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

The 2012-2013 academic year is now over. As I sit at my desk, looking out my office window, I see a partly cloudy sky with a forecast of thunderstorms for the second half of the week. However, I know they won’t be of the magnitude that racked many of the mid-western states in May. Images of the storm damage and flooding are difficult to view because of the human toll and the long road ahead for recovery. I’m sure some horticultural business owners — greenhouses, garden centers, landscaping firms, fruit and vegetable producers, and many others — may have lost their homes, their businesses and livelihoods, or perhaps, both.

At times like this I encourage our chapters and members to identify local service learning projects to help communities. We may not be able to help communities devastated by the May storms, today. As horticulturists, we can be a valuable part of our communities. While it may seem trivial in the face of the mid-west devastation, events like these remind each of us that we are members of a larger community and are capable serving those in need. Projects may be elaborate and take time and effort to plan and implement or they may be as simple as a day of service helping a local school with spring clean-up. If any chapters do volunteer work throughout the year, feel free to share photos and information. Send news stories about members and chapters to Karen Panter to share in future issues of the Lotus Leaflet.

On another note, come and celebrate our 90th anniversary during the annual business meeting for PAX National (Wednesday, July 24, 2013 from noon until 1:30 P.M.) at the annual conference of the American Society of Horticultural Science, J W Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Palm Desert, Calif.

Registration for the lunch is required. An agenda is included in this issue. Besides standard committee reports, findings from discussion with the attorney about incorporation and establishing not-for-profit status for PAX National and its chapters (additional information will be distributed before the meeting via email) and exploring a closer relationship with ASHS will be discussed. New business includes a proposal to change the composition of the Fellows Committee (included with the agenda) and initiate a strategic planning process.

I look forward to our annual meeting and seeing the entries to the annual photography contest.

With warmest regards,

Mary Lewnes Albrecht, PhD,
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Associate Vice Provost
Professor, Department of Plant Sciences
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Congratulate Our Newest Members!

Y Upsilon Chapter – Cal Poly – Initiated November 29, 2012

◊ Sarah J. Doherty ◊ Gustavo A. Lopez
◊ Mary R. Lacy ◊ Kelsey M. Stewart
◊ Kaitlyn M. Liu

T Tau Chapter – University of Georgia – Initiated February 19, 2013

◊ William Hembree ◊ Kristyn Stogner
◊ Kelsey English ◊ Lauren Muller
◊ Joshua Neuman ◊ Taylor McDonnell
◊ Ryanna Zoellner ◊ Cassandra Groce
◊ Rachel Wingington ◊ Calum Shallenberger
◊ Jordan Denney

B Beta Chapter – University of Illinois – Initiated February 26, 2013

◊ Justin Beitz ◊ Stephen Montez

K Kappa Chapter – Virginia Tech – Initiated February 27, 2013

◊ Normand Adams ◊ Cassie Hickey
◊ Elise Benhase ◊ Alyssa Mark
◊ Tyler Edwards ◊ James Rockwell
◊ Michael Fulcher

Χ Chi Chapter – Colorado State University – Initiated March 4, 2013

◊ Troy Beans ◊ Travis Byers
◊ Lisa Tabor ◊ David Straw
◊ Cory McGrath ◊ Gary Gross
◊ Cheri Cornn ◊ Adam Breitenfeldt
◊ Isabelle Hepke ◊ Matthew Paisley
◊ Adam Wright ◊ Matthew Cunningham
◊ Joseph Jonas ◊ Ben Hobstetter
◊ Jonathan Wangberg ◊ Thomas Jensen Procter

I Iota Chapter – North Carolina State University – Initiated March 20, 2013

◊ Shawn Christopher Beam ◊ Caitlin Alexandra Davis
◊ James Stewart Freeman Jr. ◊ Timothy Aric Weiler
◊ Mary Theresa Williams ◊ Christopher Tharp
◇ Brian John Wilson ◇ Sanford William Wooten
◇ Sara Harte Baucom ◇ Jonathan Kressin
◇ James Ethan Bridges ◇ Camie Lin Ulibarri
◇ Amanda Kathryn Hill ◇ Susie Barkley
◇ Trever John Cardea ◇ Yu Luna Gu
◇ Laura Ann Daly ◇ Ying-Chen Lin
◇ Laura Ellen Barth Kaderabek ◇ Ana Alicia Soto Lara
◇ Roy Madison Melton ◇ David Spain
◇ Travis Jolliffe Black

Α Θ Alpha Theta Chapter – Iowa State University – Initiated April 1, 2013
◇ Jonathan Mahoney ◇ Daniel Strey
◇ Adam Grimm ◇ Evan Alderman
◇ Zach Simons ◇ Kyle Tester
◇ Bryan Peterson ◇ Nathan Smith

Α Γ Alpha Gamma Chapter – University of Nebraska, Lincoln – Initiated April 8, 2013
◇ Kristina Alas ◇ Luke T. Maddox
◇ Christopher Behrns ◇ Donna M. Morrison
◇ Felicia Benes ◇ Allie Schiltmeyer
◇ Erica Jayne Hughes ◇ Dongxue Shi
◇ Daniel R. Lake ◇ Cole R. Weston
◇ Luqi Li

Ψ Psi Chapter – Texas A&M University – Initiated April 14, 2013
◇ Ashley Brinegar ◇ Mahnaz Kianifariz
◇ Christopher Cantu ◇ Nicholas Gabriel Noble
◇ Katy Davidson ◇ Stephen Michael Perry
◇ Madeline Frazier ◇ Jose Luis Salazar
◇ Marisa Gomez ◇ Courtney Trepp

Α Ξ Alpha Xi Chapter – Texas State University – Initiated April 19, 2013
◇ Abigail Hampton ◇ Adrienne Clark
◇ Farrah Rasheed ◇ Beatrice Long
◇ Megan Holmes

Ω Omega Chapter – Kansas State University – Initiated April 22, 2013
◇ May Elfar Altamimi ◇ Kinnedy Taylor Keating
◇ Joshua Craver ◇ Olivia Meyer
◇ Pabodha Galgamuwa G.A. ◇ Conner W. Nickerson
◇ Dustin Huber ◇ Chris Rea
Pi Alpha Xi Now on Facebook

Check out our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pi-Alpha-Xi/146116875569426

Photos of our photography contest rotate as the cover picture and the timeline is fairly basic since the page is so new. If anyone has important dates to add to the timeline, let us know!

Thanks to Cindy Slone, PAX Executive Secretary located at ASHS, for setting up our page. Feel free to “Like” us and share chapter news and photos with the rest of PAX. Spread the word!

Standing Committees 2012-2014

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

- Pi Alpha Xi Immediate 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

Φ Phi Chapter – South Dakota State University – Initiated April 22, 2013

◊ Randy Joe Randolph ◊ Ariel J. Whitely
◊ Paula Suda ◊ Alexis Wingerson
◊ Caroline Tanner

Joy Arndt ◊ Autumn Miller
◇ Kelsey Boucher ◇ Sam Sauer
◇ Kelly Haisch ◇ Clare Schumaker
◇ Brandi Hanten ◇ Virginia Torzewski

Α Ω Alpha Omicron Chapter – University of Arkansas – Initiated April 30, 2013

◊ Derek Barchenger ◊ Jordan Miller
◊ Ethan Charles ◊ Collin Salazar
◊ Spencer Fiser ◊ Bethany Sebesta
◊ Terrence Frett ◊ Yifei Wang
◊ Amon Ibrahim ◊ Nicholas White
◊ Josue Leiva Lopez ◊ Alejandra Salgado Rojas
◊ Leah Malvar

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

- Terry Ferriss (chair), University of Wisconsin-River Falls, terry.l.ferriss@uwrf.edu
- Janet Cole, Oklahoma State University, janet.cole@okstate.edu
- Holly Scoggins, Virginia Tech University, perennials@vt.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi National Secretary-Treasurer, Stephanie Burnett, University of Maine, sburnett@maine.edu, ex officio

Nominations Committee – develops a slate of candidates for the National Offices and presents the slate at the National Meeting in 2014.

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

- Bob Lyons (chair), University of Delaware, rllyons@udel.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, rharkess@pss.msstate.edu
- Jim Klett, Colorado State University, jim.klett@colostate.edu
- Alice LeDuc, Texas State University, aleduc@duke.edu
- Paul Thomas, University of Georgia, pathomas@uga.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Vice President, Karen Panter, University of Wyoming, ex officio, kpanter@uwyo.edu

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

- David Graper (chair), South Dakota State University, David.Graper@sdstate.edu
- Peg McMahon, Ohio State University, mcmahon.43@osu.edu
Chapter Activities

**Mark Bridgen** (Alpha Chapter – Cornell University) recently asked: “What do you do to make your initiation ceremony special? What kind of activities does your chapter do throughout the year?”

**Terry Ferris** (Alpha Zeta - Wisconsin – River Falls): “The UW-River Falls chapter has each new initiate sign a membership roster (including their PAX number) for our historical records. We give them each a dried lotus pod on a stick (obtained from wholesale florist) with a piece of blue and green ribbon (PAX colors) tied onto the base of the pod. We also give each initiate a live 4.5" foliage plant to take home -- challenge them to see how many years they can keep it alive. We do a dinner in association with our initiation also.

“Because of the tremendous overlap of membership with the Horticulture Society, our PAX chapter co-hosts a lot of activities rather than having too many of just their own --- trying to avoid stretching people too thin - united they create a good showing for a guest speaker. We do have a PAX sponsored scholarship for a Jr or Sr Horticulture major (does not have to be a PAX member at the time the scholarship is awarded) -- we run this through our University Foundation Scholarship Program. Our local chapter has a large spring hanging basket and bedding plant sale to raise funds for the scholarship and then we get the $100 contribution from PAX National. This year they awarded an $800 scholarship. The chapter also buys the graduation cords for the graduating members of PAX every semester.”

**Holly Scoggins** (Kappa – Virginia Tech): “Regarding initiation, we make a nice dinner out of - invitations are issued and our chapter covers the cost of dining for old and new members. Business attire. A gift of a plant to the new initiates plus pin and certificate. The new induction ceremony script is outstanding (and much more relevant); this year each officer took a section of the presentation, followed the ceremony suggestions supplied with the script, and it was our best-ever. We also supply honor cords to graduating seniors.
“Our main fundraiser is a "Hokie Bulb Sale" (a maroon and orange tulip blend - 8000-10,000 bulbs) that we do at the Homecoming football game each year. We buy in bulk and re-bag. Very efficient fundraiser - they sell like hotcakes with a limited time input from the students/adviser. Our Hort Club is very active and runs a plant sale; we don’t try to compete, just do enough to keep the chapter in the black and supply a few scholarships (2 @ $300 and one $500). We do a community service project, meet once a month during the semester, and maintain a "PAX" display/color bed, weirdly located on the far side of campus.”

Tina Cade (Alpha Xi – Texas State – San Marcos): “At Texas State, we have the induction ceremony as part of an overall Horticulture program awards ceremony that we call the Green Gala where we give out Horticulture Club awards, student worker awards, etc. We follow the induction ceremony guidelines, but the students/clubs decide on the venue and the food. This year, we had a really nice potluck at an outdoor theater location on campus. I think exposing the general horticulture community to the honor society induction helps inspire some of the younger students.

“We do floral designs for campus events as a fundraiser, as well as a couple of plant sales annually. We also sell timed crops and floral designs almost weekly to the campus community through an emailed announcement (Bobcat Bloom specials). Student workers and community service workers help with deliveries.”

Virginia Walter (Upsilon – Cal Poly): “We generally have two initiations yearly. In the Fall we have a more formal one at a restaurant. In the spring, it is more apt to be a pot-luck. We generally have PAX color decorations and boutonnieres for the initiates. When possible we try to have a speaker at each initiation. Officers and various faculty members split up the ceremony.

“We generally have some way to raise funds to support our social activities. We have monthly meetings to plan field trips or bowling or some sort of social thing. We sponsor the Community Flower Show each spring as a service to encourage local residents to garden and enjoy flowers and plants. This year we are going to Hearst Castile on a garden tour to reward those who helped with the Flower Show. We try to coordinate social activities with other clubs in the dept. whenever possible.”

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

• Find our new Operations Manual on our web site www.ashs.org/pax/! Look under Resources.
• Also look for our revised Initiation Ceremonies under Membership!
• Our revised National Constitution is also on our web site!
Agenda for Annual Business Meeting, July 24, 2013

PAX National
Annual Business Meeting Agenda
July 24, 2013, 12:00 to 1:30 P.M.
(Room to be announced)

1. Welcome and introductions of officers
2. Lunch
3. Business meeting
   a. Call of chapters
   b. Brief remarks from the President
   c. Approval of the minutes from the 2012 business meeting as printed in the Autumn 2012 Lotus Leaflet (emailed to chapters October 10, 2012 and posted at http://ashs.org/pax/index.php/newsletter)
   d. Financial report
   e. Committee Reports -
      i. Membership Services Committee
      ii. Rules Committee
      iii. Student Activities Committee
      iv. Fellows Committee
      v. Photography Contest Committee
   f. Old Business
      i. Incorporation and Not-for-Profit status
      ii. Closer relationship with ASHS
   g. New Business
      i. PAX Strategic Plan
      ii. Suggestion to revise the membership of the Fellows Selection Committee:
         Motion brought forward from a member:
         Change the membership of the Fellows Selection Committee from Immediate Past President, chair, and other previous past presidents for a committee of 5 to Immediate Past President as chair and 2 to 3 individuals who have been previously selected as Fellows serve on the committee. And, allow the Chair of the Rules Committee to make such changes a needed with the Constitution and Bylaws and the Operations Manual to account for this change.
      iii. Items from the floor
Pi Alpha Xi Financial Report

Unaudited Statement of Financial Position  
As of March 31, 2013

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