Letter from your President

Dear Friends,

I hope your academic year is off to a strong start! Changes are potentially underway for Pi Alpha Xi, as you will read in the minutes from the Pi Alpha Xi National Convention held in Las Vegas last summer. Please, give careful consideration to the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws. Many of our chapters struggle with gaining recognition by their respective administrations as chapters of a bona fide honor society. It is the hope of your Board of Directors that these changes will ensure the longevity of Pi Alpha Xi as the horticulture honor society and bring it closer to “honor society” status as delineated by the Association of College Honor Societies (http://www.achsnatl.org). I wish to thank the Rules Committee for researching and developing the proposed amendments to our constitution and bylaws, and I wish to thank all those in attendance at the National Convention for sharing their thoughts about these proposed changes.

As these changes will hopefully permit more chapters to bestow honor cords on their graduating members, part of the discussion at the National Convention was about our colors. In article VI, section III our constitution describes the colors of our society as “lotus blue and Nile green,” and the official initiation ceremony of the Society describes these colors as having been selected from “the pure cerulean blue of this noble flower and from the shimmering green of the tropical waters which it has for so long been associated.” As these are merely descriptions for our colors, I searched to find a source that could technically describe our colors for print and textile and ensure consistency.

According to Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute®, “Cerulean Blue, the color of sea and sky,” was selected as “the Color of the Millennium.” Cerulean blue is identified as Pantone #15-4020 TP (for textile and paper) and #283 U or C (for ink on uncoated or coated paper, respectively). It is a light sky blue as shown in the figure below. Adobe identifies Nile green as Pantone #14-0121 TP (for textile and paper) and #346 U or C (for ink on uncoated or coated paper, respectively). It is a light blue-green as shown in the figure below.

I contacted both Herff-Jones and Jostens about matching these colors in honor cords. Jostens does not offer these as standard colors, but could produce a custom set of cords if the Society were interested in purchasing one thousand sets. Fortunately, Herff-Jones does offer “Nile green” and “light blue,” which closely matches cerulean blue, as standard colors. Please, contact your region’s Herff-Jones representative for ordering information and, then, celebrate the academic accomplishments of your graduating Pi Alpha Xi members.

Best Wishes,
Doug

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.

Newsletter Editors:
Ms. Karen Drews and Dr. Ellen T. Paparozzi
University of Nebraska
Pantone Color Management System:
283 U or C
Pantone Textile-Paper Color System:
15-4020 TP
Cerulean Blue

Pantone Color Management System:
346 U or C
Pantone Textile-Paper Color System:
14-0121 TP
Nile Green
A total of thirty-one entries were judged in the 2005 Pi Alpha Xi Photography Contest. The contest was held at the ASHS 2005 Annual Conference, 17-21 July, in Las Vegas, Nev. Congratulations to this year’s winners:

**Flower category:**

**1st** *Dietes bicolor*-Bicolor Iris  
Robert Mirabello,  
Louisiana State University

**2nd** *Aster tataricus*-Tatarian Aster  
Jason Holmes,  
The Sarah P. Duke Gardens

**3rd** *Mimosa pudica*-Sensitive Plant  
James McConnell,  
University of Guam
Photography Contest

Ornamental category:

1\textsuperscript{st} and Best in Show

\textit{Portulaca oleracea}—Portulaca stem tip
with open seed capsule
James McConnell,
University of Guam

2\textsuperscript{nd} \textit{Pinus contorta}—Lodgepole Pine
Virginia Lohr,
Washington State University

3\textsuperscript{rd} \textit{Phlox subulata} (creeping phlox)
with Mushrooms
Chris Albrecht
Photography Contest

Landscape category:

2nd *Carya ovata*-Shagbark Hickory
Jason Holmes,
The Sarah P. Duke Gardens

1st Terrace Fountain in Winter
at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens
Alice Le Duc,
The Sarah P. Duke Gardens

3rd Marjorie McNeely Conservatory
(Sunken Garden)
Bob Stamps,
University of Florida
Pi Alpha Xi National
Annual Meeting Agenda
Las Vegas, Nevada
Wednesday, July 20, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT NEEDHAM

Meeting commenced about 12:30 p.m. immediately following lunch.

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS

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OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes of 2004 meeting-Austin, TX (Presented by Terri Starman, Prepared by D.Wolnick)

Minutes for the annual meeting held in Austin, Texas July 19, 2004 were distributed. Motion was made (Allen Hammer), seconded (Richard Criley) and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Minutes of Judging Contest Meeting in IL (Presented by Terri Starman, Prepared by D. Warnock)

A brief Pi Alpha Xi meeting was held at Urbana/Champaign, Illinois during the coaches’ luncheon, April 7, 2005. At that meeting President Needham discussed the locations of future Intercollegiate Floral Crop Evaluation and Design Competitions to be held at Utah State University, Logan, UT (2006), Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK (2007) and University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Platteville, WI (2008). President Needham led discussions on edits to the floral crops evaluation manual and the addition of chapters on Anthurium Flowers and Calla Flowers.

Minutes for the coaches’ meeting were distributed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Terry Ferriss, seconded by George Good, and passed by voice.

Financial Report-Pi Alpha Xi National (D.Warnock)

Financial reports for FY2004 (8/1/2003 - 7/31/2004) and FY2005 (8/1/2004 - 6/30/2005) are presented below. The FY2004 and FY2005 figures are for 12 months. The national account initiated and maintained by Dennis Wolnick was officially closed in May 2005. The majority of funds was transferred to the First Bank of Savoy account, initiated and maintained by Daniel Warnock in September 2004 ($5,000) and January 2005 ($5,500). A balance was maintained by Dennis Wolnick to cover shipping charges associated with the transfer of records to Daniel Warnock. The remaining balance of $1021.39 was transferred July 2005. The First Bank of Savoy account has no fees associated with it and generates a small amount of interest that will be of benefit. Overall the account balance has increased by $1,271.85 since summer 2004.
Financial Report-Pi Alpha Xi National
(Compares FY2004 with FY2005)

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<td>(Transfer of funds to main account June 28, 2004 from separate account managed by T.Ferriss. As of July 31, 2004 the “Manuals account” still has approx. $3,000, retained to pay for new printing) No such transfer occurred in 2005.</td>
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| Expenses:              |                          |
| 2004 & 2005 Intercollegiate Floral Crop Evaluation & Design Competition |                          |
| Host school contest operation | $ 2,000.00              | $ 2,000.00            |
| Woody Kalin award plaque* | $ 85.55                  | $ 235.88              |
| Jerry Robertson High Individual Judge Book Award | $ 73.00 | $ 59.90 |
| Participant Award Certificates-materials | $ 50.00 | $ 329.52 |
| Team travel expenses | $ 4,000.00              | $4,385.01             |
| **Total Contest Expenditures** | **$ 6,208.55** | **$7,010.31** |
| Notecard Printing and Preparation** | $ 1,946.00 | $ 0.00 |
| Cosponsorship of networking Reception-Providence, RI ASHS (Anniversary Celebration) | $ 1,500.00 | $ 0.00 |
| Photo contest awards | $ 220.00                 | $ 0.00              |
| Postage & Freight | $ 200.00                 | $ 201.38             |
| Scholarship Match funds - 2 in 2004; 4 in 2005 | $ 200.00 | $ 400.00 |
| Office & mailing supplies*** | $ 99.00 | $ 456.61 |
| Fellow Award plaque | $ 44.50                  | $ 0.00              |
| Taxes (Printing of notecards) | $ 119.00 | $ 0.00 |
Membership Report (D. Warnock)

The membership report was distributed.

New Membership: Since the summer of 2004, 318 new members have been initiated into 19 of Pi Alpha Xi’s 37 chapters. Total membership now stands at 13,190.

Membership Database: The membership of Pi Alpha Xi entered into a database in FileMaker Pro is current to June 2005. The national database is accessible on the Pi Alpha Xi website www.pax.okstate.edu.

Chapter Report: The nineteen chapters of PAX initiating members since summer 2004 are the active chapters of the society. These chapters are also generally up to date with their chapter dues. Alpha Theta chapter at Iowa State University, Psi Chapter at Texas A&M, and Alpha-Iota at Texas Tech reactivated in 2004. Tau chapter at the University of Georgia reactivated in 2005. The charter members of the Alpha Xi chapter at Texas State University were inducted on April 18, 2005.

New Chapters: Two universities have petitioned for the establishment of Pi Alpha Xi chapters at their institutions since summer 2004. The University of Arkansas and the University of Wisconsin—Platteville petition packets were reviewed by the Board of Directors and approved for chapter establishment. The established chapters of Pi Alpha Xi must vote on the petitions before chapters can be established at these institutions. As a quorum was not present at the national meeting, this voting must be done by mail. D. Warnock will be responsible for getting this letter to all the chapters.

Motion was made (Mary Lewnes Albrecht), seconded (Bob Stamps), and passed to accept the report as presented.
Pi Alpha Xi Photography Contest at the 2005 ASHS meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada (D. Needham)

President Needham presented a summary and results of the photography contest. An acknowledgement of appreciation was presented by President Needham to Sylvia DeMar, Bodie Pennisi, and Bob Geneve for their having served as judges for the contest. There were thirty-one entries this year, which helped fund Pi Alpha Xi National’s Scholarship Matching program and made for one of the most exciting competitions in recent memory. A summary of all the winning entries is presented below. Winners were provided a check and ribbon for their entries.

Flower Category:
1st – Robert Mirabello, Louisiana State University, *Dietes bicolor* – Bicolor Iris
3rd – James McConnell, University of Guam, *Mimosa pudica* – Sensitive Plant

Ornamental Category:
1st and “Best in Show” - James McConnell, University of Guam, *Portulaca oleracea* – Portulaca stem tip with open seed capsule
2nd – Virginia Lohr, Washington State University, *Pinus contorta* – Lodgepole Pine
3rd – Chris Albrecht, *Phlox subulata* (creeping phlox) with Mushrooms

Landscape Category:
3rd – Bob Stamps, University of Florida, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory (Sunken Garden)

Winners were congratulated and discussion ensued about the use of winning entries to promote Pi Alpha Xi. The membership indicated that the ASHS journals were no longer charging for cover photos, thereby providing a good promotional outlet for the photography contest winners. Motion was presented (Steve Newman) to submit the photography contest winners as possible cover photos for ASHS journals. Motion was seconded (Mary Lewnes Albrecht) and passed.
Rules Committee (Mary Lewnes Albrecht)

**Members:** Mary Lewnes Albrecht (Chair), Richard Harkess, Jim Klett, Kim Williams

During 2005, the rules committee was charged with reviewing the Pi Alpha Xi Constitution and Bylaws to address two areas:

1) Is Pi Alpha Xi an honor society? If not, how should the Constitution and Bylaws be changed?
2) What majors should be eligible for membership, and what are the scholastic requirements?

Suggested changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were presented to the membership for the purposes of generating discussion and the synthesis of ideas. Justifications for the suggested changes presented by the committee centered on changing constitutional wording to include all areas of horticulture, increasing the grade point average for induction, the establishment of an annual budget, and providing procedures which utilize modern communication methods for amending the constitution and bylaws.

Membership discussion resulted in the following suggestions:

1) “Floriculture, Landscape Horticulture, and Ornamental Horticulture” should be changed to “Horticulture”
2) The minimal grade point average for induction into Pi Alpha Xi should be increased from 2.75/4.0 to 3.0/4.0.
3) The Board of Directors should establish an annual budget for the Secretary-Treasurer to cover expenses related to the office
4) Amending the Constitution and Bylaws should allow for action via e-mail.

The rules committee was charged with incorporating these suggestions into a workable document for submission to the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board of Directors. After review, these will be distributed to the established active chapters for consideration and adoption.

Publications and Membership Services Committee (Terry Ferriss)

**Members:** Terry Ferriss (Chair), Doug Needham, Karen Panter, Virginia Walter, Ellen Paparozzi, Dan Warnock

1. Revision of the National Informational Brochure:

The committee reviewed the format and information in the brochure and determined it should be revised. The committee has selected an electronic format for the revision process but has decided to delay publication until such time that new chapters are installed and constitutional changes are implemented.
Contest Committee (Virginia Walter)
The contest committee indicated that the flower judging manual published by PAX was being revised with the addition of a few chapters. The committee hopes to have the updates in place before next year’s competition at Utah State University.

Fellows Selection Committee (Doug Needham for David Graper, Chair)
The selection committee offered no nominees for fellow this year.

Nominations Committee (Doug Needham)
President Needham reported that a nominations committee was needed to propose a slate of officers for 2006. A call for volunteers was issued with Virginia Walter agreeing to serve as chair. Committee members include Terry Ferriss, Jim McConnell, and Mike Compton. The committee was charged with developing a slate of nominees before the 2006 meeting in New Orleans.

OLD BUSINESS
There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS
Promotion of note cards (Doug Needham)
On behalf of David Graper, President Needham issued a call to the membership to promote PAX through the purchase and use of the note cards. Sales have been weak and ideas to increase visibility were discussed. The membership felt a better presentation at the national meetings was critical and that promotion to botanic gardens might increase sales.

The meeting was adjourned about 2:00pm.

Submitted by

Daniel Warnock
Secretary-Treasurer
New Chapters

THE OFFICIAL VOTING IS OVER!

The University of Arkansas and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville have been approved for chapter establishment. They will be formally installed sometime this spring. New chapter designations will be Alpha-Omicron for the University of Arkansas and Alpha-Pi for the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.
Editor’s note: Lina is a horticulturist by training and is a member of Pi Alpha Xi. Many years ago, while working in horticulture, she developed a serious illness that left her incapable of the physical labor involved in horticulture. She turned to writing as her outlet and found a new career as a poet. Lina still considers herself a horticulturist, and we are proud of how she has used her horticultural knowledge. On the next pages you will find the poem she read at the International Literary Festival. It is entitled “Tree Lore.” Below is an excerpt from a press release describing her latest and greatest honor. - Ellen

International Literary Festival in Amman, Jordan
Lina Gilliland, Co-founder of Odyssey International
Chosen to be Top Representative for the United States

Since humans can remember the Middle East has been the center for global conflict. When people around the world think of this place they conjure visions of car bombings, children with machine guns and terrorism. This terrorism has permeated every country in today’s world; oppression has invaded every crack of society as we know it. While this is true there are also those who seek to fight such atrocities by adding their voice to break down the walls and unite the countries to bring awareness for the greater good.

A select group of 50 poets/writers from 21 different participating countries has been personally chosen and invited by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for this event. The writers which have been picked are ones whose work has had significant impact on a social and cultural level. They have lead amazing lives filled with compassion, humility and suffering. All are renowned world wide for their work.

Lina Gilliland, of Atwater, California is the co-founder of Odyssey International. Together with Jordanian poet Munir Mezyed they have put together a Literary Festival in Amman Jordan for August of this year. It has turned out to be the biggest event of its kind in the Middle East to date. Lina will not only read her work, but she has been personally asked to be one of four key speakers at this event. Also speaking will be King Abdullah of Jordan, Mr. Munir Mezyed on behalf of Odyssey International, and Lance Henson from Italy on behalf of writers world wide. At the specific request of Odyssey International and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Lina Gilliland will be speaking on issues of global conflict, terrorism in the Middle East and resolutions to such conflict. Lina has been told she will receive Jordan’s Highest Medal of honor for her peace efforts in bringing together so many countries under one platform to discuss issues of global importance in an attempt to bring about a greater understanding and tolerance of the human condition.
Due to her work on what has now been considered a ground breaking event in the Middle East, Lina Gilliland has been invited to read with the famous Romanian poet Paulina Popa at the Eminescu Festival, held in the Black Sea of Romania later this year. She will also go to Israel with both her son Tristan Gilliland with the Native American Leadership Alliance through the introduction of Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace, in April of 2006, in Tel Aviv, to meet with 12 members of parliament, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel and the new Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to address the current political crisis facing this region.

Lina will be reading her work with fellow writers who have been the recipients of such awards as the Pulitzer and Nobel Prize along with Heads of State from around the world. Her poetry along with her work surrounding this event has been published in countless newspapers across the Middle East including a full length feature article in Al Bilad, Bucharest Daily, Romania and in ilResto del Carlino, Italy. She recently had a live satellite radio broadcast interview with Air Jordan which she was told the entire country was awaiting her arrival, not as a guest but as a welcomed part of their community.

Lina will also have the Native American dance group “Dancing Earth” led by Raoul Trujillo and Rulan Tangen, who just finished production on the movie “The New World” with Collin Farrell, to perform at this occasion. The event will be opened by King Abdullah of Jordan and will be televised by Jordan Pioneers throughout the Middle East and Europe. She will also be joined by Washington D.C. correspondent Barbara Ferguson who will cover this event in person. The event dates are August, 25th through September 4th, 2005. Next year this event will be held in the country of Romania.

Web site: www.odysseydream.com
my phone: 1-209-357-9558
Tell me woodsman, if you will
    How is it you tell
One tree from another
As they all look so well?
    What draws you
To walk with Mother Nature
Tell me Woodsman
Tell me plain, and tell me true
Of the life, you have chosen for you
"Well my friend, with curious green eyes
This land we walk is full of surprise
    Tell I will of my wealth,
But of the trees and shrubs
    So ask nothing else"
"So walk with me now"
The Woodsman replied
    My bare feet
Followed his stride
To the Birch first we come to pass
The beginning of our walk through
    The deep woodland grass
With smooth, slender white bark
Here it is our journey did start
Of the Rowan, next we come to tell
Her red berries hold enchantment well
With slender elegance and grey brown skin
Faeries dance apparently within
Ah, now it's the Alder by a waterside stream
A favorite for the black ravens to hide
Tall indeed is this tree
In future could you recognize it for me?
Yes, Woodsman I believe I could
By its drooping catkins I stood
Still by the waterside again we walk
A Willow at night, you may hear her talk
If you realize your female heart
White, weeping or the sallow part
On the Ash we come to stare
A key is held here, so have a care
Although she wears an untidy crown
Within her branches heavens are found
The Hawthorn, a tree small and dense
Using mind over matter, at times makes sense
A shrub by some it is seen
While cleansing is held within its beams
So remember this one carefully!
Now the Oak, mighty and proud
See how he stands at anothers door
Holding boundaries between differing lores
The acorns sweet, do shout aloud
Under this tree wisdom abounds
Here is one! that the battle made
Holly, wearing the Christ child's crown
Sharp spines are on it to be found
While balance and unity never to trade
This was the price it had made
The Hazel is one of poetic favors
When from the nine nuts they savor
Plenty of words it gives to inspire
See how it grows with trunks aplenty
Is the well full, or rather empty?
Ah, sweet Apple tree, now we meet
A pentagram held within to greet
Her scaly bark sweet and small
Poets inspired by muses all
Here is one, to you a surprise?
See how the sun glistens through the Vine
A shrub perhaps in some eyes
But a feast off the Gods' for all who dine
This precious Grape Vine
Now the Ivy another shrub to tell
Its lore is lasting and endurance known well
Reaching far into the smallest crack
An inner search to attack
Seeking food least to fall
See the Reed down by the water
Carrying bairns away from the slaughter
Direction and purpose in its journey held
Surprise and learning is what it welds
Blackthorn, a small and hardy tree
Careful, should you disagree!
For it could bring you strife and change
Then your views would re-arrange
Elder, again small and furrowed
Look around see how the rabbit burrows
Here all things start anew
Refreshed by the same things we do
See now, the mighty mountains arise
The tall Silver Fir meets her eyes
With vision she sees far ahead
The maiden, the healer, the hag of the dead
Again, mistake not this common bush!
The Furze, a gathering of sweetness rush
With dark green spines on moorlands found
Golden flowers call when spring bound
Heather, on moors and mountains found
Growing amongst fertile ground
Here lies the power for healing one
As the bees travel with the sun
Aspen speaks with the wind at night
Though eyes meet another small in sight
When your fears you cannot overcome
Shelter and listen to the small whispering one
The Yew holds eternity, within her form
A time for the weary to be reborn
With fluted bark of the color red
They watch over the laying of the dead
Look, here is a Spindle grown to a tree!
Delicate and small, as all wants should be
It worked hard to become this tall
While wishing for reward, not at all
Over there lies a grove of trees
A place where we will sit, you and I
Now can you tell me that trees cannot talk?
Look back and see where you have just walked?
Do you still look with curious green eyes?
This grove holds the ways of the wise
But listen I have told you of my wealth
But talked only of the trees and shrubs
And of nothing else!

A seed I have given to you

Still yet to grow

The rest could you nurture

What today we did sow?

Keep this wealth inside your Soul

Draw upon it

During times untold

Then pass this lore on

For someone else to behold

So that Ogham will not die

But last eternity and time...
New Initiates

Epsilon
The Ohio State University

Alejandra Acuna
Mary Alexander
Qingfang Chen
Elizabeth Grosskurth
Anna Leis
Virginia Oswald
Berteena Rollins
Nathan Tschaenn
Lena Wolfe
Jia Yan
Craig Yendrek
Hala Zahreddine

Gamma Chapter
The Pennsylvania State University

Jessica Bly
Adam Davis
Victor Fluke
Anne Grunenwald
John Holtzinger
Joshua Ickes
Rachel Itle
Elizabeth Kohl
Johanna Mirenda
Catherine Moehle
Neil Mosier
Justin O’Conner
Curtis Runyan
Kathryn Sanford
Diane Schramm
Nicole Shemansky
Chad Spidell
Andrew Thompson
Kacee Wheeland
Julianne Wilkinson
New Initiates Continued

Tau Chapter
University of Georgia

Stevie Daniels