Dear Friends,
In fall 2005, I appointed the Rules Committee and charged its members to address two areas: 1) Is Pi Alpha Xi an honor society? If not, how should the Constitution and Bylaws be changed? and 2) What majors should be eligible for membership, and what are the scholastic requirements?

The Rules Committee, consisting of Chairwoman Mary Lewnes Albrecht, Richard Harkess, Jim Klett, Ellen Paparozzi, and Kim Williams, did an outstanding job preparing the amendments and the supporting documentation for the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and, then, presenting its proposal at last summer’s National Convention. Please, extend your appreciation to members of the Rules Committee for their tremendous commitment to the growth and health of Pi Alpha Xi.

I am pleased to report that the active chapters voted in favor of the amendments. The amendments are as follows.

- Pi Alpha Xi is now the “the honor society for Horticulture.” The Constitution will state, however, that “Chapters may choose to continue the tradition of honoring only those students with an interest in Floriculture, Landscape Horticulture and Ornamental Horticulture.”

- Overall GPA is now 3.00/4.00. The Constitution will state, however, that “Individual chapters may choose to elect a higher minimum grade point average.” This will be especially beneficial to those chapters that must provide evidence of meeting the minimum standards of the Association of College Honor Societies (http://www.achsnatl.org/).

- Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws can now be proposed “via electronic communication.”

I am also, very pleased to announce that active chapters voted in favor of installing new chapters at the University of Arkansas and the University of Wisconsin—Platteville. On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of Pi Alpha Xi, we welcome and look forward to the installation of these chapters.

I wish you the best, and hope to see you at the National Floriculture Forum in Michigan and/or the 65th National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition in Utah.

Sincerely,
Doug

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As of January 2006

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Selection requirements:

~ Overall GPA 3.0

~ Junior standing overall- Particularly in Horticulture classes

~ Individual chapters may have higher GPA and/or more specific class requirements.