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**the newly elected
2013-14 National Officers**

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"Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind."

— Johannes Brahms

Nearly two months ago, more than 1,500 brothers attended the 42nd Biennial National Convention in Anaheim. Together, we spent four days putting into practice the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. From service projects to workshops, from the legislative session to banquets and fellowship activities, the brothers assembled made sure we made the most of our "Time to shine!"

During the Convention, the Fraternity made permanent the National Student Advisory Committee, which will be of tremendous value in helping engage and educate our active members in the governance and long-term direction of Alpha Phi Omega. Focus groups provided helpful and tremendous feedback about the proposed Board restructuring plan, and workshops helped educate our members on recruitment, retention and other topics of importance.

In short, our time in Anaheim provided not only education but inspiration for the brothers of APO.

I opened with Brahms' quote for a very specific reason: While many of us are awed and inspired by the great celebration that is the National Convention, that inspiration is not enough on its own to move us forward. Inspiration alone will not help us advance the good name and works of APO. We must, instead, make the most of that inspiration and put it to work. We do this by renewing our commitments to one another, and to the Fraternity, by doing the best work we can for APO. We do this by meeting the obligations and responsibilities we have voluntarily accepted. And, we do this by reaching out to others, to encourage them and inspire them to join us in our lifelong quest of selfless service.

As we journey through this new year, let us remember the bright light that serves as our inspiration, and let us do all we can to keep that light burning, not just for today, but for all days. Let us remember we do not do our works just for us, but for all people. And let us remember the light of APO must shine on all nations of the world. Let that light be our inspiration, and let us all have the courage and conviction to do the work that must be done to make that light grow even brighter!

Fraternally,



Mark Stratton,
National President



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Register TODAY for the 2013 National Volunteer Conference

Registration for the 2013 National Volunteer Conference (NVC) is NOW OPEN at www.apo.org. NVC is a weekend-long event that focuses on providing Alpha Phi Omega alumni with the resources and experiences necessary to be effective and knowledgeable volunteers. This year's event will be held July 18-21, 2013, in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Holiday Inn on the Country Club Plaza. See the inset box for pricing.

NVC is an opportunity for APO alumni to gather to further develop their skills as effective volunteers for the Fraternity. The conference offers the chance for training, feedback opportunities with the Board of Directors and networking with alumni from across the country. The goal of the conference is to provide alumni volunteers with the skills required to be successful, whether they are recent

Registration fees, room rate and some meals:

Triple Room: \$75
Double Room: \$150
Single Room: \$250

graduates looking to get involved or veteran volunteers. The more basic workshops review the essentials of volunteering and advising chapters, while the more detailed sessions discuss chapter and program support and management. In addition to the programming, this weekend provides the opportunity to network with a number of alumni volunteers from across the nation.

The Adventures of Flat Bentley

Meet Joshua Ryan Bentley, a brother of Xi Lambda Chapter at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. He is stationed overseas serving his third tour with the U.S. Army. Josh loves Alpha Phi Omega and makes every effort to attend events and meet brothers from all over. He was very upset to find out he would be deploying before the Convention.

Josh joked with his chapter brothers about carrying around a cardboard cutout of him during the Convention, but it wouldn't fit into their carry-ons. The only solution was to print out a photo to create "Flat Bentley," based on the popular school project "Flat Stanley." He traveled to Opening Ceremonies, made snowflakes for



Sandy Hook Elementary School, assembled care packages for the Red Cross and frolicked all over Disneyland.

The human Josh saw many of the pictures and was very excited to attend the National Convention, even if only in paper form. He is grateful for the support from his brothers and can't wait to be back!

Article by Jessica Gonzalez,
Xi Lambda

See Page 6 for more from the 2012 National Convention

Pictures by Kristine "Scooter" O'Brien, Xi Lambda

January Board Minutes

The following actions were taken by the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors at the January 26, 2013, meeting:

The Board approved the minutes of the June 22-23, 2012, and the December 30, 2012, meetings and approved the dates and locations of the June 28-29, 2013, meeting in Pittsburgh, the January 25-26, 2014, meeting in Dallas, and the June 27-28, 2014, meeting in Chicago.

The following (re)appointments were made:

- National Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree Committee: Brother John Ottenad (Chair), Brother Marilyn Mims, Brother Michael Haber, Brother Matthew Rom, Brother Ping Huang and Brother Jack McKenzie
- Legal Counsel: Brother Jennifer Chierek Znosko
- Alpha Phi Omega Endowment

Trustee: Brother Susan Meyer

- Auditor: Emerick & Co.

The Board approved:

- the launch of a comprehensive fundraising campaign to meet the facility and programming needs of the Fraternity in support of the strategic plan.
- granting a charter to Alabama A&M (Region IV, Section 69).
- directing the National Executive Director to negotiate and enter into contract with Hyatt Regency O'Hare for the Fraternity's 2014 National Convention in Chicago.
- amending the Fraternity's Operations and Policy Manual Category 4 – Other Committees, Policy 4-2 Youth Service Grant Review Committee.
- amending the Fraternity's Operations and Policy Manual, Policy 1 Precedence, and Policy II Amendments.

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the National Bylaws, the President declared the charter of Alpha Zeta Chi Chapter at New England College (Region I, Section 94) null and void.

The Board adopted the resolution of International Relations and Canadian Extension.

Brother Jeremy Bingman, Brother Cole Robertson and Brother Rob Coop were elected to the Executive Committee, pursuant to the National Bylaws, by the Regional Directors and Program Directors, respectively.

The Board held strategic discussions on the following topics:

- APO's Strategic Plan
- Evaluation of Programs
- Board Self-Evaluation

APO DATELINE

APRIL

4/01: April Fool's Day

4/02: Passover ends

4/04: APO IMPACT Live: Graduating Seniors

4/09: APO IMPACT Live: Officer Transition

4/10: APO LEADS: Launch Online

4/14: APO LEADS: Online Explore Content Training

4/16: APO IMPACT Live: Exploring Youtopia

4/17: APO IMPACT Live: Working with Other Student Orgs

4/18: Tax Deadline (extended)

4/22: APO IMPACT Live: Extension Sponsor Training

4/25: APO LEADS: Online Basic Skills Training

4/26-28: Spring Youth Service Day

4/28: APO LEADS: Online Observer Educational Component



April 26-28, 2013 www.GYSD.org

Global Youth Service Day

MAY

5/01: John Mack Scholarship Applications Due

5/01: Spring Service Day Reports Due

5/02: APO IMPACT Live: Boy Scouts of America

5/12: Mother's Day

5/17-19: Membership Academy, Boston

5/27: Memorial Day

JUNE

6/01: Graduating Seniors List Due

6/7-9: Membership Academy, Atlanta

6/7-9: Membership Academy, Denver

6/16: Father's Day

6/21: First Day of Summer

6/21-23: APO LEADS Serve, Chicago

6/21-23: APO LEADS Serve, Washington D.C.

6/21-23: Membership Academy, St. Louis

JULY

7/04: Independence Day

7/12-14: Membership Academy, Mobile, Alabama

7/12-14: Membership Academy, Pleasanton, California

7/18-21: National Volunteer Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

7/31: COE & PPOE Application Deadline



• Comprehensive Fundraising Campaign
Updates were provided on the topics of Board restructuring, the

National Volunteer Conference and items relating to specific programs.

The next Board meeting will be held June 28-29, 2013, in Pittsburgh.

AND THE AWARD

2012 National Convention AWARD RECIPIENTS

Phyllis C. Tenney Excellence in Advising Award

- John T. Strada, *Delta '93*

Josiah Frank National Historian Award

- Theta Upsilon Chapter
Case Western Reserve University

Dean Arno Nowotny National Service Award

- Theta Upsilon Chapter
Case Western Reserve University

Earle M. Herbert National Friendship Award

- Mu Alpha Chapter
Georgetown University

M.R. Disborough National Service to Scouting Award

- Mu Alpha Chapter
Georgetown University

Howard R. Patton National Leadership Award

- Theta Upsilon
Case Western Reserve University

John S. Grossi National Man Mile Award

- Theta Alpha Chapter
Stevens Institute of Technology

Distinguished Alumni Service Key

- Brother Maura Harty, *Mu Alpha '78*

National Distinguished Service Key

- Brother Paul Louie, *Zeta Beta '86*
- Brother Ellen Kranzer, *Alpha Chi '81*



GOES TO:

CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Alpha Alpha Delta, Salisbury University
Alpha Beta, Pennsylvania State University
Alpha Chi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Alpha Delta, San Diego State University
Alpha Delta Upsilon, Saginaw Valley State University
Alpha Gamma, Purdue University
Alpha Gamma Kappa, Southwestern University
Alpha Gamma Phi, Northern Kentucky University
Alpha Omicron, Southern Methodist University
Alpha Zeta, University of Kentucky
Alpha Zeta Beta, University of Hartford
Alpha Zeta Delta, Lake Forest College
Alpha Zeta Kappa, Eastern Kentucky University
Alpha Zeta Omicron, Oakland University
Alpha Zeta Pi, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Alpha Zeta Xi, Lake Superior State University
Beta, University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh
Beta Psi, Southeast Missouri State University
Beta Theta, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Chi Omega, McKendree University
Delta Delta, Saint Louis University
Delta Kappa, Emory University
Delta Pi, Trinity University
Delta Sigma, University of Connecticut
Epsilon, Truman State University
Epsilon Beta, Central Michigan University
Epsilon Mu, University of Maryland/College Park
Epsilon Psi, Kent State University
Eta Lambda, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Gamma, Cornell University
Gamma Pi, University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Gamma Rho, University of North Texas
Gamma Zeta, Georgia Institute of Technology
Kappa Delta, Florida A & M University
Kappa Epsilon, Wagner College
Kappa Omicron, University of Massachusetts
Lambda Phi, Eastern Michigan University
Mu Alpha, Georgetown University
Mu Chi, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Omega, Drake University
Omega Mu, Clarion University of Pennsylvania
Omega Sigma, California State University, Fullerton
Omicron Iota, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Phi Xi, Austin College
Pi Eta, Loyola University of Chicago
Pi Iota, Wofford College
Rho Lambda, Saint Edward's University
Rho Pi, University of California at San Diego
Tau Mu, University of South Florida
Theta Alpha, Stevens Institute of Technology
Theta Delta, Waynesburg University
Theta Theta, Centre College
Upsilon Iota, DePaul University
Xi, Iowa State University
Xi Omicron, Tarleton State University
Zeta Beta, VPI and State University
Zeta Mu, Catholic University of America
Zeta Phi, Howard University
Zeta Upsilon, Boston University

PLEDGE PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

- **Alpha Alpha Delta**
Salisbury University
- **Alpha Beta**
Pennsylvania State University
- **Alpha Beta Omicron**
Elmhurst College
- **Alpha Beta Psi**
Roanoke College
- **Alpha Beta Zeta**
Radford University
- **Alpha Chi**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Alpha Delta**
San Diego State University
- **Alpha Delta Upsilon**
Saginaw Valley State University
- **Alpha Epsilon**
Louisiana State University
- **Alpha Epsilon Theta**
University of Akron
- **Alpha Iota**
Ohio State University
- **Alpha Gamma**
Purdue University
- **Alpha Gamma Phi**
Northern Kentucky University
- **Alpha Omicron**
Southern Methodist University
- **Alpha Rho**
University of Texas at Austin
- **Alpha Zeta**
University of Kentucky
- **Alpha Zeta Beta**
University of Hartford
- **Alpha Zeta Delta**
Lake Forest College
- **Alpha Zeta Kappa**
Eastern Kentucky University
- **Alpha Zeta Omicron**
Oakland University
- **Alpha Zeta Xi**
Lake Superior State University
- **Alpha Zeta Upsilon**
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- **Beta Psi**
Southeast Missouri State University
- **Beta Theta**
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Chi Omega**
McKendree University
- **Delta Delta**
Saint Louis University
- **Delta Iota**
Mercer University
- **Delta Kappa**
Emory University
- **Delta Pi**
Trinity University
- **Delta Sigma**
University of Connecticut
- **Epsilon**
Truman State University
- **Epsilon Beta**
Central Michigan University
- **Epsilon Mu**
University of Maryland/College Park
- **Epsilon Psi**
Kent State University
- **Eta Lambda**
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- **Gamma**
Cornell University
- **Gamma Rho**
University of North Texas
- **Gamma Xi**
Rockhurst University
- **Gamma Zeta**
Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Iota Phi**
University of California at Davis
- **Kappa Epsilon**
Wagner College
- **Kappa Omicron**
University of Massachusetts
- **Lambda Phi**
Eastern Michigan University
- **Mu Alpha**
Georgetown University
- **Mu Zeta**
San Francisco State University
- **Nu Delta**
Lebanon Valley College
- **Omega**
Drake University
- **Omega Sigma**
California State University, Fullerton
- **Omicron Iota**
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- **Omicron Zeta**
California State University-East Bay
- **Phi**
Syracuse University
- **Phi Xi**
Austin College
- **Pi Eta**
Loyola University of Chicago
- **Pi Iota**
Wofford College
- **Rho Lambda**
Saint Edward's University
- **Rho Pi**
University of California at San Diego
- **Rho Rho**
University of California-Irvine
- **Tau Mu**
University of South Florida
- **Theta Alpha**
Stevens Institute of Technology
- **Theta Delta**
Waynesburg University
- **Theta Kappa**
SUNY Binghamton University
- **Theta Theta**
Centre College
- **Theta Upsilon**
Case Western Reserve University
- **Upsilon Beta**
Saint Francis University
- **Upsilon Iota**
DePaul University
- **Xi**
Iowa State University
- **Xi Delta**
Texas A&M University
- **Xi Upsilon**
University of Mount Union
- **Zeta**
Stanford University
- **Zeta Beta**
VPI & State University
- **Zeta Mu**
Catholic University of America
- **Zeta Phi**
Howard University
- **Zeta Upsilon**
Boston College

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PRESIDENT

MARK STRATTON

Delta Xi, '94

Ball State University

Brother Stratton was initiated by Delta Xi Chapter at Ball State University in 1994. He earned a bachelor's and master's in political science. He served APO as Region VI Director (2004-2006) and as National Vice President (2006-2010). Brother Stratton was elected National President by acclamation by the delegates of the 2010 National Convention in Atlanta, and was re-elected by the delegates of the 2012 National Convention in Anaheim, California. He is a member of the Society of Life Members and is a Torchbearer. He received Chapter Distinguished Service Keys from Delta Xi Chapter and Tau Omicron Chapter, a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 52 and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region VI. In addition to APO, he is involved

with the Girl Scouts of the USA, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis as an instructor of political science, and the Bristols Homeowner Association. Professionally, Brother Stratton is the co-manager of the Office of Census Data for the Indiana Legislative Services Agency.

VICE PRESIDENT

HON. JOHN K. OTTENAD, J.D.

Alpha Phi, '89

Washington University

Brother Ottenad was initiated by Alpha Phi Chapter at Washington University in 1989. He earned a bachelor's in history and political science and a Juris Doctor. He served APO as Section 49 Chair (1992-2000), Region VIII Director (2004-2006), and Membership & Extension Director (2006-2010). Brother

Ottenad is a member of the Society of Life Members and a member of the Silver Founders Circle. He received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Alpha Phi Chapter, a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 49, and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region VIII. In addition to APO, he is involved with the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Missouri Bar, the Illinois Bar, and Kid's Chance of Missouri. Professionally, Brother Ottenad is an administrative law judge for the State of Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation.

ALUMNI RELATIONS & INTERNAL VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

MELODY A. MARTIN

Delta Alpha '97

University of Cincinnati

Brother Martin was initiated by Delta Alpha Chapter at the University of

MEMORIES FROM THE 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Pictures by Kevin Lowe, Gamma Beta '02



Cincinnati in 1997. She earned a bachelor's in mechanical engineering and a master's in project management. She served APO as Section 56 Chair (2003-2004) and Region V Director (2011-2012). Brother Martin is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Gold Torchbearer. In addition to APO, she is involved with the American Society for Quality and the Project Management Institute. Professionally, Brother Martin is a business process analyst.

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

CARLA MORAN

Theta Zeta '90

University of New Hampshire

Brother Moran was initiated by Theta Zeta Chapter at the University of New Hampshire in 1990. She earned a bachelor's in political science from UNH and a graduate certificate in public policy from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Brother Moran served APO as Service & Communication Director (2002-2008) and External Relations Director (2008-2010). She's served the Fraternity as Finance & Operations Director since 2010. Brother Moran is a member of the Society of Life Members and a member of the Silver Founder's Circle. She received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Theta Zeta Chapter. In addition to APO, she is involved with the Girl

Scouts of the USA as a lifetime member, Friends of Wollaston Beach, and the Church of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Professionally, Brother Moran is chief of staff to a Massachusetts State Legislator.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

DAWN M. GURGANIOUS

Alpha Delta Delta '96
George Mason University

Brother Gurganious was initiated by Alpha Delta Delta Chapter at George Mason University in 1996. She earned a bachelor's in public administration and a master's in special education from George Mason University, as well as a master's in student personnel services from the University of South Carolina. Brother Gurganious served APO as Section 83 Chair (2002-2005) and Region III Director (2006-2012). She is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Torchbearer. She

received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Alpha Delta Delta Chapter, a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 83, and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region III. Professionally, Brother Gurganious is a high school special education department chair.

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MARK STRATTON



HON. JOHN K. OTTENAD, J.D.



MELODY A. MARTIN



CARLA MORAN



DAWN M. GURGANIOUS





MARILYN M. MIMS

MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION

MARILYN L. MIMS

Phi '91

Syracuse University

Brother Mims was initiated by Phi Chapter at Syracuse University in 1991. She earned a bachelor's in surface pattern design and a master's in art education. Brother Mims served APO as Section 96 Chair (1999-2002) and Region I Director (2003-2010). She is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Diamond Torchbearer. She received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Phi Chapter, a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 96, and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region I. Professionally, Brother Mims is a middle school art teacher.

RISK MANAGEMENT

ROBERT M. COOP, P.E.

Tau Omicron, '91

Indiana University -

Purdue University Indianapolis

Brother Coop was initiated by Tau Omicron Chapter at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis in 1991. He earned a bachelor's in civil engineering. He



ROBERT M. COOP, P.E.

served APO as National Convention Sergeant-at-Arms and Region VI Director (2007-2010). Brother Coop is a member of the Society of Life Members, a Diamond Torchbearer and a member of the Blue & Gold Society. He received a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 52 and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region VI. In addition to APO, Brother Coop is involved with the American Society of Civil Engineers, Structural Engineers Institute, Professional Association of Diving Instructors, and the Boy Scouts of America. Professionally, he is a bridge inspection department manager.

SERVICE

MICHAEL E. HABER

Epsilon Zeta '89

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Brother Haber was initiated by Epsilon Zeta Chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1989. He earned a bachelor's in physics. Brother Haber served APO as Section 88 Chair (2003-2005) and Region II Director



MICHAEL E. HABER

(2005-2012), and currently serves Xi Rho Chapter at SUNY College at Oneonta as a chapter advisor. He is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Gold Torchbearer. He received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Epsilon Zeta Chapter and a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 88. Professionally, Brother Haber is a project director for Bestoke Software.

REGION I DIRECTOR

CHRISTINE J. TOPACIO, P.E.

Theta Alpha '03

Stevens Institute of Technology

Brother Topacio was initiated by Theta Alpha Chapter at Stevens Institute of Technology in 2003. She earned a bachelor's in civil engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology and a master's in civil engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology. Brother Topacio served APO as advisor to the Nominations Committee at the 2008 National Convention and as Section 101 Chair (2010). She is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Silver Torchbearer. Brother Topacio received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Theta Alpha Chapter. In addition to APO, she is involved with the National Engineers Week





CHRISTINE J. TOPACIO, P.E.



RICHARD I. KOVAL



MEGAN SHEEDFAR



LAURA K. FOWLER

Foundation's Future City Competition and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Professionally, Brother Topacio is a transportation engineer.

REGION II DIRECTOR **RICHARD I. KOVAL**

*Alpha Beta '96
Pennsylvania State University*

Brother Koval was initiated by Alpha Beta Chapter at Pennsylvania State University in 1996. He earned a bachelor's in architectural engineering. Brother Koval served APO as an APO IMPACT Program Coordinator, APO LEADS Launch Director, Chapter Advisory Chair to Alpha Beta Chapter, and Section 90 Chair (2007-2010). He is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Gold Torchbearer. Brother Koval received the Phyllis C. Tenney Excellence in Advising Award (2006), a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Alpha Beta Chapter and a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 90. In addition to APO, he is involved with the Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout and former council board member. Professionally, Brother Koval is a manager of engineering services.

REGION III DIRECTOR **MEGAN L. SHEEDFAR**

*Chi Gamma '02
James Madison University*

Brother Sheedfar was initiated by Chi Gamma Chapter at James Madison University in 2002. She earned a bachelor's in hospitality and tourism management with a concentration in meeting and event planning. Brother Sheedfar served APO as Section 82 Vice Chair (2008-2010) and Section 82 Chair (2010-2012). She is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Gold Torchbearer. She received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Chi Gamma Chapter. Professionally, Brother Sheedfar is a program analyst for the department of defense.

REGION IV DIRECTOR **LAURA K. FOWLER**

*Mu Mu '80
Oglethorpe University*

Brother Fowler was initiated by Mu Mu Chapter at Oglethorpe University

in 1980. She earned a bachelor's in history and political science from Oglethorpe University and a master's in public administration with an environmental concentration from Troy State University. Brother Fowler served APO as a regional chair to the Alumni Relations Committee, a chapter advisor and as Section 72 Chair. She is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Silver Torchbearer. She received Chapter Distinguished Service Keys from Gamma Zeta Chapter and Delta Iota Chapter, Sectional Distinguished Service Keys from Section 72, Section 76, and Section 98, and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region IV. In addition to APO, Brother Fowler is involved with the Georgia State Defense Force and the USEPA Southeast Employee Recreation Association. Professionally, she is a grants management specialist.

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JOHN T. STRADA

**REGION V DIRECTOR
JOHN T. STRADA**

*Delta '93
Auburn University*

Brother Strada was initiated by Delta Chapter at Auburn University in 1993. He earned a bachelor's in aviation management, a bachelor's in communication and a master's in communication. Brother Strada served APO as Section 67 Chair (2003-2007), Region V Director (2008-2010) and Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Director (2010-2012). He is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Gold Torchbearer. He received the Phyllis C. Tenney Excellence in Advising Award, Chapter Distinguished Keys from Delta Chapter, Alpha Zeta Chapter, and Alpha Zeta Kappa Chapter, and a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 67. In addition to APO, Brother Strada is a member of Toastmasters International and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. Professionally, he is on the



JEREMY BINGMAN

communication studies faculty at Eastern Kentucky University.

**REGION VI DIRECTOR
JEREMY BINGMAN**

*Alpha Alpha '96
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign*

Brother Bingman was initiated by Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1996. He earned a bachelor's in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's in business administration from DePaul University. Brother Bingman served APO as Region VI Alumni Voting Delegate at the 2002 National Convention, Section 51 Chair (2003-2009), Region VI Extension Coordinator, and 2010 National Convention Legislative Director. He is a member of the Society of Life Members and a Diamond Torchbearer. Brother Bingman received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Alpha Alpha Chapter and Sectional Distinguished



COLE T. ROBERTSON

Service Keys from Section 48 and Section 51. In addition to APO, he is involved with the Boys Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. Professionally, Brother Bingman is a senior project manager.

**REGION VII DIRECTOR
COLE T. ROBERTSON**

*Beta Rho '86
University of Arkansas*

Brother Robertson was initiated by Beta Rho Chapter at the University of Arkansas in 1986. He earned a bachelor's in recreation and leisure services management. Brother Robertson is in the Society of Life Members and a Diamond Torchbearer. He received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Beta Sigma Chapter, a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 40, and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region VII. In addition to APO, Brother Robertson is involved with the Ostrander Scholar Society, Boy Scouts of America, Philmont Staff Association and National/Texas/Lubbock Apartment Associations. Professionally, he is a licensed real estate broker and owner of Phoenix-Redstone Management and Raider Locators.





MATTHEW C. ROM

**REGION VIII DIRECTOR
MATTHEW C. ROM**

*Delta Beta '04
University of Oklahoma*

Brother Rom was initiated by Delta Beta Chapter at the University of Oklahoma in 2004. He earned a bachelor's in economics with a concentration in mathematics and meteorology. Brother Rom served APO as Section 32 Chair (2011-2012) and is a member of the Society of Life Members. In addition to APO, he is involved with the Indian Nations Council, Boy Scouts of America, Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Central Association of Physical Plant Administrators and American Red Cross. Professionally, Brother Rom is the manager of custodial-housekeeping services and indoor pest control for the University of Oklahoma Norman and Research Campuses.

**REGION IX DIRECTOR
GINNY COMBS**

*Omicron '86
University of Iowa*

Brother Combs was initiated by Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa in 1986. She earned an associate degree in nursing. Brother



GINNY COMBS

Combs served APO as Section 21 Chair (2003-2004), Section 23 Chair (2005-2006) and Region IX Director (2005-2008). She is a member of the Society of Life Members, a Diamond Torchbearer and a member of the Blue & Gold Society. She also received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Omicron Chapter. In addition to APO, Brother Combs is involved with the North Liberty Tree and Stormwater Advisory Board. Professionally, she is a MDS coordinator and staff RN.

**REGION X DIRECTOR
CRAIG R. TANNER**

*Alpha Alpha Xi '81
University of the Pacific*

Brother Tanner was initiated by Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter at the University of the Pacific in 1981. He earned a bachelor's in chemistry and biology, and a master's in microbiology. Brother Tanner served APO as Section 4 Chair (2000-2002) and is a member of the Society of Life Members and the Silver Founder's Circle. He received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Alpha Alpha Xi



CRAIG R. TANNER

Chapter, a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 4, and a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region X. In addition to APO, Brother Tanner is involved with the Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout and the Order of the Arrow (Vigil Honor). Professionally, he is a technical support representative.

**REGION XI DIRECTOR
PING HUANG**

*Alpha Chi, '94
Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Brother Huang was initiated by Alpha Chi Chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1994. He earned a bachelor's and master's in electrical engineering and computer science. He serves APO as an APO LEADS Program Coordinator, and is a member of the Society of Life Members and a member of the Gold Founder's Circle. Brother Huang received a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Alpha Chi Chapter. Professionally, he is a solutions architect.



PING HUANG





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AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS

Changes were made to the National Bylaws to clarify and/or change the language for consistency, or adopt/amend new policies. The following articles in the National Bylaws were amended by the National Convention:

ARTICLE VII – National Committees Section 6

Amend to Read: It shall be the duty of the National Service Committee to develop a two-year National Service Program for consideration and action by the biennial National Convention; to stimulate effective and well-rounded service programs by instigating resource development and distribution; **and** to encourage high-quality chapter service programs through an effective program of promotion and recognition of chapter service activities, opportunities and incentives.

ARTICLE XII – ALUMNI

Section 1: Local Alumni Association

Amend to Read: (4) Each recognized local alumni association shall annually reaffirm its recognition by May 15 by application to the **National Office for review by the appropriate alumni relations committee**. New associations may apply for recognition at any time. Initial recognition for an alumni association or annual reaffirmation of recognition shall consist of filing of the required forms and fees with the **National Office**. Recognition must be certified or rejected by the **appropriate alumni relations committee** within one month of receipt of the properly prepared forms. The minimum requirements for initial recognition will be no fewer than five alumni members. Additional requirements for alumni associations may be established **and published** at the discretion of the **appropriate alumni relations committee** with the majority approval of the National Board of Directors

Article III – Membership

Section 2: Types and Conditions of Membership Subsection: (4) Advisory Membership

Amend to Read: Advisory members shall have all rights and privileges of active membership except those of voting **within a chapter at meetings other than those of the chapter advisory committee**, directing the supervision of pledges, and directing the establishment of pledge or active membership programs and policies.

Article III – Membership

Section 2: Types and Conditions of Membership Subsection: (4) Advisory Membership

Amend to Read: (insert at end of current paragraph) **Individuals who previously held advisory membership and whose advisory membership status concluded for any reason may be reinstated to advisory membership in accordance with any provisions adopted by the chapter. The reinstatement to advisory membership will only be completed once the chapter notifies the National Office of the change in membership status and transmits to the National Office a certification from the**

individual acknowledging their agreement with this change in their membership status.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 2: Types and Conditions of Membership Subsection: (7) Alumni Membership

Amend to Read: Upon leaving their respective academic institution as a result of graduation or termination of student status, **or termination of advisory committee membership**, all who have held active, associate, advisory, honorary **or inactive** membership in a chapter and who have not been suspended or expelled by that chapter or the National Fraternity shall be recognized as alumni members.

ARTICLE VII – National Committees

Section 2: National Advisory Committee

Amend to Read: SECTION 2. NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES. **The National President shall establish one or more National Advisory Committees.** The National Advisory Committees shall consist of a chair and members appointed by the National President.

NATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The National Student Advisory Committee shall consist of the National President as Chair, the National Vice President as Vice Chair, the National Executive Director and a number of active members. An active member who ceases to hold active membership is automatically removed from the committee. All members are voting members of the Student Advisory Committee, with the exception of the National Executive Director, who shall have all rights of the other members, except the right to vote. Other requirements for membership on the committee, as well as the method for appointment and the number of active members, are detailed in the Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual. The National Student Advisory Committee shall meet at least one (1) time per year in person and may have any number of meetings by teleconference or other electronic means. The National Student Advisory Committee shall advise the National President, and other fraternity entities as determined by the National President, on matters of importance and of interest to student members of the Fraternity.

OTHER NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The National President may appoint other National Advisory Committees as deemed necessary to advise the National President, and other fraternity entities as determined by the National President, on matters concerning the welfare of the Fraternity.

ARTICLE VI – National Board of Directors

Section 2: Members of the National Board of Directors

Amend to Read: The National Board of Directors shall consist of the following elected members: National President, National Vice President, six program directors, 11 regional directors, and ex-officio members. These ex-officio members are: National Executive Director, National Legal Counsel, National Archivist, International

Relations Director, Past National Presidents, Life Members of the Board and a representative of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The ex-officio members shall also serve as advisors to the Board and assume responsibility for special assignments on appointment by the National President. Each member of the Board shall have one vote at meetings of the National Board of Directors, except for the National Executive Director, National Archivist and National Legal Counsel, who shall be non-voting members. **Every two years; By the first Board meeting following each National Convention**, past National Presidents and Life Members of the National Board will be given the option to **self-elect emeritus/a status with voice but no vote. Once emeritus status is elected, it will remain in place until revoked by that brother in writing to the National Executive Director.** Unless a voting member of the National Board of Directors is appointed to serve as International Relations Director, the International Relations Director shall be a non-voting member. With the exception of voting, non-voting members of the National Board of Directors shall have the same rights as the voting members.

ARTICLE XI – Regions

Section 2: Regional Leadership

Amend to Read: SECTION 2. REGIONAL LEADERSHIP. Nomination and election of the Regional Directors shall take place in Regional Meetings at National Conventions in accordance with the procedures established in the Standing Rules of the National Convention. Only registered delegates entitled to vote, representing chapters within the appropriate region, **and the alumni voting delegate for that region**, may nominate and elect their regional director. Regional directors' terms of office shall begin upon adjournment of the final legislative session of the National Convention at which they are elected or upon their election, whichever is later.

ARTICLE IX – Chapters

Section 7: Inactive Chapters

Amend to Read: A chapter shall be considered inactive when **any of the following situations occur: The chapter fails to remain in good standing for two (2) consecutive years, unless good cause can be shown by the regional director. The administration of the institution where the chapter is located withdraws permission for the chapter to operate. Written notification is received from a brother who is authorized by the chapter to represent the remaining brotherhood that it is or will be inactive. No active, associate or inactive members of the chapter are enrolled at the institution.** The charter of an inactive chapter shall be declared null and void by the National President **after an investigation conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Fraternity Operations and Policy manual confirms the chapter's inactive status.** The rechartering procedure shall consist of fulfilling all the requirements for a new chapter.



ARTICLE IX – Chapters

Section 6: Annual Charter Reaffirmation

Amend to Read: Each chapter shall annually reaffirm its charter by November 15 by submitting a roster of the active members, a roster of the advisory members, payment of Annual Active Membership Dues, and **a copy of the current chapter bylaws, standing policies, membership policies, and other policies that are specific to the chapter's operation and management**, and certifications that the chapter is in compliance with the Membership and Risk Management Policies of the Fraternity and is in compliance with the Standard Chapter Articles of Association

ARTICLE X – Sections

Section 3: Sectional Conferences

Amend to Read: A sectional conference shall be held at least annually at a time and place determined by the chapters in the section, subject to the approval of the regional director. A sectional conference may formulate recommendations and propose amendments for the consideration of a regional conference, the National Convention or the National Board of Directors. **A section may establish section dues and assessments, in addition to those established by the National Fraternity, by a vote of those chapters in good standing at the national level.** Any chapter not in good standing but represented at a sectional conference shall be entitled to all privileges as a chapter in good standing, with the exception of voting. **If a chapter fails to pay any section dues or assessments, it shall be considered not in good standing at the sectional level, but this will not impact the chapter's standing at the national level.**

ARTICLE XI – Regions

Section 3: Regional Conferences

Amend to Read: A regional conference shall be held at a time and place determined by the chapters in the region, subject to the approval of the regional director. A regional conference may formulate recommendations and propose amendments for the consideration of the National Convention or the National Board of Directors. **A region may establish region dues and assessments, in addition to those established by the National Fraternity, by a vote of those chapters in good standing at the national level.** Any chapter not in good standing but represented at a regional conference shall be entitled to all privileges as a chapter in good standing, with the exception of voting. **If a chapter fails to pay any region dues or assessments, it shall be considered not in good standing at the regional level, but this will not impact the chapter's standing at the national level.**

ARTICLE IX – Chapters

Section 8: Chapters in Good Standing

Amend to Read: A chapter in good standing is one which yearly meets its financial, administrative, and Annual Charter Reaffirmation obligations to the National Fraternity; is not more than ninety (90) days delinquent in its financial accounts with the National Office; **has maintained its**

501(c)(3) not-for-profit status with the federal government and any appropriate state and local not-for-profit status; has confirmation of submission of a Spring Youth Service Day Report and a National Service Week Report; has at least one active member; and which has not been declared inactive or suspended, or had its charter revoked, or has not otherwise been deemed in violation of the policies or National Bylaws of Alpha Phi Omega or of the rules, regulations or policies of its school.

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD CHAPTER ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article III – Membership

Section 5: Advisory Membership

Amend to Read: Advisory members shall have all rights and privileges of active membership except those of voting within a chapter at meetings other than those of the chapter advisory committee, directing the supervision of pledges, and directing the establishment of pledge or active membership programs and policies.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 5: Advisory Membership

Amend to Read: (insert at end of current paragraph) Individuals who previously held advisory membership and whose advisory membership status concluded for any reason may be reinstated to advisory membership in accordance with any provisions adopted by the chapter. The reinstatement to advisory membership will only be completed once the chapter notifies the National Office of the change in membership status and transmits to the National Office a certification from the individual acknowledging their agreement with this change in their membership status.

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 or termination of advisory committee membership, all who have held active, associate, advisory, honorary or inactive membership in this chapter and who have not been suspended or expelled by this chapter or the National Fraternity shall be recognized as alumni members.

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD POLICY OF RISK MANAGEMENT

Article: Sexual Harassment/Abuse/Discrimination

Amend to Read: The Fraternity will not tolerate or condone any form of abusive or discriminatory behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional, in respect to sex, race, ethnicity, physical, **mental** or emotional **disability**, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. This is

to include any actions which are deemed to be demeaning to all, but not limited to date/gang rape or verbal harassment.

AMENDMENT TO THE FRATERNITY OPERATIONS AND POLICY MANUAL

Category III – Awards

Subcategory: 1. National

Policy XIX: NEW POLICY – The Howard R. Patton National Leadership Award

Amend to Read: Naming the National Leadership Award after Brother HOWARD R. PATTON

Category V – Membership and Extension

Subcategory: 2. Chapter

Policy II: National Pledging Standards

Clause 1: The General Objectives Of Pledging

Amend to Read: An appropriate period of pledging consists of a well-rounded program of opportunities in Leadership, Friendship and Service, which has been recorded and authorized by the chapter, and provided to the pledges at the beginning of the pledging process. Requirements for the pledging period are to be provided to the pledges at the beginning of the pledge process.

Category V – Membership and Extension

Subcategory: 1. General

Policy III: Alpha Phi Omega Membership Policies

Section 3: Other Policies

Subsection: H

Amend to Read: Active brothers are responsible for maintaining chapter membership practices involving any members of the Fraternity, including actives, in strict accordance with the policies of Alpha Phi Omega and its stated purpose and principles.

Category II – Organizational

Subcategory 1: National – Responsibilities/Rights

Policy V: Special National Committees

Amend to Read: Policy – V. Special National Committees. The National President appoints all Special National Committees with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. All Special National Committees expire at the close of the next National Convention.

NATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORY

COMMITTEE. The National President shall appoint, after consultation with and upon the recommendation of each regional director, a number of active members from each region, according to the following chart:

# of Chapters In Region	# of Students
0-20	1
21-40	2
41 or more	3

When a region gains or loses enough chapters to gain or lose a seat on the committee, that gain or loss is applied immediately. In the event that a region gains a seat, the regional director shall



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recommend one or more active members, from whom the National President shall appoint one. In the event that a region loses a seat, the regional director shall notify the National President, within thirty (30) days of the loss, which active member from that region is to be removed from the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Be it resolved that the National Service Week program of emphasis for 2013-2014 be "APO Shows Respect to All." Be it further resolved that the project theme for 2013 be "Respect for Self" and that the 2014 project theme be "Respect for Others."
- 2) Whereas Alpha Phi Omega has information booths at National Scout Jamborees to promote ourselves to Scouts and Scouters, and Whereas the World Scout Movement has regular World Scout Moots, bringing together older Scouts from around the world,

Be it resolved that Alpha Phi Omega-USA work with Alpha Phi Omega-Philippines and ICAPO to have an APO information booth at the upcoming 2013 World Scout Moot, which would allow us to promote our Fraternity to the Scouts of the world.

- 3) The Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Committee is directed to create a recognition program for alumni volunteers of the Fraternity. The program will be at a level below and not meant to compete with the National Distinguished Service Award. In addition, the Committees are encouraged to consider ways to publicize recipients of the awards.

The recognition program could include:

Advisor's Award of Merit

The Phyllis C. Tenney Excellence in Advising Award remains the highest award for advising, with recipients nominated by their chapters. The Advisor's Award of Merit would recognize those advisors who give unselfishly of their time and talents and complete a set of requirements. While the Tenney Award is given to a small number of advisors who are nominated by their chapters and then selected by a national committee, the Advisor's Award of Merit would be given to any advisor that completed a set of requirements that shows their commitment to the chapter. Requirements could include: 1) serving as a chapter advisor for at least three of the prior five years; 2) participating in at least three CAPS sessions with the chapter; 3) attending at least 50 percent of chapter meetings over that time; 4) attending at least 75 percent of Advisory Committee meetings; 5) attending at least 75 percent of chapter Induction and Initiation Ceremonies; and 6) each year over the prior three years, attending at least one

event at the sectional, regional or national level.

Alumni Service Award

This award would be created to give alumni of the Fraternity a goal in their service. This award could consist of a set of requirements that, when completed, show the commitment of the alumni to continuing service to the Fraternity. The award could be given at one of four levels (national, regional, sectional or alumni volunteers) and could only be earned once. Most well-rounded volunteers are already doing this work, but it would strengthen the Fraternity volunteer corps by both giving goals to work toward and recognizing their service. Requirements would be in areas of Service, Friendship, Leadership and Stewardship and could include requirements like serving in a volunteer position, attending events like conferences or leadership development programs, and donating to the Fraternity.

National Volunteer Service Award

This award would be given by the National President, National Vice President or a Program Director for outstanding service on a national level. Nominees would be required to have at least five years of service at that level. The National Office would maintain a list of volunteers who meet that criterion (as defined by those who have served at least five years as national committee appointees), which would be distributed twice each year to the President, Vice President and Program Directors. The award could only be received once. Awardees would be recognized with a certificate and a lapel pin.

Additional Suggestions

Other national committees should also consider how they can create awards recognizing staff and volunteers. In addition, the Board of Directors should make a concerted effort to recognize alumni efforts with the National Certificate of Appreciation. The Certificate exists to recognize individuals, chapters or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the advancement of Alpha Phi Omega. In addition, to ensure the general membership of the Fraternity understands this award, we request the Fraternity create a webpage that lists individuals, chapters or organizations that have been awarded the Certificate, the date the Certificate was presented and a brief description of why the Certificate was given. The Fraternity should educate chapters on the Chapter Outstanding Service Certificate. This certificate is available from the store on the Fraternity website. It can be given by the chapter to recognize anyone who has "rendered outstanding service." Chapters should understand that recipients could include alumni volunteers and advisors, and chapters should be given suggestions on how they might set criteria for the award.

- 4) The Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Committee is directed to continue the development of the "Sturdy Oak" program.
- 5) The Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Committee is directed to encourage programming for alumni at regional and sectional conferences and to continue programming at the National Convention.
- 6) The Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Committee is directed to research and benchmark other alumni/ae associations/groups from other fraternities and/or sororities.
- 7) The Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Committee is directed to implement and/or increase communication and outreach to graduating seniors beyond membership in the Society of Life Members. Communication should provide information on how to stay involved at the various levels of the Fraternity (sectional, regional and national). Communication should come through various forms of media (i.e., letter, brochure, video, etc.).
- 8) The Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Committee is directed to encourage regional directors and sectional chairs to have active staff members in an alumni relations role on regional and sectional staff.
- 9) The Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Committee is directed to implement and/or increase visibility of training for the alumni relations leadership position (alumni secretary, alumni chair, etc.) at the chapter level.
- 10) Be it resolved that the National Board of the Fraternity examine the change of terminology suggested by proposed legislation item MEM-3A-08 as it relates to extension and current-chapter retention. Both Greek-letter organizations and institutions of higher learning are moving away from the terms "rush," "rushee(s)," "pledge(s)," "pledging," "pledge program" and "pledgemaster" and transitioning to the complimentary terms "recruitment," "potential new member(s)," "new member(s)," "new member education program" and "new member educator."
- 11) Be it resolved that the National Board of the Fraternity research the implementation of a streamlined submission process for Chapter Assessment Planning Session, H. Roe Bartle Awards and Chapter Re-affirmations.
- 12) Be it resolved that the National Board of Directors create and enforce a comprehensive policy for actions to be taken during an investigation regarding chapters that are under consideration of becoming inactive. This policy should take steps to confirm or refute the legitimacy of the chapter's representative and chapter's condition.



13) After discussing Ref. #: CFO-11R-41, we recommend that the National Board consider providing a digital option of the *Torch & Trefoil* subscription with the Life Membership subscription. We think this move would reflect our fraternity's sustainability efforts to protect natural resources and keep up with technological developments. This compromise also balances the benefits of having paper copies for more traditional alumni who may be reminded to consider donating over the course of their Life Membership, as well as providing a more accessible form for those who are technologically savvy.

14) The Alumni Relations Committee and the Membership and Extension Committee are directed to expand the Chapter of Excellence program to include requirements addressing member education regarding the volunteer opportunities available in Alpha Phi Omega after active membership. Communications in all forms may include opportunities beyond membership in the Society of Life Members and could provide information on how to stay involved at the various levels of the Fraternity.

15) Whereas Alpha Phi Omega's first chapter was located at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, and the first National Office was located at the Carnegie Library of Homestead in Munhall, Pennsylvania,

Be it resolved that Alpha Phi Omega have memorial plaques installed at these locations to memorialize these facts.

16) Whereas National Honorary Membership is the highest honor that Alpha Phi Omega may bestow on an individual,

Whereas there is no current comprehensive list of all National Honorary Members,

Be it resolved that Alpha Phi Omega examine the Fraternity archives to compile a list of those who have received National Honorary Membership since the Fraternity's founding, with the intention of creating a perpetual plaque that would list all National Honorary Members and the year they were so recognized.

17) Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider the following amendment to the Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual:

Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual
CATEGORY # – III
SUBCATEGORY # – 1
POLICY # – III
SECTION # – 2

Selection is made by the Service, Scouting and Youth Services Convention Reference Committee in session at the National Convention based on the two-year time period between Conventions. Applications must be received by the Service, Scouting and Youth Services Convention Reference Committee prior to it convening on the first night of the National Convention.

18) Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider the following amendment to the Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual:

Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual
CATEGORY # – III
SUBCATEGORY # – 1
POLICY # – III
SECTION # – 3d

The chapter has submitted at least one project to the Project Archives prior to the National Convention.

19) Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider the following amendment to the Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual:

Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual
CATEGORY # – III
SUBCATEGORY # – 1
POLICY # – IV
SECTION # – 2

Selection is made by the Awards and Appreciation Convention Reference Committee from among chapters submitting materials for consideration. Applications must be received by the Awards and Appreciation Convention Reference Committee prior to it convening on the first night of the National Convention or at a later time to be determined by the Committee.

20) Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider the following amendment to the Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual:

Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual
CATEGORY # – III
SUBCATEGORY # – 1
POLICY # – V
SECTION # – 2

Selection: Applications must be received by the Awards and Appreciation Convention Reference Committee prior to it convening on the first night of the National Convention or at a later time to be determined by the Committee. Presentations may be written, verbal or visual. Video, the format of which is approved by the National Executive Director in advance of the National Convention, is limited to 15 minutes in length.

21) Be it resolved that we, the 2012 National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, thank:

- The Board of Directors: Mark Stratton, the Hon. John K. Ottenad, Robert M. Coop, Glen S. Kinder IV, Marilyn L. Mims, Carla Moran, Edward J. Richter, John T. Strada, Christine J. Topacio, Michael E. Haber, Dawn M. Gurganious, Matthew J. Cross, Melody A. Martin, Jeremy Bingman, Cole T. Robertson, Jennifer Churchill, Emily L. Engelland, Craig R. Tanner, Ping Huang, George F. Cahill, Irwin H. Gerst, Roger Sherwood, Warren Weidman, Robert C. Barkhurst, Rick Diles, Elizabeth Tom, Robert London, Jennifer Chierek

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- Sectional and Regional staffs
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- National Convention Legislative Director: Jeff Cantor
- National Convention Sergeant-at-Arms: Matt Bailey
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- Steering Committee Advisors: Carolyn Chin, Corbett Zaberick, Franklin Brodsky, Jeremy Thacker, Tiffany Huang
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- National Convention Workshop Presenters & Facilitators
- The National Office staff
- The National Student Advisory Committee
- Girl Scouts USA and GSUSA President Anna Maria Chavez
- Ambassador Maura Harty
- American Red Cross
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- Alumni Volunteers
- Advisors
- The Marriott Anaheim and its staff
- Members of the Color Guard
- The participants of the Opening Ceremonies
- The City of Anaheim and Mayor Pro-Tem Gail Eastman
- Stepboys

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22) Be it resolved the National Convention hereby renews and again directs the National Board of Directors through the President to create a National President to create a National Diversity council/task force to advise the National Board of Directors on various diversity issues and develop and implement programs to raise awareness and increase diversity in Alpha Phi Omega.

Time to Shine – 25,000 Students Need YOU!

This is a great year to be a member of Alpha Phi Omega! The renewed energy and excitement displayed by students and alumni at the 2012 National Convention in Anaheim, California, were contagious. With enhanced programs, such as the Membership Academy and Membership University, APO chapters will be fully equipped to thrive in 2013 and beyond. Additionally, alumni from all over will gather July 18-21 in Kansas City, Missouri, for the National Volunteer Conference.

Attendees will receive training and the resources necessary to be effective and knowledgeable volunteers.

We need your help to accomplish all we have in store for 2013! There are 25,000 student members this year who are counting on support from alumni like you. Your generous support this year, combined with

the support from other brothers, will help us continue to provide APO students with even greater experiences.

Many members are getting involved as Torchbearers with a gift of \$75. You can SHINE year round by becoming a sustaining donor with a **monthly gift of \$6.25** (Torchbearer level). Please go to www.apo.org/give.

The Fraternity evaluated its priorities for 2013, and we know they cannot be accomplished without your support. With revitalized passion, we will strive to keep student membership fees low this year, and in the future, while continuing to seek and provide effective leadership training opportunities. We will also continue to enhance the Membership Academy to provide the best experience and preparation possible for our brothers.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! ■



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— Doug Fuller,
Alpha Alpha '99



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Final Thought

“No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.”

— *Amelia Earhart, American aviator and noted early female pilot*