
Host: Phi Chapter  
Syracuse University  
Syracuse, NY

### April 13-15

*Sections 47/50/51 Tri-Sectional Conference*  
Host: Eta Epsilon  
Millikin University  
Decatur, IL

*Section 67 Conference*  
Host: Theta Theta  
Centre College  
Danville, KY

*Sections 75/76/77 Conference*  
Host: Gamma Lambda  
Clemson University  
Clemson, SC

*Sections 91/92 Conference*  
Host: Delta Zeta  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA

### April 14

*Leadership Development Day*  
Southern Arkansas University

### April 20-22

*Spring Youth Service Day – Service Projects with Youth and Service Projects for Youth*

*Section 61 Conference*  
Host: Alpha Epsilon Eta  
Concord University  
Athens, WV

### April 21

*Phi 75th Anniversary Celebration*  
Syracuse University  
Syracuse, NY

*Delta Rho 60th Anniversary Celebration*  
East Brunswick Elks Lodge  
East Brunswick, NJ

*Alpha Delta Tau 10th Anniversary Celebration*  
Nova Southeastern University  
Carl DeSantis Atrium  
Ft Lauderdale, FL

### May 1

*National Spring Youth Service Day Reporting Due*

### July 14

*Meeting of the National Board of Directors*  
Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore  
Tampa, FL

### July 26-29



*"Expanding Our Horizons"*  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Independence, MO

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