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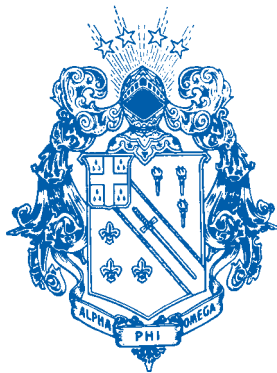
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MAGGIE KATZ, NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Brothers,

2008 was a great year during which Alpha Phi Omega accomplished many great things. As proud as I am of all that has been done and all the individual and group efforts that made it possible, we need to focus on the future and what it will take to tap the Fraternity's unlimited potential.

We need what I call the ABCs – Accountability, Brotherhood and Collaboration. **Accountability:** Say what you mean and mean what you say. If you promise to do something, do it. As Past President Jack McKenzie says, "Taking the job is voluntary, doing it is not." Follow through or let someone know if you need help or think you may fall short. **Brotherhood:** Always treat each other as family. If your family is anything like mine, that doesn't mean we always get along. However, it does mean that we take care of each other, we treat each other with respect and we can disagree without being disagreeable. **Collaboration:** Work together for synergy, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. We can do more together than separately, and we all benefit when new ideas and different perspectives are brought into the mix. Plus, it is a great way to help others develop as leaders.

So, to what do we apply the ABCs?

We need to keep our focus on more healthy chapters. That means more tools for our chapters and local leaders. More skills training, more resources available online, more development of alumni volunteers, more contributions, more service projects in our database, more advertising materials, more communication within the Fraternity.

We need to raise APO's profile in the community. I want students arriving on campus primed to join APO. They should already know about the Fraternity and be looking for a way to get involved. When prospective employers see Alpha Phi Omega on a resume, they should know what it is. We need to increase awareness of the Fraternity to the public-at-large.

We need to find new ways of truly engaging our alumni to keep more of them involved with the Fraternity after graduation. There need to be opportunities to stay connected that fit into the ways lives change after college. Not everyone can or should make the kind of commitment that the Board of Directors, section leadership and advisors make. There needs to be options that are more family-friendly and provide value to our alumni. We also need to do a much better job of helping our brothers understand that membership is a lifetime commitment.

We must make APO more diverse, both within our chapters and nationally. By diverse I mean more than just race or gender. We need people from all walks of life – different socioeconomic groups, different religious and political affiliations, even different class years and majors. Greater diversity brings greater perspective, new ideas, more understanding and helps us meet our Founder's goal of bringing

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The Torch Has Been Passed...



Announcing the 41st National Convention

Atlanta, Georgia
December 2010

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peace to the world. Each of our chapters should be a cross-section of their campus, including everyone interested in Leadership, Friendship and Service. We must all reach out to those around us, making sure there is room for all and that everyone feels truly welcome. We face this same challenge as a Board and must step up our efforts to attract new, diverse individuals rather than recruiting from the same old spots. We can all make an effort to encourage those around us to get more involved, especially those from underrepresented groups.

We need to look at the way we do business and re-examine everything. As Plato wrote, "The unexamined life is not worth living." *Because we've always done it that way* should never be the reason we do anything. Change just for the sake of change is not wise either; however, everything should be reviewed on a regular basis and reassessed to ensure it still helps us reach our goals, which should also be reviewed routinely. We need to foster continuous improvement

by engaging in critical self-evaluation as individuals, as a fraternity and as a Board of Directors. The Board has already begun a review of our national goals to ensure they still represent the proper direction for the Fraternity. The next step is to look at the structure of the Board to ensure we are designed to meet our goals in the most effective manner.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. It's going to be another busy, exciting year for Alpha Phi Omega, full of improvements and growth and, as always, Leadership, Friendship and Service.

In brotherhood,

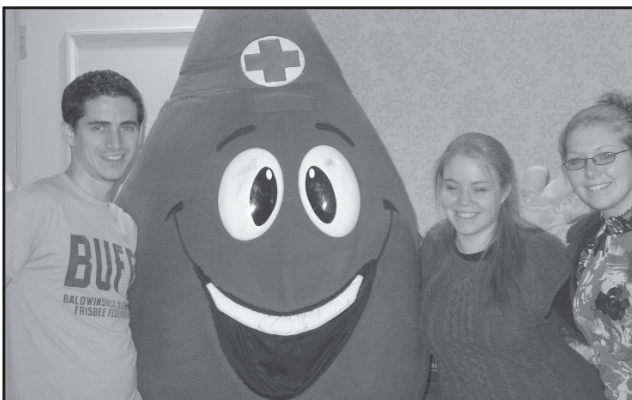
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maggie".

Maggie

Convention Edition!

The 2008 National Convention in Boston brought together hundreds of chapter members and alumni from across the nation and gave them myriad opportunities to provide service during their visit. From making cards for soldiers to pruning the area around Charles River, these chapters spent four days making a difference in the Fraternity, and in our beautiful 2008 host city.

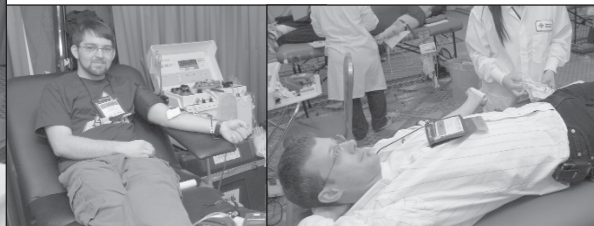
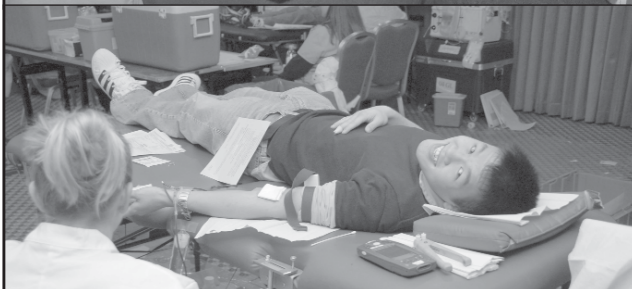
Here are only a few of the exciting service projects that kept our brothers in action during their visit to Boston.



BLOOD DRIVE

Alpha Phi Omega actives and alumni joined the American Red Cross for a blood drive on Tuesday, December 30, 2008. After a great showing of brothers, the Fraternity donated 133 pints of blood and saved approximately 399 lives during just six hours of service.

If you are interested in donating blood to your community's blood bank, visit www.givelife.org to find an American Red Cross blood drive in your area.



AIDS RIBBON MAKING/SELLING

Brothers gathered Saturday, December 27, 2008, to make AIDS Awareness Ribbons to sell for \$1 throughout the remaining Convention days. Brothers made an estimated 1,000 ribbons and donated the proceeds to Aidskids.org.

For more for more information on this organization, visit www.AIDSkids.org



Brothers in Action

BLANKET MAKING

No-sew blanket making was a hit at the 2008 National Convention. Brothers made fleece no-sew blankets, which were later donated to Cradles to Crayons. With the cold weather that hit after Convention, these were a much-needed and appreciated donation for Bostonians in need.

For more information on Cradles to Crayons, visit www.cradlestocrayons.org



BOOK BINDING FOR BRAILLE PRESS

Volunteers gathered at one of only two Braille presses in the world to help bind a children's book on Monday, December 29, 2008. With the help of many brothers, the Fraternity collated 500 copies of the children's book *Aggie and Ben: Three Stories* by Lori Ries.



CARD MAKING

Volunteers gathered to make holiday cards for troops who were away from their families during the holiday season, as well as for a local elderly care home. Hundreds of cards were decorated by Alpha Phi Omega members and were distributed with the hope of creating a smile.



CHARLES RIVER TREE PRUNING

Though a bit chilly, Alpha Phi Omega's willing members gathered along the Charles River in downtown Boston on Sunday, December 28, 2008, to help prune trees. These hard workers left Boston in better shape than when they arrived!

For more information on Charles River Conservancy visit www.thecharles.org



Introducing the Newly Elected Officers of the Alpha Phi Omega National Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

MAGGIE KATZ

Gamma Pi, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Maggie pledged Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in fall 1980 and repledged in fall 2000. She served Section 54 as treasurer (1987-1989) and chair (1989-1994).

She served on the Board of Directors as Region VI Director (1994-1998), Program Director (1998-2002) and Vice President (2002-2006). Maggie was elected President by the delegates of the 2006 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and was re-elected by the 2008 National Convention delegates in Boston. Maggie is a Life Member, Silver Founder's Circle

donor and a member of the Blue & Gold Society. She was awarded Distinguished Service Keys from Gamma Pi Chapter, Section 54 and Region VI. She currently serves as advisor to Gamma Pi Chapter and Zeta Pi Chapter (rechartered 2006) at Wayne State University. Professionally, Maggie is vice president and chief operations officer for the Michigan Colleges Foundation. She has a B.A. in political science from the University of Michigan (1984) and an M.B.A. in marketing from Eastern Michigan University (1996). Maggie is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity. She resides in Livonia, Michigan, with her two cats.



Above: Maggie Katz mingles with brothers during a service project. Right: Mark Stratton pauses a moment in the rush of convention activities.

VICE PRESIDENT

MARK STRATTON

Delta Xi, Ball State University

Mark pledged Delta Xi Chapter at Ball State University in fall 1994 as part of the Alexander Lewandowski Pledge Class. He was a member of the Section 52 volunteer staff

(communications chair, membership chair, leadership development chair), Region VI volunteer staff (alumni coordinator, leadership development coordinator, membership coordinator, parliamentarian), vice chairman of the Membership & Extension Committee, National Convention Legislative Director and APO LEADS Discover presenter. Mark previously served on the Board of Directors as Region VI Director (2004-2006). He was originally elected Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega by the delegates of the 2006 National

Convention in Louisville, Kentucky; he was re-elected Vice President by the delegates of the 2008 National Convention in Boston. Mark was awarded Distinguished Service Keys by Delta Xi and Tau Omicron Chapters, Section 52 and Region VI. He is a Life Member and Gold Torchbearer. Professionally, Mark is co-manager of the Office of Census Data for the Indiana Legislative Services Agency and a part-time instructor of political science at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. He has a B.A. and an M.A. in political science from Ball State. Mark lives in Fishers, Indiana, with his wife Michele (Omicron Zeta Chapter) and their two children.



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PROGRAM DIRECTORS

ALUMNI RELATIONS & INTERNAL VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

JEFF CANTOR

Kappa, Carnegie Mellon University

Jeff is an environmental engineer for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1991). Jeff was appointed to the Board of Directors as the Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Director (2006-present). He is a Life Member and Torchbearer.

Jeff lives outside of Trenton, New Jersey, with his wife, Alycia Bauch-Cantor (Delta Rho), and their two dogs.

MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION

HON. JOHN K. OTTENAD, J.D.

Alpha Phi, Washington University

John is the administrative law judge for the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation in St. Louis. He received his A.B. in history and political science from Washington University in St. Louis (1991) and his J.D. from Washington University School of Law (1994). John was appointed to the Board of Directors as Region VIII Director (2004-2006) and as Membership & Extension Director (2006-present). He is a Life Member and Diamond Torchbearer. John received Alpha Phi Chapter and Section 49 Distinguished Service Keys and was the spring 1993 Pledge Class Namesake Honoree for Alpha Phi Chapter. He resides in Manchester, Missouri.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

CARLA MORAN

Theta Zeta, University of New Hampshire

Carla is the chief of staff to a Massachusetts state legislator. She received her B.A. in political science from the University of New Hampshire and graduate certificate in public policy from the University of Massachusetts – Boston. Carla was appointed to the Board of Directors as Service & Communication Director (2002-2008) and as the External Relations Director (2008-present). She received Theta Zeta's Distinguished Service Key, and was honored as Pledge Class Co-Namesake Honoree (1995). Carla is a Life Member and Diamond Torchbearer, as well as lifetime member of the



Top: Jeff Cantor and John Ottenad wait for the start of the candidate forum.

Right: Ed Richter presents the National Leadership Award.

Above: Carla Moran poses before the candidate forum.



Girl Scouts of the USA and past Explorer (BSA). Carla resides in Quincy, Massachusetts, with husband, George Kober (Alpha Phi & Alpha Psi).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ED RICHTER

Alpha Iota, Ohio State University

Ed is a senior reporter for the Middletown Journal in Middletown, Ohio. He received his B.A. in journalism from The Ohio State University (1987). Ed was appointed to the Board of Directors as Service & Communication Director (1998-2002), as Membership & Extension Director (2002-2006), and as Leadership Development Director (2006-present). In 1987, Ed received Alpha Iota Chapter's Dennis Wallis Award. He was awarded Distinguished Services Keys in 1994 by Section 57 and Zeta Kappa Chapter, and by Region V in 2003. Ed is a Life Member and Silver Torchbearer. He is an Eagle Scout and received the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, the Silver Beaver award and the Wood Badge. Ed resides in Franklin, Ohio, with wife, Sandra (Alpha Iota honorary member).

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Left: Adam Bolain relaxes at the Awards Banquet. Below: Keith Roots participates in a panel discussion.



REGIONAL DIRECTORS

REGION I

MARILYN MIMS DOW

Phi, Syracuse University

Marilyn is an art teacher at Parthum Middle School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. She received her B.F.A. in surface pattern design (1995) and M.S. in art education (1996) from Syracuse University in New York. She was elected to the Board of Directors as Region I Director (2002-present). She received Distinguished Service Keys from Section 96 in spring 2004 and Phi Chapter in December 1995; and was named Phi Chapter's

Spring Pledge Class Namesake Honoree in 2003. Marilyn is a Life Member and Diamond Torchbearer. She resides in Epping, New Hampshire, with husband, Mike (Phi Epsilon).

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

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SERVICE

ADAM BOLAIN

Beta Rho, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville

Adam is quality assurance project manager for Heinz North America. He received his B.S. in chemistry from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (1995). Adam was appointed to the Board of Directors as the Region V Director (2004-2008) and then as Service Director (2008-present). He received Distinguished Service Keys from Beta Rho Chapter and Section 41, and was named the Pledge Class Namesake Honoree for Beta Rho and Xi Omicron Chapters (spring 2008). Adam is a Life Member and Silver Founder's Circle donor. He resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with wife, Sandra (Beta Rho), and their two children.

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

KEITH D. ROOTS

Theta, University of Virginia

Keith is the director of the College Guide Program at the University of Virginia. He received his B.A. in government from the University of Virginia (1986) and his M.Ed. in educational psychology from the University of Texas (1991). Keith was appointed to the Board of Directors as the Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Director (2000-2002), as the Finance & Operations Director (2002-2004, 2008-present). Keith is a Life Member and Silver Founder's Circle donor. He received Distinguished Service Keys from Beta Zeta Chapter (University of Georgia), Section 72 and Theta Chapter. Keith was named the Spring Pledge Class Namesake Honoree at Alpha Rho (1994) and Beta Zeta (2000). He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. Keith resides in Louisa, Virginia.

REGION II

MICHAEL HABER

Epsilon Zeta, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Michael is an operations manager for Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. in Albany, New York. He majored in physics and minored in astronomy at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Michael was elected to the Board of Directors as Region II Director (2004-present). He received

the Epsilon Zeta Chapter Distinguished Service Key and the Section 88 Golden Eagle Staff Award. Michael was named Pledge Class Namesake Honoree by Xi Rho Chapter in spring 2000 and Alpha Delta Eta Chapter in spring 2002. He is a Life Member and Gold Torchbearer. Michael resides in Troy, New York.



Marilyn Mims Dow, left, and Michael Haber line up on stage for officer installation during the National Convention Awards Banquet on December 30, 2008.

REGION III

DAWN GURGANIOUS

Alpha Delta Delta, George Mason University

Dawn is a special education teacher in Springfield, Virginia. She received her M.Ed. in student personnel services from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina (2001) and her B.S. in public administration from George Mason University in Fairfax County, Virginia (1999). She was elected to the Board of Directors as Region III Director (2006-present). Dawn received Distinguished Service Keys from Alpha Delta Delta Chapter (1999) and Section 83 (2004), and was named Alpha Delta Delta's Spring Pledge Class Namesake Honoree in 2000. She is a Life Member and Torchbearer. Dawn resides in Falls Church, Virginia.



REGION IV

MATT J. CROSS

Psi Omega, University of Central Florida

Matt is a network administrator for the Seminole County Government and an improv performer/technician at the SAK Comedy Lab. He received his A.A. in engineering from Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Florida (1991). Matt was elected to the Board of Directors as the Region IV Director (2004-present). He received Distinguished Service Keys from Psi Omega Chapter (2000) and Section 74 (2004), and was named Psi Omega's Spring Pledge Class Namesake Honoree in 2005. Matt is a Life Member and Silver Torchbearer. He resides in Sanford, Florida.



Above left: Dawn Gurganious takes care of business at the Region III meeting. Above right: Rob Coop enjoys the company of brothers during the Awards Banquet. Right: John Strada responds to a question. Above: Matt Cross speaks during the Region IV meeting.

REGION V

JOHN T. STRADA

Delta, Auburn University

John is on the communication studies faculty at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky. He received his M.A. in communication (1999), B.A. in communication (1995) and B.S. in aviation management (1993) from Auburn University in Alabama. John was elected to the Board of Directors as Region V Director (2008-present). He received Distinguished Service Keys from Delta Chapter, Alpha Zeta Chapter (University of Kentucky) and Section 67. In 2008 he was named Alpha Gamma Phi Chapter's (Northern Kentucky University) Spring Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. John is a Life Member and Torchbearer. He resides in Lexington, Kentucky.

REGION VI

ROB M. COOP, PE

Tau Omicron, Indiana University Purdue University

Rob is a project manager for USI Consultants, Inc. in Indianapolis. He received his B.S. in civil engineering with a certificate in consulting engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1993) and became a licensed professional engineer in Indiana and Michigan (1999). Rob was elected to the Board of Directors as Region VI Director (2006-present). He is a Life Member and Gold Torchbearer, recipient of the Section 52 Distinguished Service Key (2000), a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and an Eagle Scout. He resides in Westfield, Indiana, with wife, Lisa (Alpha Gamma) and daughter, Gabrielle.

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REGION IX

EMILY ENGELLAND, M.D., M.P.H.

Alpha Phi, Washington University

Emily is an occupational health physician and emergency management medical director at Franciscan Skemp Mayo Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin. She received her B.A. in biology and Spanish from Washington University in St. Louis (1996), her M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine (2001) and her M.P.H., in environmental and occupational health sciences, from the University of Illinois at Chicago (2007). She was elected to the Board of Directors as Region IX Director (2008-present). Emily is a Life Member, Gold Torchbearer, and childhood member of Camp Fire USA. She is the recipient of Alpha Phi

Chapter's Distinguished Service Key and the Spring 2001 Pledge Class Namesake Honoree for Alpha Phi Chapter. Emily resides in La Crosse, Wisconsin, with her two cats.

Top left: Cole Robertson enjoys the Awards Banquet. Top right: Emily Engelland poses with the regional directors after officer installation. Above: Jennifer Churchill gathers with a group at the Boy Scout display. Above left: Ping Huang rejoins his table after installation. Left: Franklin Brodsky strikes a pose after donating his hair to Locks of Love.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS (Continued from page 9)

REGION VII

COLE ROBERTSON

Beta Rho, University of Arkansas

Cole is a licensed real estate broker and owner of Phoenix-Redstone Management and Raider Locators in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a recreation and leisure services management major and business minor. Cole was elected to the Board of Directors as the Region VII Director (2006-present). He received Distinguished Service Keys from Beta Sigma (Texas Tech University) in 1992 and Section 40 in 2001, and was named the Spring 1999 Omega Gamma (Angelo State University) Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. Cole is a Life Member and Diamond Torchbearer. He resides in Lubbock, Texas.

REGION VIII

JENNIFER CHURCHILL

Delta Beta, University of Oklahoma

Jennifer is a master production planner for Hitachi Computer Products (America), Inc. in Norman, Oklahoma. She received her B.S. in language arts education from the University of Oklahoma in Norman (1994). Jennifer was elected to the Board of Directors as the Region VIII Director (2008-present). She is a Life Member and Silver Torchbearer. Jennifer received Delta Beta and Section 32 Distinguished Service Keys and was the Pledge Class Namesake Honoree for Delta Beta Chapter. She resides in Noble, Oklahoma.

REGION X

FRANKLIN BRODSKY

Epsilon Zeta, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Franklin is a senior component architect for Intel Corporation. He received his B.S. in engineering physics (1995) and his B.S. in electrical engineering (1996), both from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Franklin was elected to the Board of Directors as Region X Director (2006-present). In 2001, he was named the Spring Pledge Class Namesake Honoree at Alpha Delta Rho (Northern Arizona University). He is a Life Member and Diamond Torchbearer. He resides in Chandler, Arizona.

REGION XI

PING HUANG

Alpha Chi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ping is a software solution architect for BDNA Corp. in Mountain View, California. He received his B.S. (1994) and M.E. (1995) in electrical engineering and computer science from MIT. Ping was elected to the Board of Directors as the Region XI Director (2008-present). In 1993, he received Alpha Chi Chapter's Distinguished Service Key and was named Omicron Zeta (CSU Hayward) Chapter's Spring Pledge Class Namesake Honoree in 1998. Ping is a Life Member and Diamond Founder's Circle donor. He resides in Mountain View, California.

Boston, Massachusetts

2008 National Convention Awards

National Distinguished Service Award

Fred C. Heismeyer
Michael C. Nathan
mrn Tomusiak

National Leadership Award

Epsilon Chapter, *Truman State University*

Honorable Mention – National Leadership Award

Alpha Delta Delta Chapter, *George Mason University*

M.R. Disborough Service to Scouting National Award

Beta Psi Chapter, *Southeast Missouri State University*

The Arno “Shorty” Nowotny National Service Award

Theta Kappa Chapter, *SUNY-Binghamton*

Josiah Frank National Historian’s Award

Beta Sigma, *Texas Tech University*

Earle M. Herbert National Friendship Award

Xi Omicron Chapter, *Tarleton State University*

John S. Grossi National Man Mile Award

Alpha Zeta Eta, *University of Alaska Anchorage*

Phyllis C. Tenney National Excellence in Advising Award

Jon-Mark Bernal, **Beta Sigma Chapter**, *Texas Tech University*
Lynne Mowers, **Phi Chapter**, *Syracuse University*
Paul Louie, **Omicron Phi Chapter**, *University of Richmond*
V. Ray Hancock, **Pi Omicron Chapter**, *Emory & Henry College*

National Distinguished Alumnus Award

Emilio “Mel” Gonzales Jr.

Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award

Fr. James Lang
Kat Zibell-Flynn
Michael Richardson
Paul Louie

National Roll Call Award

Nu Omega Chapter, *University of Alaska Fairbanks*

2008 National Convention Chair
Rebecca N. Ward

**2008 National Convention
Co-Coordinators**
George R. Kober and mrn Tomusiak



2007-08 CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD (in Greek Order)

Epsilon Chapter – *Truman State University*
Mu Chapter – *Indiana University*
Alpha Gamma Chapter – *Purdue University*
Alpha Zeta Chapter – *University of Kentucky*
Alpha Phi Chapter – *Washington University*
Beta Pi Chapter – *University of Tulsa*
Beta Rho Chapter – *University of Arkansas*
Beta Psi Chapter – *Southeast Missouri State University*
Gamma Theta Chapter – *University of Colorado at Boulder*
Gamma Pi Chapter – *University of Michigan Ann Arbor*
Delta Beta Chapter – *University of Oklahoma*
Delta Delta Chapter – *Saint Louis University*
Epsilon Pi Chapter – *Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville*
Zeta Delta Chapter – *Miami University*
Zeta Kappa Chapter – *Bowling Green State University*
Zeta Lambda Chapter – *University of Toledo*
Zeta Psi Chapter – *University of Oregon*
Eta Sigma Chapter – *Illinois College*
Eta Phi Chapter – *American University*
Theta Epsilon Chapter – *Illinois State University*
Theta Theta Chapter – *Centre College*
Kappa Chi Chapter – *Creighton University*
Mu Alpha Chapter – *Georgetown University*
Mu Theta Chapter – *Luther College*
Xi Upsilon Chapter – *Mount Union College*
Sigma Sigma Chapter – *University of Illinois-Chicago*
Phi Theta Chapter – *Arkansas Tech University*
Alpha Delta Mu – *Ramapo College of New Jersey*
Alpha Zeta Eta – *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Alpha Zeta Kappa – *Eastern Kentucky University*

2007-08 PLEDGE PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE AWARD (in Greek Order)

Epsilon Chapter – *Truman State University*
Mu Chapter – *Indiana University*
Alpha Phi Chapter – *Washington University*
Beta Rho Chapter – *University of Arkansas*
Beta Psi Chapter – *Southwest Missouri State University*
Delta Delta Chapter – *Saint Louis University*
Epsilon Pi Chapter – *Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville*
Zeta Beta Chapter – *Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University*
Zeta Kappa Chapter – *Bowling Green State University*
Zeta Psi Chapter – *University of Oregon*
Eta Sigma Chapter – *Illinois College*
Eta Phi Chapter – *American University*
Theta Alpha Chapter – *Stevens Institute of Technology*
Mu Alpha Chapter – *Georgetown University*
Xi Upsilon Chapter – *Mount Union College*
Phi Theta Chapter – *Arkansas Tech University*
Alpha Epsilon Epsilon Chapter – *Henderson State University*
Alpha Epsilon Zeta Chapter – *University of Texas at Dallas*
Alpha Zeta Eta Chapter – *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Alpha Zeta Kappa Chapter – *Eastern Kentucky University*

Legislative Assembly of Alpha Phi Omega: Actions of the 2008 National Convention

AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS

The following articles in the National Bylaws were amended by the National Convention:

Article VIII – Finance

Section 14 – Annual Insurance Fee

The amount of the annual insurance fee is not to exceed \$7 and will be set annually by the Board of Directors on or before August 1.

Article IX – Chapters

Section 18 – Finance and Property

The language of this article was adjusted for clarity purposes by the Convention. The financial records of each chapter must now be reviewed (formerly “audited”) by an official approved by the institution in which the chapter is located.

Article XII – Alumni

Section 2 – Local Alumni Association

Each recognized local alumni association is required to reaffirm its recognition annually by May 15.

Article V – National Officers

Section 6 – Duties of the National Program Directors

Article VII – National Committees **Section 6 – Duties of the National Service and Communication Committee**

Communication was removed from Service and Communication as it pertains to the Program Director position, as the National Office now employs a Director of Communications to handle the responsibilities related to the Communications title.

Article VI – National Board of Directors

Section 4 – Membership of the Executive Committee

Membership of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was restructured and now consists of the President as Chair, the Vice President, the National Finance and Operations Director, one other Program Director, two regional directors, and as ex-officio, nonvoting members, the Executive Director, the National Legal Counsel and the Immediate Past National President.

The second Program Director on the Executive Committee will be elected by a majority vote of the Program Directors. The regional directors will be elected by a majority vote of the regional directors. The election will take place at the first Board of Directors meeting following the close of the National Convention. The term of the elected Executive Committee will be two years.

Article VI – National Board of Directors

Section 6 – Board Meetings

“Currently elected” was removed from this section when it appears before “voting members of the Board of Directors.”

Article X – Sections

Section 2 (5) – Sectional Leadership

The Convention decided that sectional officials can be impeached for nonfeasance, in addition to misconduct or malfeasance in office.

Article VI – National Board of Directors

Section 9 – Impeachment

The Convention decided that members of the Board of Directors and other elected officials of the Fraternity, including regional officials,

may be impeached for nonfeasance, in addition to misconduct or malfeasance in office.

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD CHAPTER ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Standard Chapter Articles of Association were updated by the Convention in accordance with the amended changes to the National Bylaws.

RITUALS & TRADITIONS

The Convention made minor changes to the Initiation Ritual to clarify directions for those performing and participating in the Ritual. An optional Big Brother revelation ceremony was also approved by the National Convention.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed:

- 1) The Fraternity will create a Local Alumni Association Distinguished Service Key.
- 2) The Board of Directors will adjust the timeframe for regional alumni voting delegate selection to require a 14-day minimum, 60-day maximum due date prior to the opening of the National Convention.
- 3) Be it resolved that we, the 2008 National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, thank:
 - The Board of Directors: Maggie Katz, Mark A. Stratton, Jeffrey L. Cantor, Jim Hahn, Carla Moran, John K. Ottenad, Ed Richter, W. Brant Warrick, Marilyn Mims Dow, Michael E. Haber, Dawn M. Gurganious, Matthew J. Cross, J. Adam Bolain, Robert M. Coop,

- Cole T. Robertson, Kathryn S.K. Whitfield, Ginny Combs, Franklyn D. Brodsky, Tony Ploughe, Robert J. London, Robert C. Barkhurst, David A. Emery, Dr. Stan Carpenter, E. Ross Forman, Dr. Tom Galt, Bobby Hainline, Dr. Fred Heismeyer III, Dr. Lawrence Hirsch, Lorain Jurvis, Wilfred Krenek, Jack McKenzie, Dr. Glen Nygreen, William Roth, Gerald Schroeder, Lucius Young, Dr. C.P. Zlatkovich, Ret., George Cahill, Irwin Gerst, Roger Sherwood, Warren Weidman, James Chandler.
- Parliamentarian: Jeff Neurauter
- Alpha Phi Omega - Philippines President: "Mel" Magleo V. Adriano
- Convention Chair: Becca Ward
- Convention Operations & Finance Coordinator: George Kober
- Convention Programming Coordinator: mnrn Tomusiak
- National Convention Planning Committee Secretary: Christine Rossman
- Convention Committee Members: Eileen Gribouski, Brandon Ingram, Francis Song, Peter Burger, Sara Praschak, Elena Sebe, Seamus Thompson, Ed Pollack, Jessica Merrick, Laura Williamson, Mandy Lane, Amanda Dezak, Dylan McGraw, Jennifer Penna, Danielle O'Reilly, Shaun Moore, Meli Mathis, Michele Nunes, Heather Forte, Joanna Adler, Ray Kirchof, Nick Harbison, Daniel Lachar, Rory Szwed, Jennifer Tu, Kate DeSisto, Talia Simonds, Steven Ferraro, C.J. Rauch, Bonnie Donnell, Keegan Daley, Tom Lyon, Valarie Lohan, Michelle Rounds, Lauren Garrett, Mandi Holmes, Matthew Goldstein, Yi-Hsin Lin, Andy Braverman, Kim Usselman, Jennifer "Blondie" Barnes, Ashlee Iber and Colin Milne
- Fellowship Banquet Keynote Speaker: Wilfred Krenek
- Awards Banquet Keynote Speaker: Luther E. McIlwain

- Musicians: Pat Finn, Jeff Hattabaugh, Jamie
- "The Lights Out" band: Adam Ritchie, Rishava Green, Matt King and Jesse James
- The National Convention Workshop Presenters & Facilitators
- The National Office staff
- The Region III APO Richmond, Virginia Alumni Association
- The Sheraton Boston Hotel
- The Hynes Convention Center
- The City of Boston and Mayor Thomas M. Menino
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Dewberry

Thanks also to all members of Reference Committees for their grueling service to the Fraternity and their advisors, the Sergeant-At-Arms/Legislation Floor Service/Safety & Security volunteers, the voting delegates, and the active brothers and guests for their attendance

- 4) That the following be stricken from the Phyllis Churhill Tenney Excellence in Advising Award application: "The nominee clearly demonstrates awareness of the appropriate role of an advisor."
- 5) The current Fraternity Membership Policy, Risk Management Policy and National Pledging Standards be included in all future printings of the National Bylaws booklet.
- 6) The Board of Directors will clarify on paperwork and all published materials for the Fraternity the relationship between Life Membership and active membership in order to minimize confusion between the two. It was further resolved that the Finance and Operations Committee re-evaluate the Life Membership programs.
- 7) The Executive Director, as editor in chief of all official Fraternity publications, will re-enforce that no rituals or ceremonies be published – including, but not limited to, articles and images – in official Alpha Phi Omega publications.

- 8) The President will appoint a committee to look into the privacy of all Fraternity rituals and ceremonies. The committee will report back on this matter at the 2010 National Convention. In addition, material should be made available to all chapters outlining acceptable practices regarding external media.
- 9) Alpha Phi Omega will encourage its chapters to participate with local Girl Scout Councils in their 100th-anniversary celebrations, as well as increase the knowledge of and participation in Girl Scouting within Fraternity chapters.
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- 11) APO-USA, APO-Philippines and ICAPO will work together to create an APO information booth at National and World Scout Jamborees, Moots and other appropriate international Scout gatherings.
- 12) The National Service Week program of emphasis for 2009-2010 will be "Blue and Gold Go Green: Environmentalism." The project theme for 2009 will be "Service to the Earth" and the 2010 project theme will be "Get the Green Out: Making Communities Greener."
- 13) Alpha Phi Omega will encourage regions and chapters to collect electronic equipment in shoe boxes (eShoeBox) for donation to libraries in the Philippines.
- 14) The President will establish a task force to review the selection process for the location of the National Convention, including amending Board policy and clarification of roles. The task force is expected to submit necessary changes to the 41st National Convention.

Winter Board Action

February 7, 2009, Kansas City, Missouri

- Approved minutes of the July 12, and December 30, 2008 meetings
- The Board reviewed the Fraternity's Strategic Plan
- Appointed the 2009 Pledge Class Namesake Honoree Committee
- Approved the following dates and locations for future Board meetings:
 - July 10-12, 2009.....Kansas City, Missouri
 - February 5-7, 2009.....Kansas City, Missouri
 - July 9-11, 2010.....Atlanta, Georgia
- On the recommendation of Brother Ottenad (and appropriate Regional Directors), and pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the National Bylaws, the President declared the following chapters' charters null and void:
 - Pi Chi Chapter at Duquesne University (Region V, Section 65)
 - Alpha Epsilon Rho Chapter at West Liberty University (Region V, Section 65)
 - Pi Beta Chapter at University of Dubuque (Region IX, Section 21)
- Unanimously approved the rechartering of the Chi Lambda Chapter at Elizabeth State University (Region III, Section 80) and the chartering of Alpha Zeta Rho Chapter at Defiance College (Region 5, Section 56)
- Unanimously approved Brother Maura Harty as a Trustee to serve on the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment.
- Approved the Executive Director negotiating and entering into a contract with the Hyatt Regency Atlanta as the host for the 2010 National Convention
- Approved splitting the Board Policy Manual into two documents.
- Brother Katz assigned the Board members responsible for seeing Convention Directives are addressed.
- Approved the following Board appointments made by President Katz.
 - Archivist.....Bob Barkhurst
 - International Relations DirectorBeth Tom

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Passing On the Legacy... Generation to Generation

Kristie Wallace, Director of Annual Giving, development.director@apo.org

Life Membership in Alpha Phi Omega is a way of continuing the legacy you began as a student and creating a lifetime connection with the Fraternity. This year we encouraged alumni Life Members to pass on the legacy by "sponsoring" a student's new Life Membership. Actives who were not already Life Members and were attending the 2008 National Convention entered their names in a drawing. The winners were given the name of their sponsor so they could make a

personal connection. Receiving a Life Membership from a distinguished alumni brother made their experience and memories of National Convention even more special. Sponsors felt good about supporting a student in a personal and meaningful way. The Alpha Phi Omega Endowment received \$3,250, which will continue to grow and benefit the Fraternity for years to come! Following are the 65 sponsors of these Life Memberships:

David M. & Melodie (Eagle) Anderson
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WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

March 19, 2009

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

March 20-22, 2009

*Section 81 Conference
Alpha Beta Psi, Roanoke College*

March 21-22, 2009

*Section 64 Conference
Omega Mu, Clarion University of Pennsylvania*

March 27-29, 2009

*Eta Epsilon 60th Anniversary Celebration
Eta Epsilon, Millikin University*

March 27-29, 2009

*Section 8 Conference
Nu Omega, University of Alaska at Fairbanks*

March 27-29, 2009

*Section 40 Conference
Omicron Delta, McMurry University*

March 27-29, 2009

*Section 53/55 Conference
Zeta Pi, Wayne State University*

March 27-29, 2009

*Section 61 Conference
Alpha Zeta Mu, Shepard University*

March 27-29, 2009

*87/88/89 Tri-Sectional Conference
Kappa Phi, St. Lawrence University*

March 27-29, 2009

*Section 94/96 Conclave
Delta Sigma, University of Connecticut*

March 28-30, 2009

*71/73/75 Tri-Sectional Conference
Iota Rho, Florida State University*

March 28-30, 2009

*Section 90 Conference
Lambda Alpha, East Tennessee State University*

April

April 3-5, 2009

*Section 41 Conference
Phi Xi, Austin College*

April 3-5, 2009

*47/50/51 Tri-Sectional Conference
Eta Sigma, Illinois College*

April 3-5, 2009

*Section 67 Conference
Delta Theta, University of Louisville*

April 3-5, 2009

*Section 90 Conference
Alpha Beta, Pennsylvania State University*

April 4, 2009

*Section 2 Conference
Rho Pi, University of California at San Diego*

April 4, 2009

*Section 49 Conference
Epsilon, Truman State University*

April 6-8, 2009

*Section 76 Conference
Beta Zeta, University of Georgia*

April 10-12, 2009

*Section 36/46 Conference
Delta Xi, Ball State University*

April 17-19, 2009

*Section 31/46 Conference
Delta Xi, Ball State University*

April 17-19, 2009

*Section 65/66 Conference
Lambda Omega, California University of Pennsylvania*

April 18, 2009

*Section 1 Conference
Alpha Delta Theta, University of California at Riverside*

April 18, 2009

*Section 4 Conference
Mu Zeta/Alpha Epsilon Nu, San Francisco State University*

April 19, 2009

*Section 99 Conference
Alpha Delta Phi, Seton Hall University*

April 24-26, 2009

*Beta Rho 70th Anniversary Celebration
Beta Rho, University of Arkansas*

April 26-28, 2009
SPRING YOUTH SERVICE DAY

May

May 4, 2009

Reporting Deadline - Spring Youth Service Day

May 22-25, 2009

*Section 98 Conference
San Juan, Puerto Rico*

May 29-31, 2009

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