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.
The past two years have gone fast. At our Pi Alpha Xi meeting in July 2014 I took over the reins as President of our organization. Since then we have installed two new chapters, worked on updating new chapter acceptance/installation procedures, recognized Dr. Paul Thomas (Sigma 138) as a PAX Fellow, and our chapters collectively inducted about 200 new student members!

As of this writing, I regret we have not yet wrapped up the revision of the procedures for accepting new chapters. There is still time to have a draft ready for our annual meeting in Atlanta, though, so stay tuned.

What have I learned over the last two years? For one, it takes a boatload of people to keep this organization running and I am eternally grateful to Mary Lewnes Albrecht. The Operations Manual she spearheaded in 2012 has been constantly open on my desk. Mary is an inspiration and I don’t know where PAX would be without her guidance. I am also quite grateful to Stephanie Burnett and Tina Cade, our trusty Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. PAX will be in good hands when Stephanie steps up to the Presidency in August; Tina has chosen to remain in her current role so we will be electing a new Vice President.

Our own Paul Thomas fills so many roles, most importantly that of chair of the Photography Contest. He also works behind the scenes so most of our membership is unaware of his contributions. Trust me: they are mammoth.

Also, many thanks to Tim Rhodus for the years put in handling our web site. And also thank you to Cindy Slone at ASHS headquarters who now handles the web site, many daily membership tasks, and our finances. My appreciation also goes out to all at ASHS Headquarters as they graciously house our web site. Thank you Michael Neff and all at the American Society for Horticultural Science!

A final thank you to all of you, our members, for your continued work in horticulture! Our future certainly looks bright, as we are truly outstanding in our chosen field.

Karen Panter
Pi Alpha Xi President
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Pi Alpha Xi Luncheon - Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place at the American Society for Horticulture Science meeting in Atlanta Georgia. We will have a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, August 10th from noon until 2:00 pm in the Atlanta 2 Room of the Sheraton Hotel. Everyone is welcome at our annual meeting. It is a great place to meet Pi Alpha Xi members from other chapters and hear the latest updates from our honors society. Thank you!

Announcement of Photography Contest Winners

For those of you who entered the photography contest, we will have a special announcement of the winners at the American Society for Horticulture Science Meeting this year. It will take place on Tuesday, August 9th from 11 am until noon in the Georgia Hall at the Sheraton Hotel. Good luck to all of you, and many thanks to Paul Thomas and the judges for their service on the photography contest.
Congratulations to our New Members!

We welcome those initiates who joined Pi Alpha Xi most recently from the following chapters. Congratulations to all of you!

Beta (University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign):

Natalie Hein-Ferris    Eliza Hess    Timothy Jang

Iota (North Carolina State University):

Evan R. Baker     Allison Blanchard     Rachel Buress
Bryan Tate Byers     Adam Malcolm Canal     Shannon Dexter
Sarah Davidson-Dyer     Michael Dubanowich     Kevin Alan Foushee
Logan C. Haislip     Harrison Hillier     Stormie Holish
Hays Davenport Johnson     Kamilla Korsvold     Justin Elliot LaBoda
Perry Lowe     Ethan Ray Mason     Kristin Neill
Abbey Noah     Doug Phillips     Miranda Powell
Andrew Jacob Scott     Tracy Thompson     Nathan Trull
Alexa N. Wright     Kelsey Northrup

Kappa (Virginia Tech University):

William Adams     Leanne Bell     Timothy Bell
Tim Bryant     Leah Hirsch     Casey LynnHoff
Maurice Jones III     Brendan Burns Kelly     Wonjae Phillip Kim
Ella Reeves     Patrick Riley     Micah Staker Smalley
Laura Lynn Strange     Faith Taylor     Lucas M. Walton
Laura Yuhase     Grayson Lyons     Carleigh Larson
Tau (University of Georgia):

Nick Nguyen                  Jeff Hansel                  Nicole Encardes
Marc van Iersel              Riana Heinz                  Brendan Ratzinger
Michael DeValle              Jana Hamilton                 Molly Gainer
Teri Rakusin                 Jessi Kerlin                  Charlie Mac Drury
David Miller                 Jacob Cona                    Jean Yost
Landon Barker                 Giselle Fernandez            Melanie Larisa
Mary Morgan Weaver            Thomas Brumblow               Annika Kohler
Emily Currens

Chi (Colorado State University):

Shana Gyger Brown            Laura Mockel                  Nate Goddard
Michael A. Schleining        Jack F. Delmonte              Jamie Lynn Madsen
Holly Harrison               Andrew Sameshima              Paul Koenning
David McKinney               Nicole Brothers               Kelli Larsen
Montana Barrow

Psi (Texas A&M University):

Madison Averitt              Traci Hale                   Ji Sun Lee
Antoinette Joyce Morris      Bruckner Prewitt             Amayrani Vergara
Elizabeth Windon             Celeste A. Winfield

Alpha-Gamma Chapter (University of Nebraska):

Melanie M. Cadwallader       Shiyi Feng                   Kelsey L. Foster
Michael Gray                 Benet Kinghorn               Ashlynn B. Maier
Sarah Elizabeth Masek        Aaron Moore                  Jaclyn M. Nelson
Christina Peters             Huan Zhang                   Nathan Matuszeski
Elizabeth E. Lutz
Alpha Zeta (University of Wisconsin - River Falls):

Peter Ault         Katie Eggert         Mitchell Haase
Nathaniel Holmes   Nicholas Peter       Andrew Rondeau
Aaron Urman        Victoria Kyllo       Brent Arnoldussen
Amy Behnken        Kaitlin Fuhrman      Sarah Kummeth
Jacquelyn Maher    Avery Marcott       Andrew Sherwood
Lisa Swast

Alpha Theta (Iowa State University):

Emma Yahn          Skyler Brazel        Jenna Stadler
Brianna Vest       Marcus Jansen

Alpha Mu (Temple University):

Cindy Ahern        Alexis Bacon         Megan Bazin
Maximillan Blaustein Jayne Bocella-Perras David Carl
Maya Czulewicz     Russell Galanti      Christian Horst
Heidi Karnitz      Barbara Krajewski    Kayla Lindsay
Brendan McNabb     Michael Moskowitz    Bianca Nati
Trevor Palone      Dhan Parker          Jennifer Pflugfelder
Leila Rosen        Matthew Rozanski

Alpha Xi (Texas State University):

Bethany Barnett    Kelley Hall          Amber Joy
Rosalie Kelly      Joseph D. Marks III  Joseph Matza
Sean Phillip Thompson I Nicole Wagner    Chris Wheeler
Alpha Omicron (University of Arkansas):
Loren Anthony          Kenneth Buck          Tyler Carr
Joseph Danton         Kyle Livesay          Jack McCoy
Jennifer Theos        Bennett Whitley       Madolyn Wynn
Dr. Wayne Mackay

Alpha Rho (Oregon State University):
Julia Heaston          Hsuan Chen           Mandie Driskill
Tiffanie White        Christopher Delk      Lianna Smith
Andrew Donaldson      Justin Litwin         Heather Anderson
Dan Heims             Taylor Boquist         Helen Coskey
Tracy Quint           Teresa Garretson      Valerie Conrad
Sara Goodman           Tasia Hyatt           David Boggs

Alpha Sigma (University of Wisconsin):
Hannah Jernigan        Ada Harris            Michael Baldwin

Alpha Tau (University of Maine):
Nicolette Malfitano    Anne Bonnanzio
Pi Alpha Xi National  
**Unaudited Statement of Financial Position**  
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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, drianhncp@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, 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
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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
- 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, memahon.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*, csslone@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](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.