The purpose of Pi Alpha Xi, The National Honor Society for Horticulture, is to
Recognize high scholarship,
Foster good relationships among its members,
Promote or to facilitate the exchange of ideas among members of the professions, and
Establish cordial relations among students, educators and industry members.
Letter from the President

First and foremost, I’d like to thank our outgoing leaders for their attention to Pi Alpha XI over the last two years. Mary Lewnes Albrecht (University of Tennessee) served as our President and now moves to the role of Immediate Past President. Daniel Warnock (Monsanto Company) served as our Past President and now rotates off the Board of Directors while John Peterson (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo) moves into the role of Past President. Tina Cade (Texas State, San Marcos) is now our Secretary/Treasurer. Stephanie Burnett (University of Maine) steps in as our new Vice President, and I round out the Board of Directors as your new President. The PAX web site has been updated to reflect these changes.

Changing leadership reminds me of the changing seasons. Up here at 7,200 feet (really!) we’ve already experienced a freeze and the foliage of our deciduous trees and shrubs has started changing color. Winters are long here and once the snow starts to fly, we won’t see much of the ground again until April. Now we all know why I went into greenhouse crop production!

Many of you know me, but many don’t. In a nutshell, my title is Horticulture Specialist at the University of Wyoming. My position at UW is one of those dreaded three-way splits: half extension (greenhouse and high tunnel crop production in particular, horticultural crop production in general), 25% teaching (three courses), and the remainder research. Though I’ve been a Pi Alpha Xi member for years (but please don’t count….Chi 66, Colorado State University, 1978), we still don’t have a chapter at UW, a subject of some consternation to many of you.

Our goals for the next couple of years are fairly simple. The first is to ensure membership on our standing committees is stable and functional. I’ve asked many of you to help out on several committees needing representatives. Also, we happily have the potential for at least two new chapters and will be working with those advisors to help turn this goal into reality. In my spare time I’ll attempt to get a new chapter off the ground here (maybe I should put those hours between 1am to 2am to good use). Our largest goal, however, is to continue our presence with our current chapters and to ensure we are serving our best and brightest horticulture students to the best of our collective ability.

Should questions or concerns arise please don’t hesitate to contact me, or any of us on the Board of Directors: Vice President Stephanie Burnett, Secretary/Treasurer Tina Cade, Immediate Past President Mary Lewnes Albrecht, and Past President John Peterson.

Best wishes to all in the new academic year!

Karen Panter
Chi 66
Congratulations to the Photography Contest Winners!

**Horticultura in Obscura I**

This category includes any images that are creatively composed/photographed in unexpected/unconventional ways. Images could be offbeat, unusual, uncommon, or photographed from an unlikely angle/perspective. Of particular relevance are close-ups, soft focus, shallow depth of field, and abstracts of any kind. Minimal digital manipulation, such as image cropping, is permitted.

*Summa Cum Laude and Image Perfecta (Best in Show)* – Alice LeDuc

‘**Nymphaea ‘Foxfire’**’

*Magna Cum Laude* – Virginia Lohr

‘**Mirroring: Immature Pinus contorta cones**’

*Cum Laude* – Bob Stamps

‘**Come Pollinate Me**’
Horticultura in Obscura II

Photos in this category have been creatively manipulated, enhanced, combined, significantly cropped, colored, refined, and/or sharpened. Uses of HDR techniques and special effects lenses or filters are also appropriate for this category.

Summa Cum Laude - Robert Stamps

‘A World of Flowers’

Magna Cum Laude - Alice LeDuc

‘Pewter Magic’

Cum Laude - Virginia Lohr

‘Daffodils Outshine the Roses’
**Horticultura Perfecta**

Photos in this category must represent what the photographer believes to be the best of techniques and/or superior composition. Minimal digital manipulation, such as image size cropping, is permitted.

**Summa Cum Laude - Virginia Lohr**

‘Epacaris longiflora, Australia’s Fuchsia Heath’

**Magna Cum Laude - Robert Stamps**

‘Hummingbird Dream’

**Cum Laude - Richard Criley**

‘Fit for a Royal Ball’
Submissions in this category are images derived from horticultural research at the micro- or macroscopic level; images created using laboratory instrumentation are welcome. Subject matter must have horticultural relevance. Subject matter manipulation (e.g. tissue staining or other procedures) prior to being photographed is acceptable, but images themselves should not be digitally manipulated following creation.

*Summa Cum Laude* - Robert Stamps

‘Green Delight’

*Magna Cum Laude* - Faith Ndlovu

‘Frost Damage on a Cranberry Bud’

*Cum Laude* - Alisson Pacheco Kovaleski

‘From Green to Blue’
Business Meeting Minutes

The annual business meeting took place on July 29th in Orlando Florida at the American Society for Horticulture Science Meeting. Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tina Cade and Stephanie Burnett.

Chapters Present:
Gamma (Pennsylvania State)
Epsilon (Ohio State)
Zeta (Rutgers)
Eta (Washington)
Iota (North Carolina State)
Kappa (Virginia Tech)
Lambda (Minnesota)
Nu (Auburn)
Chi (Colorado State)
Omicron (Purdue)
Tau (Georgia)
Upsilon (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Psi (Texas A&M)
Omega (Kansas State)
Alpha Zeta (Wisconsin, River Falls)
Alpha Iota (Texas Tech University)
Alpha Kappa (Mississippi State)
Alpha Xi (Texas State University)

1. Mary Albrecht welcomed everyone to the lunch and called the meeting to order.

2. Stephanie Burnett called chapter roll; all chapters present at the meeting are shown above.

3. The group voted to approve the 2013 minutes from the meeting in California.

4. Stephanie Burnett gave the treasurer’s report. Very few chapters are currently utilizing the matching scholarship offered by PAX and are encouraged to do so if possible. PAX matches $50 provided by the chapter for this scholarship.

5. Paul Thomas reported from the ASHS Endowment Committee that they are looking for video testimonials from students who have received ASHS travel scholarships or faculty who have students who have benefited from these scholarships. These videos will be posted to the ASHS website. Please contact Paul Thomas for more information.
6. Committee Reports:

   a. Terry Ferris reported on behalf of the Member Services Committee that the University of Maine and North Dakota State University plan to establish chapters this year.

   b. Richard Harkess announced an upcoming vote on behalf of the Rules Committee. There are three proposed changes to the bylaws. The group received a handout describing these proposed changes, and all active chapters received a description of the proposed changes via e-mail prior to the meeting. Once the semester begins, the Rules committee will ask active chapters to vote on the proposed changes. They will have two months to respond. No response after two months is assumed to be a ‘yes’ vote.

   c. The results from the PAX photography contest are in and will be posted on the ASHS website. Many thanks to Bob Lyons for organizing the contest and to the photography contest judges!

   d. The nominations committee proposed the following officers for 2014-2016:

      Dr. Karen Panter, President, University of Wyoming
      Dr. Stephanie Burnett, Vice President, University of Maine
      Dr. Tina Marie (Walczek) Cade, Secretary/Treasurer, Texas State University
      Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht, Immediate Past President, University of Tennessee
      Dr. John Peterson, Past President, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

      Terry Ferris made a motion to approve the slate of officers; Steve Newman seconded. The group approved the incoming officers.

7. New Business –

   The group discussed options for increasing attendance at the annual meeting each year. It is possible that the $30 lunch fee could be deterring attendance, particularly from graduate and undergraduate PAX members. One idea was to have a cheaper meal with just appetizers or possibly coffee/muffins. The group decided to go with a possibly cheaper meal next year, and if that doesn’t attract more people, to consider the option of a brown bag lunch meeting for 2016. In both scenarios, people would still be asked to sign up for the meeting so that we know how large of a room is needed.

8. Mary passed the gavel to our new president, Karen Panter. Thank you, Mary, for you service as President! We appreciate your leadership and the time you have given to Pi Alpha Xi.
## Pi Alpha Xi National
### Unaudited Statement of Financial Position
#### As of April 30, 2014

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| Equity                     |            |
| Temp. Restricted Net Assets| 2,000.00   |
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| Net Income                 | 3,727.41   |
| Total Equity               | 38,692.94  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 38,692.94  |
Pi Alpha Xi National
Unaudited Statement of Activities
July 2013 through April 2014

Jul '13 - Apr 14

Income
Dues 500.00
Initiate dues 3,500.00
Manual Sales 432.00
Manual Shipping 105.25
Photo Contest Submission Fee 345.00
Total Income 4,882.25

Expense
Bank & Credit Card Fees 60.98
Conference 566.45
Office Supplies 102.09
Photo Contest Award 160.00
Postage & Shipping 65.32
Scholarship 200.00
Total Expense 1,154.84

Net Income 3,727.41
Standing Committees 2014-2016

Fellows Selection Committee – solicits nominations for Fellows of the Society and is responsible for assembling support documentation for selection.

- Pi Alpha Xi Past President John Peterson (chair), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, drjohncp@calpoly.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Past President Daniel Warnock, Monsanto, daniel.f.warnock@monsanto.com
- Doug Needham, Longwood Gardens, dneedham@longwoodgardens.org
- Pi Alpha Xi Immediate President Mary Lewnes Albrecht, University of Tennessee, mlalbrecht@utk.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi President, Karen Panter, University of Wyoming, \textit{ex officio}, kpanter@uwyo.edu

Membership Services Committee – coordinates the publication of the Recruitment Brochure, Flower Judging Manual, and other services and materials of the Honor Society.

- Janet Cole, Oklahoma State University, janet.cole@okstate.edu
- Holly Scoggins, Virginia Tech University, perennials@vt.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Vice-President, Stephanie Burnett, University of Maine, sburnett@maine.edu

Nominations Committee – develops a slate of candidates for the National Offices and presents the slate at the National Meeting in 2016.

- Paul Thomas (chair), University of Georgia, pathoms@uga.edu
- Tina Marie Cade, Texas State University, tc10@txstate.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Immediate Past President, Mary Lewnes Albrecht, University of Tennessee, mlalbrecht@utk.edu

Photography Contest Committee – oversees the rules, fees, and prizes associated with the photography contest at the annual ASHS conference and PAX annual business meeting.

- Paul Thomas, University of Georgia, pathoms@uga.edu
- Tim Rhodus, Ohio State University, rhodus.1@osu.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Immediate President Mary Lewnes Albrecht, University of Tennessee, mlalbrecht@utk.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi President, Karen Panter, University of Wyoming, \textit{ex officio}, kpanter@uwyo.edu
Rules Committee – reviews the Constitution and By-Laws of the Honor Society and the Operations Manual. Revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws are presented to the membership for consideration.

- Richard Harkess (chair), Mississippi State University, r.harkess@pss.msstate.edu
- Jim Klett, Colorado State University, jim.klett@colostate.edu
- Alice LeDuc, Texas State University, aleduc@duke.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Vice President, Stephanie Burnett, University of Maine, ex officio, sburnett@maine.edu

Student Activities Committee – proposes, develops, and oversees activities of the Honor Society intended to engage undergraduate and graduate students at national events.

- Peg McMahon, Ohio State University, mcmahon.43@osu.edu
- Brian Trader, Longwood Gardens, btrader@longwoodgardens.org
- Pi Alpha Xi Past President John Peterson, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, drjohncp@calpoly.edu

Ad Hoc Committee 2014-2016

Website Committee - oversees development and maintenance of the society's website.

- Tim Rhodus (chair), Ohio State University, rhodus.1@osu.edu
- Executive Secretary, Cindy Slone, ex officio, cslone@ashs.org or Mike Neff, ex officio, mwneff@ashs.org
- Pi Alpha Xi President, Karen Panter, University of Wyoming, ex officio, kpanter@uwyo.edu

Resources on the Web

Check out our website, http://pax.ashs.org for information and helpful tools -

- Find our Operations Manual on our web site! Look under Resources.
- Also look for our revised Initiation Ceremonies under Membership!
- Our revised National Constitution is also available!

We are on Facebook! Connect with Pi Alpha Xi members from other chapters through our Facebook page, and quickly find updates on the latest news.