Pi Alpha Xi

The purpose of Pi Alpha Xi - The Honor Society for Floriculture, Landscape Horticulture, and Ornamental horticulture is to recognize high scholarship, to foster good relationships among its members, to promote or to facilitate the exchange of ideas among members of the professions, and to establish cordial relations among students, educators, and industry members.

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Letter from Your President

I was pleased to see so many of you at our national meeting at ASHS in Utah this summer. One of our discussions, which is printed in more detail in Dave's secretarial minutes, included the flower judging manual. Will Healy, Terry Ferriss, Virginia Walter, et al. are working on the eighth edition to include new crops such as hybrid lily, Lisianthus, Liatris, bird-of-paradise, hanging baskets, and annual statice; however, the new edition is not ready for print and Terry's printed supply of the seventh edition is running low. During the meeting we discussed the merits of printed vs. a WWW-based manual. Since Pi Alpha Xi National does not make a profit on sales of the manual and since FFA has eliminated judging from its national competitions, it was agreed by those in attendance that making the manual available via the WWW would improve its accessibility to PAX members and would also serve to advertise PAX. Although we were in verbal agreement, a vote was not taken, thus I have hesitated to make the manual WWW-accessible.

In light of this situation, the Executive Officers have made a decision. Enclosed with this newsletter is a ballot for your vote. You may also respond directly to me via e-mail (needham@okway.okstate.edu). Your chapter's response must be received by December 1, to be counted. Chapters from whom votes are not received will be counted as supporting the decision as discussed at the 1997 National Convention. In the meantime, I have posted the seventh edition of the flower judging manual with several additions provided by Virginia Walter at last year's contest, as well as a couple additions from my team. The document is on PAX National's home page which is under construction at http://www.okstate.edu/OSU_Ag/asnr/hortla/needham/pax/paxnatl.html. The document is password protected, so only PAX members will be privileged to this draft version. The password is "Flowers" with a capital "F" and no quotation marks. You will need to have Adobe Acrobat 3.x Reader Plug-in for your browser. I hope this helps you develop your team. I shall look forward to seeing you and your students in South Dakota next April.

Best wishes for a joyous Holiday season,
Doug.

Happy Thanksgiving

Autumn 1997
Minutes From the Annual Meeting,
Sept. 25, Salt Lake City, UT

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Needham
after enjoying a delicious meal. The role was called with the
following chapters represented. Alpha - 1, Beta - 3, Gamma
- 4, Delta - 1, Epsilon - 2, Zeta - 1, Theta - 1, Iota - 3, Lambda
- 1, Nu - 1, Xi - 1, Chi - 2, Alpha-Beta - 1, Alpha-Gamma -
2, Alpha-Delta - 4, Alpha-Epsilon - 1, Alpha-Kappa - 1. Also
present were Executive Officers Terry Starmann, David
Graper and Jack Buxton.

The treasurers report was given. It was noted that
the distributed report did not contain the last transactions
from Terry Starman. A revised report will be printed in the
newsletter that includes these figures. (see below)

Volunteers were taken for the nominations commit-
tee. Everitt Emino, Paul Thomas and George Good agreed to
serve and accept the task of identifying a new secretary/trea-
surer for next year.

Farrell Wise gave a report on the rules committee.
A revised report will be printed in the
newsletter that includes these figures. (see below)

Revisions to the Floral Crops Quality Evaluation
Manual were discussed. New additions to the manual were
handed out at the contest in Oklahoma. If there are any
changes or suggestions contact Virginia Walter. The new
manual will be available in printed form as well as via the
World Wide Web site for PAX. The group felt that this would
make it more informative and accessible. Terry Ferriss sug-
gested that doing this would limit our ability for copywriting
the material but that its greater accesibility could generate
more interest by PAX members as well as other groups that
may want to use the manual. Mary Albrecht suggested mak-
ing it available using PDF format so that the content could
not be alterable but still readily accessible. It was also sug-
gested that the manual could be made accessible only if the
person had a password. But Everette Emino questioned why
do that since we do not make any money on the manual now,
why limit its access.

The Photography contest was discussed and the
winners announced. Ribbons and cash awards of $50, $25
and $10 were made for first, second and third respectively
for each of the three categories. In addition, the Best of Show
Award included an additional cash award of $50. A total of
17 entries were received for the contest.

Problems with the contest were discussed. One of
the main problems involved getting the photos to the contest
site undamaged. Most of the photos that arrived for the con-
test were bent during shipment to Doug. We need to come up
with a better way to transport them. It was suggested that
next year participants hand deliver their own photos to the
ASHS registration desk prior to the opening of Poster
Session 1. Doug explained that we also want to hold on to
the photos in order to get them scanned before they are sent
back to the owners. The winning photos will be printed in
the next issue of the Lotus Leaflet. (see pp. 4-6) In the future
we will ask for a $5.00 handling charge if participants want
their photos returned. We also discussed the possibility of
developing a calendar using the photos from the contest.

The Executive Board was very pleased with the
number of entries but we are not accomplishing our main
objective with the contest which was to raise money for
scholarships. This year the contest did much better than last
year but we still gave out $220 more in prizes than was taken
in with entry fees. We were fortunate that our judge did not
accept payment for his services. We hope that we will have
even more entries next year.

One suggestion was to encourage chapters to have
their own photography contest at home. Members could
bring in their slides in carousels and enjoy them during a cold
January meeting. The best slides could be selected and the
cost of enlarging and matting partially covered by the chap-
ter or they could pay the registration fee.

Ellen Pappazzini brought up the idea of having
international chapters of PAX or have honorary international
members. Often times a student is initiated while in this
country but has no local chapter back home. Ellen also won-
dered about having National Honorary Members.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, David F. Graper

Pi Alpha Xi National Financial Report ’96 -’97
Submitted Oct. 26, 1997

Beginning Balance $11,550.08

Income
Chapter Dues $ 540.00
Initation Fees 4,500.00
Contributions 3,672.00
Interest 240.63
‘96 Photo Contest entry fees 30.00
‘97 Photo Contest entry fees 85.00
Other 110.00
Total income $9,177.63

Liabilities
Postage $ 367.61
Printing and printing supplies 497.80
Pins and shingles 1,258.64
Awards and Plaques 359.31
‘96 Photo Contest Awards 361.52
‘97 Photo Contest Awards 308.18
‘97 Flower Judging 6,172.00
Scholarships 800.00
Asst. to the secretary/treasurer 300.00
Supplies 137.26
Total liabilities $10,562.32

Ending Balance 10/26/97 $10,165.39
Pi Alpha Xi National Photography Contest - 1997
Ornamentals Category

Lusike Wasila
University of Arkansas
First Place
Nikon on Ektrachrome Elite 200 slide film,
Fuji Pictrostat enlargement.

Ellen Paparozzi
University of Nebraska
Second Place
Olympus OM-4 Camera, auto-exposure with Tamaron
28-80 mm lens, Extrachrome 100 slide film.

Lusike Wasilwa
University of Arkansas
Third Place
Nikon on Ektrachrome Elite 200 slide film
Fuji Pictrostat enlargement.
Pi Alpha Xi National Photography Contest - 1997
Flower Category

Leonardo Lombardini
Michigan State University
First Place
Pentax P30, Kodak Ektar 100 film, Kiron 105 mm, macro lens f22, Fuji Pictoro paper.

Harvey Lang
Texas A & M University
Second Place
Minolta 3x; 35mm, Ektrachrome 100 film.

Michelle Carratu
Perennial Landscapes, Nashville, TN
Third Place
Pi Alpha Xi National Photography Contest - 1997
Landscape Category

Harvey Lang
Texas A & M University
Second Place
Taken in Upstate New York, Minolta 3x Ektrachrome 100 film

Kerrie B. Badertscher
Colorado State University
First Place
Pentax 35mm, Kodacolor 200 film, f2.8, 50 mm lens
“One hour photo process"

Alice LeDuc
Kansas State University
Third Place
More New Initiates into Pi Alpha Xi

Alpha Delta Chapter (107)
Oklahoma State University

Lou Anella
Shu-Yi Chang
Paula Craig
Frank Hutto
Kerman Raines
Kelly Rhodes
Chrisa Rouk
Melissa Sarna
Corrie Taylor
Beverly Webster

Alpha Iota Chapter (47)
Texas Tech University

Sally K. Hanna
Melissa C. Hendrick
Landry L. Lockett
Sammye N. Martin
Linda S. McGann
Carol J. Moorhead
Cynthia K. Murphy
Jody L. Smith

Epsilon Chapter (1148)
The Ohio State University

Gretchen Roush
Kara Petty
Rebecca Thomas
Dan Jones
Sara Perdion
Julie Stevenson
Shawn Davis
Alysun Brown
Melissa Burovac
Lance Herron
Adrienne Jackson
Jennifer Smith
Laura Sizemore
Merry Tapp
Kristen Blackman
Kay Burns
Jennifer King
Devon Stanley
Paul Wentz
Jason Tebben
Cheryl VanVorce
Nicole Cavender
Lisa Behnke
Van Wade (Honorary)
Don Hanby (Honorary)
Dorothy Pettensji (Honorary)
Donna Bitzel (Honorary)

While you're in Brookings, there will be opportunities to explore the area. The campus of South Dakota State University is located just off I-29 and is a large, beautiful campus. There are many places to visit around Brookings, including the Brookings Community Center, the Brookings Regional Hospital, the Brookings Public Library, and the Brookings Community Theater. Additionally, there are several parks and trails in the area, including the Black Hills National Forest and the Badlands National Park. So, if you're interested in nature and outdoor activities, you'll have plenty of options to choose from.

Great Faces, Great Places...South Dakota is one of the common mottos for South Dakota and we hope that you will all come to Brookings next April and see for yourself if this is true. In addition we plan to have some “great vases” for you and your teams to look at too!

Everything starts with a “fun-filled” welcome to Brookings April 1st, that famous holiday “April Fool’s Day.” We don’t want to say too much but we plan on celebrating the day and you are all invited to participate... so come prepared. We will be welcoming all the teams pool-side at the Brookings Holiday Inn and Convention Center, located just off I-29 on the east side of Brookings. This is also the motel where we have booked a block of rooms.

Thursday will be a busy day with some interesting activities planned for the judges while the coaches are occupied with setting up the contest in the Volstorff Ballroom of the University Student Union. Following the contest and a get-together of the coaches we will prepare for some fun activities that evening.

Friday will be a highlight of the design competition which will take place in the Volstorff Ballroom in the Student Union and in a few classrooms in the Northern Plains Biostress Laboratory, where the Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks department is housed. Following the design competition we will be going on a few tours of interesting locations in the Brookings area. No, we won’t be able to go and see Mount Rushmore, or Crazy Horse. Unfortunately, they are about 450 miles away in the Black Hills in western South Dakota. Perhaps, you will be able to take in these historic and beautiful sites yourself on the way to Brookings from the west on I-90. But we think you will still get a chance to see some places of interest that you have never seen before. Then, the big event, the banquet, will be held back in the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

So we hope you will all come to South Dakota for the Annual Floral Crops Quality Evaluation and Design Competition. We especially want to extend an invitation to teams in the Midwest since the contest will be close to home. Please feel free to contact me or any of the other “veteran” coaches if you need any assistance in getting a team put together or other procedures you may have questions about.

So long for now!

David Graper
Coach, SDSU Floral Crops Quality Evaluation Team
New Members to Pi Alpha Xi

**Alpha Chapter (1056)**  
**Cornell University**

- Gareth A. Davis
- James K. Edelstein
- Michael G. Elston
- Michael L. Friedman
- Elizabeth A. Howard
- Amy E. Iseneker
- Jennifer A. Magazian
- Robert E. Mooney
- Kenneth R. Olsen
- Katherine E. Palm
- Jerry R. Parmenter
- Kathleen L. Prestemon
- Jonathon D. Reeves
- Karen L. Sirois
- Brian E. Smith
- Richard H. Uva
- Sarah R. VanEenwyk
- Michael Williams
- Kate L. Yannitte

**Beta Chapter (549)**  
**University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign**

- Janet Carlino
- Monica A. David
- Jessica Fehrenbacher
- Allison Garley
- Mollie Ann Giffin
- Kurt Guetzow
- Christopher P. Lindsey
- Ame A. Moore
- Brian Mores
- M. Christopher Prchal
- Heide R. Raymond
- Clayton F. Ruyler
- Courtney A. Sara

**Gamma Chapter (856)**  
**Pennsylvania State University**

- Patrick Bennett
- Amy Espenshade
- Stacee Frost
- Michelle Linneman
- Andrea Murphy
- Aimee Musselman
- Jeffrey Nagle

**Iota Chapter (472)**  
**North Carolina State University**

- Robin Armstrong
- Luis Arocha
- Jill Augspurger
- Marty Autry
- Larry Bass
- Dick Bir
- Maria Brubeck
- James Caldwell
- Keith Cote
- Ken Davidson
- Monica Dunn
- Paul Garvey
- Jamie Hankins
- Mitzi Hole
- Jinseng Huang
- Dianne Jennings
- Jingrui Jiang
- Todd Lasseigne
- Robert Mwanga
- Amaechi Okigbo
- William Pegram
- Jesse Perry
- Mark Reaves
- William Reece
- Petra Rijdes
- Suguru Sato
- Holly Scoggins
- Mike Scully
- Layne Snelling
- Lucia Villavicencio
- Dale Witt
- Kathleen Buck
- Rhonda Brown
Kappa Chapter (496)
Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State University
Elizabeth Corker
Kathleen Duncan
David Greene
Kathleen Hoxie
Sean Jenkins
Matthew Kelting
Jeremy Parker
Laura Peters
Andrea Pulley
David Wallace
Vivian Whorley
Matthew Chappel
Sarah Lockney
Doug Mahlstedt
Chad Neimi
Geophrey Rhinehart
Kim Ulmer
William van Hoven
Damon Chowning
Stephanie Coffey
Travis Estes
Paul Haden
Mark Hodges
Kitty Kresmer
Nicole Lachance
Ami Leighter
Laura Schenck
Matthew Sensabaugh
Laura Sullivan
Carrie Whitacre

Nu Chapter (376)
Auburn University
Andrew Michael Rogers
Brian Hardin
Marcus Duck
Staci Renee Baragona
Brad Parker
Melanie Davenhall
Maria Oyarzun
Robin Taylor

Upsilon Chapter (782)
California Polytechnic State University
Todd M. Davidson
Nyles Gregory
Ashley B. Cortis
Julie Fallon
Gabrielle Hartnett
Greta M. Kanne
Rowell C. Madison
Eric T. Martin
Daniel M. McClure
Todd D. Plummer
Nicole Reed
Darci D. Sagara
Joihn S. Sayers
William H. Scheunef

Phi Chapter (139)
South Dakota State University
Kelly Christoffer
Elizabeth Duenwald
Chris Engbrecht
Jan Goroski
Heather Kooima
Chad Kucker
Corey Liepold
Keith Louwagie
Reid Paulson
Ron Peterson
David Sip

Chi Chapter (464)
Colorado State University
Tamara L. Michaels
Kirsten B. Larsen
Karla C. Heydinger
Dana B. Miner
DJ Hartshorn
Ronald S. Hoffman
Jodie E. Katahara
Rebecca R. Knapp
Stephen A. Ransweiler
Matthew T. Thomsen
Gayle A. Waller
Matthew J. Szumilas
Karen Ann Sayre
Robert A. Briggs, Jr.
Amy Briggs
Lisa Bath
Craig Giesbrecht
Mary Beavers
Jeane M. Clark
Jennifer Cross
Michael Newell
Bruce Scott
Robert Swentzell
James Szadek
Psi Chapter (226)
Texas A&M University
- Chad Bellau
- Heather Bludau
- Carol Dawson
- Andres Adolfo Estrada-Iuna
- Shelley Genzer
- Mary Lynn George
- Jose Antonio Saraiva Grossi
- Matt Lewis
- Michelle Meche
- Arlene Nixon
- Erin O’Keefe
- Christina Orsak
- Daphne Richards
- Wm. Brad Schwarz
- Sonja Skelley
- Laura Thomas

Omega Chapter (365)
Kansas State University
- Sheila K. Balaun
- Jason Compaan
- Kate Michelle DeClerk
- Emily Hess
- Brent Christopher Lewis
- Matthew D. Mason
- John Eric Olson
- Marc Tanking
- Sandra Renee Tippie

Alpha Gamma Chapter (142)
University of Nebraska Lincoln
- Gopal Krishnan
- Kay L. Kottas
- Kevin W. Frank
- Cindy S. Tejral
- Margaret Mary From
- Oswald Macz
- Chad Odvody
- Charles R. Ford
- Stephanie J. Brown
- Andrea D. Votaw
- Robin L. Rooney
- Natalie A. Barger

Alpha Zeta Chapter (93)
University of Wisconsin — River Falls
- Nelda L. Behnke
- Kristin McKenna
- Shawn Bernick
- Amber Morrow
- Paula Christ
- Cortney Mosley
- Mary K. Henneman
- Amy L. Negebauer
- Sarah Hildebrandt
- Wendy Papendiek
- David Horvath
- Vickie Pondell
- Stephanie Kasten
- Pauline Schmitz
- Christine Koerber
- Eric Smoczyk
- Ben Martin
- Sharron Waszkurak

Alpha-Eta Chapter (91)
Delaware Valley College
- Andrew J. Britten
- Amanda F. Miller
- Stephen J. Marshall, Jr.
- Christopher D. Patzke
- John J. Rimmer

Alpha Mu Chapter (61)
Temple University
- James Francis Davenport
- Kate McMahon-Crane
- Hope Langdon
- Lisa S. Blum