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Letter from Your President

Thank you to everyone who came and participated in the Annual Pi Alpha Xi luncheon during the Annual ASHS Meeting in Charlotte this summer. We hope to see all of you again and everyone that couldn't make it next year in Minneapolis.

I am the first president of Pi Alpha Xi National in a long time that is not an active flower judging coach, and I see that as a bit of a disadvantage. The flower judging teams I have coached in the past and our participation in the National Flower Judging Contest are some of my most treasured teaching memories. I would encourage all Pi Alpha Xi chapters that don't have a team to start one. However, I know from talking to some of the newer floriculture faculty around the country that many are unaware of what is involved in having a team.

It is my hope as President that we can continue the discussion that was carried on at the luncheon to find ways to publicize the message of Pi Alpha Xi and to reach out to educate people around the world about flower judging and the importance of flower quality. I am in the process of forming a subcommittee to investigate ways that we can help support and promote PAX in general, as well as to formulate ways to publicize the PAX manual and its availability. If anyone would like to serve on that committee please let me know.

I want to welcome Bridgett Behe from Michigan State University as our new Secretary-Treasurer. I also want to thank David Graper for all his hard work as our past Secretary-Treasurer and congratulate him as our new Vice-President.

Terri
Terri Starman
Minutes of the 1998 Annual Pi Alpha Xi Luncheon, Charlotte, NC.

The Annual Pi Alpha Xi Luncheon was held July 14th in the South Carolina Hall of the Hilton hotel at 12:00 PM. Following the meal, the meeting was called to order by President Doug Needham. A roll of chapters and members was called by David Graper. Attendance was as follows: Alpha - 1; Beta - 2; Gamma - 8; Delta - 1; Epsilon - 3; Zeta - 1; Theta - 2; Iota - 3; Lambda - 1; Mu - 1; Omicron - 1; Chi - 1; Psi - 2; Omega - 5; Alpha-Beta - 2; Alpha-Gamma - 2; Alpha-Epsilon - 1; Alpha-Zeta - 1; Alpha-Kappa - 1.

Copies of last year’s minutes and this year’s financial reports were passed out to all in attendance. Following some discussion about the financial report, indicating that new laptop pins have been ordered which will cost a total of about $2000, one half of that cost has been paid already. Also, the number of new initiates is a fair bit lower than last year. Doug mentioned that we did not have clear minutes about the discussion of posting the Flower Judging Manual on the WWW. It was up on the Web a brief time as a password protected file but then taken off following opposition to the idea from several individual coaches. We did not have a clear record if there was a vote or not so Doug felt it best to take it off the Web. Discussion continued among the group. Should it be available on the web? It is available for sale. Some of the coaches did not want to have it on the web because it is proprietary, it should only be for sale. The new revision is available from Terry Ferriss which includes some new crops but not all that were included from the version that was on the Web from Doug. Mark Bridgen suggested putting it to a vote. Harvey thought that it should be available as well since we do not make any money on it. Perhaps it could be sold for profit to support the organization and the scholarships that are given by PAX. Dave Graper mentioned that the following comments were made to Dave Graper from members of the Flower Judging Committee. Some felt that it should not be on the Web because it would make it too easy for someone to steal it, even if it was up as a PDF file. They feel that this is one of the few things that PAX actually owns and does not want to lose it. Perhaps it could be copyrighted for a small fee. Doug did put a footer on each page of the version on the Web that indicated it was copyrighted by PAX. However, it was not a “legal” copyright. If someone wants to steal it they will steal it. Terri S. wanted to have at least some information available on the Web about judging various crops... not the manual itself, but it could still help others to learn about judging. It is not being promoted at the present time by ASHS press. Alice Le Duc said that we could probably make better use of the funds, it is costing us to warehouse the manual, process orders and mail them out now. The benefits of a Web document were mentioned, having full color photos, video clips, etc. that could build on what is actually available in the hard copy version. Harvey Lang mentioned that he gets lots of inquiries about judging and suggests the manual is what they use. What about the design contest rules? Harald Wilkins was astonished by the comments of the coaches. He mentioned that he is even asked for copies from other areas of the world. He felt that it belongs to everyone in PAX. Several people mentioned that they could not understand the opposition to having it on the Web, it could be protected by a copyright and still be proprietary. Perhaps the Web pages could show sample pages and how to order it for a cost that makes a bit of money. Perhaps a 2-tiered fee structure for coaches and others. $6.00 is really cheap. Doug wants to follow Terri Starman’s suggestion to form a sub-committee to investigate this and also help support and promote PAX in general.

Terri Starman moved to form a subcommittee to investigate and formulate ways to publicize the PAX manual and its availability and design contest rules. 2nd. Mary Albrecht. Passed, unanimous.

Publications and membership services committee was formed. Terri Starman, Harvey Lang, Richard Harknes and Doug Needham plus a few from the old committee.

Mary Albrecht moved to accept minutes. Mark Bridgen 2nd. Everette Emino mentioned that the actual committee was not the one that was in the minutes. Passed. The treasurer’s report was also accepted.

Photo contest report by David Graper. Mentioned that the entries were in much better shape this year with having people bring their own entries this year. Seventeen entrees were received. Everyone gave the full $10 fee which includes money to cover the shipping back of the entrees. We appreciate ASHS for assisting with the contest by accepting entries and providing publicity about the contest to ASHS members. We still need to make the contest more visible than it was this year. Special thanks to Bob Lyons for being the judge this year. Winners this year included in the Landscape Category: 3rd - Penelope Perkins- Veaszie - USDA-ARS-SCARL; 2nd. Alice LeDuc - Kansas State University; 1st. - Alice LeDuc - Kansas State University. Ornamental Category: 3rd. - Dennis Werner - Michigan State University; 2nd. - Janye Anders - University of Arkansas; 1st. Mary Lewness Albrecht - University of Tennessee. Flower Category: 3rd. John Dole - Oklahoma State University; 2nd. - Richard Criley - University of Hawaii; 1st and also Grand Champion - Leo Lombardini - Michigan State University. Bob Lyons mentioned that he would try to get the Grand Champion photo published on the cover of HortTechnology. Dave will be scanning the photos before sending them back to the owners. The costs and benefits of the photo contest were discussed.

Rules Committee report from Mary Albrechet and Ferrel Wise. They said the committee was dormant this year. If any changes are needed, please contact him or anyone on the committee.
Pi Alpha Xi National Photography Contest - 1998
Ornamentals Category

Mary Lewnes Albrecht
University of Tennessee
First Place
*Acer palmatum* with *Aegopodium podagraria*, Honeywell-Pentax Spotmatic 1000, Ektrachrome 64, Vivitar Auto Macro 55 mm 1:2.8, Print from slide, Kodak copy print.

Dennis J. Werner
North Carolina State University
Third Place
*Cedrus deodara*, Nikon N90S, Fujichrome Velvia, 55 mm micro-Nikkor f/16, Ilfochrome print.

Jayne Anders
University of Arkansas
Second Place
Hackberry, Nikon 400S Camera, Nikon 25-70 mm, Fuji Sensia II film.

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Publications committee Ellen Papparozzi no report.
Pax contest report - Terri turned over to Dave Graper, host of this year’s competition. Dave described the contest as a big success and congratulated the winners. He felt that the contest went well despite a blizzard the day before teams were to arrive in Brookings, SD. Ten teams participated with about 87 students in attendance. A design competition rules clarification was discussed indicating that the rules should allow for non-professional individuals to participate in both divisions but that only non-professionals could participate in Division 1.
Pi Alpha Xi National Photography Contest - 1998
Flower Category

Leonardo Lombardini
Michigan State University
First Place
*Pelargonium sp.* Pentax P30, Ektrachrome 100 film, 105 mm, macro lens f22, Kodak processing.

Richard A. Criley
University of Hawaii
Second Place
Pentax Spotmatic, Kodachrome 64, 35 mm lens.

John Dole
Oklahoma State University
Third Place
*Ananas comosus*, Pentax ZX-10, Kodak Elite 100 Ektrachrome.

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Jack Buxton report on fellows selection - John R. Culbert and Marvin C. Carbonneau. Both are retired and couldn’t be in attendance. They represent horticulture for the last 50 years. Read back cover of flyer and materials inside program. The group showed their appreciation of these two individuals with their applause. The laser engraved wood plaques will be sent to them at a later date.

Jay Holcomb nominations committee report. Bridgett Beehee for secretary-treasurer from Michigan State University, David Graper for Vice President from South Dakota State University, Terri Starmann for President from University of Tennessee and Doug Needham for Past-President from Oklahoma State University. Moved unanimous ballet by Everett Emino.
Pi Alpha Xi National Photography Contest - 1998
Landscape Category

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Alice LeDuc
Kansas State University
Second Place
Climatron and Reflecting Pools, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Olympus OM10, Ektachrome 100 film

Penelope Perkins-Veazie
USDA-ARS-SCARL
Third Place
Dallas Arboretum, Olympus, Polaroid 200 film, Tamron 35-135, F11.

Paul Read 2nd. Passed. Doug Turned the meeting over to Terri.

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Terri was happy to become president, looking for new people on committees and work on manual. Mark Bridgen mentioned that our funds are decreasing and we need to perhaps develop an endowment fund with decreasing students fewer new initiates. Perhaps we could look at ASHS membership and cross reference with PAX members. Richard Kriley suggested making a calendar. Jack Buxton mentioned that we had talked about doing a PAX calendar in the past and that he would like to work on that project using the photos from the last two contests. It could be used as a fund raiser for the scholarship fund. He will work with Dave Graper on this project. Harold Wilkins offered to help with the contest next year.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Graper
Pi Alpha Xi National Secretary-Treasurer.
John R. Culbert, Beta 72

John Culbert was a teacher, flower judging coach, officer in Pi Alpha Xi National and a chrysanthemum breeder at the University of Illinois from 1946 to 1977. His major teaching responsibilities were Floricultural Crop Production I & II, Floral Decorations and Advanced Floral Decorations & Flower Shop Management. Additional courses taught over the years included Bedding & Foliage Plants and Greenhouse Management. He coached 23 University of Illinois Flower Judging Teams from 1947 to 1971. His teams were very successful in the Pi Alpha Xi Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contests with four 1st, two 2nd, and three 3rd Place awards. During this period, he was the Chairman for the Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contests held at the University of Illinois in 1957 and 1966.

He served as Secretary-Treasurer of Pi Alpha Xi National for three 2-year terms, 1947-'53; Vice-President, 1953-'55; and President 1955-'57. He also served as the advisor for the Pi Alpha Xi Beta Chapter for many years.

His research responsibilities at U. of I. were breeding of commercial greenhouse chrysanthemums, floriculture mass marketing, and development of grades and standards for floriculture crops. More than 45 commercial greenhouse pot and cut chrysanthemum cultivars were introduced from his breeding program; all designated with ‘Illini’. He was recognized in 1956 by the Society of American Florists for Outstanding Research and by the National Chrysanthemum Society for his contribution in the development and dissemination of the Illini varieties of Chrysanthemums.

John R. Culbert is an outstanding recipient of the Pi Alpha Xi Fellows Award.

Marvin C. Carbonneau, Beta 155

Marvin Carbonneau was a teacher, flower judging coach, officer in Pi Alpha Xi National and floriculture extension specialist at the University of Illinois from 1972 to 1996. He is now retired, but remains the flower judging coach. During his tenure at U. of I., he was the advisor for most Floriculture students. His major teaching responsibilities were Floricultural Crop Production I & II. He has coached 26 Flower Judging Teams between 1973 and 1998. His teams were very successful in the Pi Alpha Xi Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contests with two 1st, one 2nd, and six 3rd Place awards.

He served as Secretary-Treasurer of Pi Alpha Xi National from 1971 to 1972, Vice-President from 1973 to 1974, and President from 1975 to 1978. He served as the advisor for the Pi Alpha Xi Beta Chapter for many years.

As an extension specialist in floriculture he was very respected by the Illinois growers and was frequently a speaker on the Illinois Florist Association annual growers’ program as well as serving on the Board of the Association. He was also an invited speaker on grower programs in other states. He was recognized for his extension activities by awards from the Illinois Florist Association and the American Academy of Floriculture.

For his contributions to and excellence in teaching, he received The National Association of College Teachers in Agriculture (NACTA) Teaching Award as well as the College of Agriculture’s Outstanding Teaching Award.

Marvin C. Carbonneau is an outstanding recipient of the Pi Alpha Xi Fellows Award.