The mission of Pi Alpha Xi is to promote high scholarship, fellowship, professional leadership and the enrichment of human life through plants.

Chapter dues of $50 are payable in January each year. Payments should be made out to the order of and sent to:

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I hope that you all had a wonderful fall term/semester. Like yours, campus here in Corvallis has largely emptied of undergraduate students and I find myself with a bit of breathing room to consider the past year and what awaits in 2019. Of course, there is little time for contemplation before one begins work for the following term, but I hope each of you are able to take stock and remember the important things in life and how lucky we are to get to work in horticulture! Before I move on, I must thank Stephanie Burnett for her outstanding service as President over the past two years. It continues to be a time of change on various fronts for PAX and her guidance has been excellent. I am grateful to get to serve as president for a couple years and plan to fully rely on Stephanie and others!

One of my laments over the last two years is that I have let the Alpha Rho chapter become somewhat neglected and lapse into inactivity. Part of how I think this happened is that, as we all have so many demands on our time, I felt overwhelmed with the Grand Ideas (yes, capital G!) I hoped to implement over various time frames. Becoming overwhelmed thinking about taking on rather large tasks led me to neglect the simple tasks of initiation and small but regular meetings. So, what I am planning for the upcoming year is to return to regularity with my chapter. Things will begin very small and will be very manageable – that will be okay. There always are motivated students that will want to grow activities and create a critical mass of participants. My job is to provide the platform and space for these awesome students to shine.

I share my own struggles to carve out time for Pi Alpha Xi because perhaps some of you can relate. There are so many amazing chapters out there led by amazing advisors who give selflessly of their time. I am grateful to have benefitted from the guidance of Frank Blazich while at Iota Chapter and it is why I established at chapter at Oregon State. But as with other aspects of life, I’m going to try not to let perfection get in the way of very good. So, friends if you are an advisor, I encourage you to plant the seed and give the gift of PAX to your students in whatever way possible, grand or otherwise. If you are a student, I ask you to be that critical mass in your own chapter to help make things happen. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ryan Contreras, Iota 564
2018 PAX Photography Contest Winners

**CATEGORY: Perfect Partners**

First Place:
Title: “Overlapping Fronds”
Photographer: Robert Lyons

**CATEGORY: Horticulture in The Kitchen**

First Place:
Title: “Friends”
Photographer: Lillian Pride
2018 PAX Photography Contest Winners

CATEGORY: Flowers at Night
First Place:
Title: “Trillium erectum at the Pink Beds”
Photographer: William Hembree

CATEGORY: Flowering Plants With an Attitude
First Place:
Title: “Waiving on the Edge”
Photographer: Changbin Chen

And………..
BEST OF SHOW 2018
MINUTES*
Pi Alpha Xi National, Annual Business Meeting

August 2, 2018
12:00-2:00 PM, Washington Hilton – Jay (Lobby Level)

A. Roll call of chapters – Ryan Contreras
   - 15 chapters were represented at the meeting including the following:
     Epsilon – Ohio State University
     Zeta – Rutgers University
     Iota – North Carolina State University
     Lambda – University of Minnesota
     Tau – University of Georgia
     Chi – Colorado State University
     Psi – Texas A&M University
     Omega – Kansas State University
     Alpha Beta – University of Tennessee
     Alpha Gamma – University of Nebraska – Lincoln
     Alpha Kappa – Mississippi State University
     Alpha Xi – Texas State University – San Marcos
     Alpha Rho – Oregon State University
     Alpha Sigma – University of Wyoming
     Alpha Tau – University of Maine

B. The minutes from the 2017 Meeting were approved.

C. Financial Report – Tina Cade
   - The financial report was reviewed by members. (See 2018 Pi Alpha Xi
     Financial Report in the 2018 Fall Lotus Leaflet)

D. Committee Reports

1.. Membership services – Stephanie Burnett

   ❖ Membership numbers are currently low so strategies to increase
     membership were discussed including trying to reactivate chapters at
     schools where there is a chapter, but there have been no chapter or initiate
     dues paid in a while indicating that there is probably a lapse in leadership
     with the advisor listed for that university.
   ❖ A successful session was held at this ASHS meeting which had the
     purpose of delivering information to students interested in reviving their
     chapter or starting a new chapter of Pi Alpha Xi. Several students showed
     up for information and all were at schools that currently have chapters.
   ❖ Emails will be sent to advisors asking them if they are still interested in
     being an advisor (as we do every year), but universities that have had a
     lapse in paying dues or initiating students will be targeted especially.
It was also recommended to have Pi Alpha Xi discussed as an agenda item at administrator meetings where appropriate to increase awareness of the organization.

Designing and sending out an informational poster regarding Pi Alpha Xi was also discussed.

2. Student Activities – Brian Trader
No report was made.

3. Photography Contest – Steve Newman
   - Nineteen entries were made in the photography contest.
   - Challenges with the contest included a need for a more automated instruction system for photo uploading and a possible need for a student category.
   - Discussion included the possible offering of a horticultural photography workshop at a future ASHS conference which was well-attended in the past.

4. Website – Stephanie Burnett
No new information was presented regarding the website.

5. Nominations – Stephanie Burnett
Stephanie Burnett is stepping down as president and will remain on the board as past president. Ryan Contreras will be president this year and Mark Bridgen will be the new vice-president. Tina Marie (Waliczek) Cade will remain secretary. Karen Panter is also on the board for 2 more years as a “past past president.” Mary Albrecht will rotate off the board.

E. Old Business

1. Update on Scholarships

   The ASHS board has approved Pi Alpha Xi to establish an endowment as part of their general donation page. There will likely be more work needed to set this up in the future.

   To make donations to the scholarship fund, membership can go to the ASHS store and donate at the Pi Alpha Xi link. Once more funds are in the endowment, membership can decide how to use it.

F. New Business

1. Update on Photography Committee
   - Paul Thomas stepped down from this committee. Dr. Burnett and the membership thanks him for his service.
2. Dues increase

- Administrative expenses for Pi Alpha Xi have increased, and we are no longer covering the true expenses of our organization with our membership dues.
- The ASHS board has asked us to increase our lifetime individual dues for members effective after this meeting (i.e. for members initiated starting in fall, 2018).
- New rates were proposed and approved and are as follows:
  - **Chapter Dues**: $50 (currently $20)
  - **Individual Dues (Lifetime Membership)**: $35 (currently $25)

3. Information on Terry and Ron Ferris Scholarship

- The group decided not to provide funding from Pi Alpha Xi funds for Terry Ferris' scholarship. Mary suggested that it might be helpful for UWRF folks raising money for her scholarship to send out information about it to the advisors and friends list. A request will be made specifically for this.

4. Items from the floor

2:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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**Pi Alpha Xi National Committees 2018-2020**

**Fellows committee:**
- Mary Albrecht
- John Peterson
- David Zlesak
- Mary Albrecht (membership services)
- John Peterson (rules committee)
- David Zlesak (photography committee)
- Vacancy 1
- Vacancy 2
- Stephanie Burnett (ex officio)

**Student activities:**
- Chad Miller
- Steve Newman
- Brian Trader

**Membership services:**
- Stephanie Burnett
- Holly Scoggins
- Janet Cole
- Mary Albrecht (photography committee)
- Karen Panter (scholarship committee)
- Steve Newman (nominations committee)

**Rules committee:**
- Richard Harkess
- James Klett
- Mark Bridgen, ex officio
- Alice LeDuc

**Photography committee:**
- Mary Albrecht
- Karen Panter
- Steve Newman
- Mary Albrecht (annual report)

**Scholarship committee:**
- (ad hoc)
- Stephanie Burnett
- Chad Miller
- Mary Albrecht

**Nominations committee:**
- Stephanie Burnett
- Tina Marie Cade
- Paul Thomas

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## 2018 Pi Alpha Xi Financial Report

### Unaudited Statement of Financial Position  
**As of October 31, 2018**

#### ASSETS
- **Current Assets**
  - Checking/Savings  
    - Suntrust  $38,106.24
  - **Total Current Assets**  $38,106.24

#### TOTAL ASSETS  $38,106.24

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY
- **Equity**
  - Temp. Restricted  
    - Net Assets  $2,000.00
  - Unrestricted  
    - Net Assets  $35,469.24
    - Net Income  $637.00

#### Total Equity  $38,106.24

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY  $38,106.24

### Unaudited Statement of Activities  
**July 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018**

#### INCOME
- Chapter Dues  $100.00
- Initiate Dues  $1,015.00
- Manual Sales  $305.00
- Manual Shipping  $30.40
- PAX pins, cords, honor cards  $0.00
- Photo Entry Fees  $70.00

#### TOTAL INCOME  $1,520.40

#### EXPENSES
- Bank & Credit Card Fees  $0.00
- Photocopying  $55.78
- Management Fee/Accounting  $238.00
- Manuals (Shipping supplies)  $104.48
- Photo Contest Awards  $150.00
- Postage  $195.14
- Scholarship (matching funds)  $100.00
- Web hosting/Domain Name  $40.00

#### TOTAL EXPENSES  $883.40

#### NET INCOME  $637.00

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**NATIONAL PAX OFFICERS:**  
2018-2020  

- **Ryan Contreras,** President  
- **Mark Bridgen,** Vice President  
- **Tina Marie Cade,** Secretary  
- **Stephanie Burnett,** Past President  
- **Karen Panter,** Past Past President