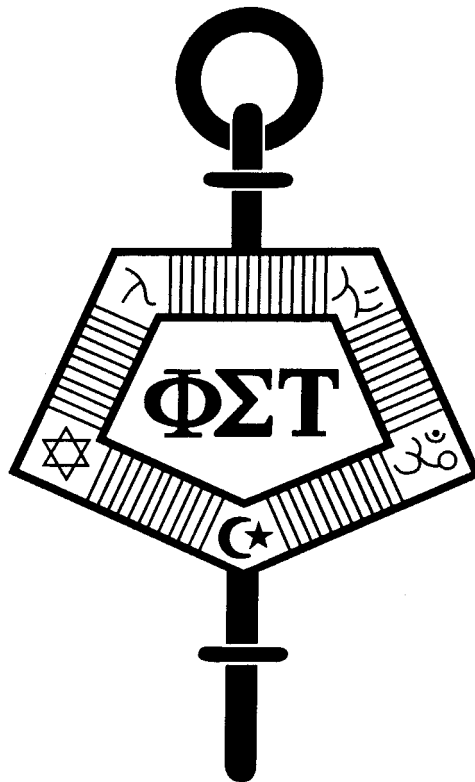


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Please keep the Manual up to date, and remember that it should be returned to the Chapter Advisor between academic years, so that new officers may have access to it at the beginning of each new academic year.

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PHI SIGMA TAU A Short History

Phi Sigma Tau was founded at Muhlenberg College in 1930 as Alpha Kappa Alpha, with chapters at colleges in Maryland and Pennsylvania. It remained in this regional status until October of 1955, when it was incorporated as **Phi Sigma Tau**, a National Honor Society in Philosophy. Its essential purpose was and is to promote ties among philosophy departments in accredited institutions and students in philosophy nationally. Both on the local and national levels, **Phi Sigma Tau** considers its organization as instrumental: a means for developing and honoring academic excellence as well as philosophical interest. In addition to providing a means of awarding distinction to students having high scholarship and interest in philosophy, the Society also promotes interest in philosophy among the general collegiate public. Under Internal Revenue Service regulations, Phi Sigma Tau is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

GROWTH

In 1955, **Phi Sigma Tau** included twelve chapters in Ohio, Tennessee, Maryland, Washington, D.C., New Mexico, California, and Louisiana. By 1958 ten additional chapters had been added, including those which had formerly constituted Alpha Kappa Alpha; and the date of the latter's founding was taken as **Phi Sigma Tau**'s founding date. In 1958 the Society was admitted to full membership in the **Association of College Honor Societies** (ACHS), and by 1969 its chapter network included 55 chapters in 32 states. The Society became international in 1991 with the installation of its first Canadian chapter; and, as of August, 2016, its chapter network includes over 200 chapters.

GOVERNMENT

The National Officers consist of President, Vice-President, and Executive Secretary. The PST Executive Council consists of these three National Officers, plus four Area Council Representatives, one of whom is the editor for *Dialogue*.

CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

Local chapters retain a high degree of autonomy, and are often associated with philosophy clubs on their college campuses. Chapter membership is open to qualified graduate and undergraduate students, teachers of philosophy, and those who qualify as honorary chapter members. At the national level the Society has also established a **Laureate Chapter** (whose members are distinguished philosophers throughout the world), and a **National Alumni Chapter** (for graduated PST members who wish to continue their affiliation with the Society).

INSIGNIA

The Society's emblem is a pentagon with the letters *Phi Sigma Tau* at the center. Each of the angles contains a word representing one of the five streams of world thought: Chinese, Indian, Islamic, Hebrew, and Greek. The seal of the Society is the reverse side of the Athenian silver tetradrachma (B.C. 480-400), which bears the owl, olive spray, and small crescent. The margin of the seal carries the legend, *Phi Sigma Tau, 1930*.

PUBLICATIONS

Beginning in 1930, annual meetings were held at which student papers were read and discussed, then published in an annual volume entitled **Philosophy**. Since 1956, the Society has published twice yearly an official journal, **Dialogue**, publication in which is open to all students in philosophy. **Dialogue** appears in October and April of each academic year. The 2015-2016 academic year marked the appearance of Volume 58. The **PST Newsletter**, which appears two or three times yearly, had its 147th issue in 2016.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The headquarters were originally at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., moved in 1959 to Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, in 1970 to Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and in 2005 to Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

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PHI SIGMA TAU CONSTITUTION

(As amended through November, 2003)
(This printing, August, 2016)

ARTICLE I — NAME

The official name of the Society shall be: “Phi Sigma Tau, International Honor Society in Philosophy.”

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The objects of the Society shall be: (1) to serve as a means of awarding distinction to students having high scholarship and personal interest in philosophy; (2) to promote student interest in research and advanced study in this field; (3) to provide opportunities for the publication of student research papers of merit; (4) to encourage a professional spirit and friendship among those who have displayed marked ability in this field; and (5) to popularize interest in philosophy among the general collegiate public.

ARTICLE III — STANDARDS

PHI SIGMA TAU, a membership organization, shall receive into its membership, irrespective of membership in or affiliation with other organizations, only those who attain its standards of high scholarship in philosophy and other subjects, and who give evidence of professional merit, proficiency, and distinction. Membership shall be conferred in strict accordance with the standards established by the Association of College Honor Societies. The sole basis of selection shall be the character and the scholastic or professional records of the candidate. Reception into membership shall be consummated without secret pledge or secret order training.

ARTICLE IV — NEW CHAPTERS

SEC. 1. Institutions in which Collegiate Chapters may be established. A collegiate chapter may be established only at a baccalaureate degree granting institution (or its equivalent) of recognized collegiate or university level which regularly offers such courses in philosophy as to constitute a series commonly called a “philosophy major” or its equivalent. The institution must possess such qualifications as to justify confidence in the probable future success of a chapter of the Society in that institution: two necessary qualifications are that of accreditation by an approved national or regional accrediting agency, and adequate professional training and competence of the teaching staff in philosophy.

SEC. 2. Petition and Questionnaire. A group consisting of at least five persons applying for a charter shall send to the Executive Secretary a petition, properly filled out on the official form. Beyond the information supplied on the form, further information may be requested by the Executive Secretary. The petition and questionnaire shall be then sent to the Executive Council, which shall consider the merits of the institution and petitioning group. The Executive Secretary shall then transmit the petition to all active chapters, together with the recommendation of the Executive Council.

SEC. 3. Voting upon Petitions.

Clause 1— A favorable vote of three fourths of the number of

active chapters shall be required to grant a chapter.

Clause 2— Votes of a petition not received from chapters within thirty days from the mailing date of the petition shall be considered as favorable to granting the petition.

SEC. 4. Installation of New Chapters. New chapters shall be installed by one or more members of the Society, designated as Installing Officer(s). These officers shall be present and personally conduct the installation, except in extraordinary cases, when this requirement may be waived by unanimous vote of the Executive Council. The senior Installing Officer shall be nominated by the Executive Secretary and approved by the President.

SEC. 5. Chapter Designation. Normally a chapter shall be designated by the state, then the Greek letter designating the order of its establishment within the state.

ARTICLE V — LAUREATE CHAPTER

There shall be one Laureate Chapter, election to which shall be vested with the Executive Council. Outstanding persons in the field of philosophy, irrespective of national boundaries, may be elected by unanimous vote of the Executive Council. Those elected to the Laureate Chapter shall be exempt from payment of all fees.

ARTICLE VI — PROBATION AND WITHDRAWAL

SEC. 1. Chapter Probation.

Clause 1— A chapter may be placed on probation by action of the Executive Council in cases where warnings from the Executive Secretary have proven unfruitful.

Clause 2— A chapter which has ceased to function by reason of continued inactivity or loss of members may be officially declared inactive, and its charter suspended by vote of the Executive Council. The chapter will be declared “TEMPORARILY INACTIVE,” and will cease to receive Society publications and regular Society bulletins. The Executive Council, on recommendation from the Executive Secretary, shall have the power to restore the chapter to active status if and when the chapter demonstrates its ability to function satisfactorily.

SEC. 2. Withdrawal of a Charter. Following recommendations by the Executive Council, a vote of three fourths of the number of active chapters shall be required for withdrawal of a charter. Chapter votes not received within thirty dates from date of mailing by the National Office are considered as favorable to the charter withdrawal.

ARTICLE VII — NATIONAL OFFICERS

SEC. 1. Election and Terms of Office.

Clause 1— The national officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Executive Secretary.

Clause 2— These officers shall be elected from graduate members of the Society. Elections shall be held either at a Convention or by mail ballot distributed to all active chapters. A nominating

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committee shall seek nominations from the Executive Council and from active chapters.

Clause 3— Terms of office for the officers shall be indefinite, but nomination and elections may be called by a majority of active chapters at any time following a term of office which exceeds three years. If there are no nominations for a period of three years, the names of all members of the Executive Council shall be submitted to all active chapters for reconfirmation. Officers assume duties on July 1 of the year following their election.

SEC. 2. **Duties of the President.** The President shall perform all duties usually assigned to that office.

SEC. 3. **Duties of the Executive Secretary.** The Executive Secretary shall be charged with the general supervision of chapter and Society affairs, shall keep records of the Executive Council proceedings, shall keep records pertaining to all chapter activities and business, and is also responsible for the Society's archives. S/he shall collect all national fees, and make all disbursements. S/he shall also submit financial reports to the Executive Council following each fiscal year (July through June), and shall send copies of these reports to the advisors of all active chapters. S/he shall also serve as business manager of all Society publications.

SEC. 4. **Ad-Interim Elections.** If for any reason the office of the President should fall vacant, the Vice-President shall immediately succeed in this office until the next meeting of the Executive Council, when the Council shall elect a President to complete the term. Should any other office become vacant, nominations for filling the same shall be made by the President, and voted upon and elected by the Executive Council.

SEC. 5. **Executive Council.**

Clause 1— The Executive Council shall consist of the three National Officers and four other members to be known as Area Council Representatives. The retiring President shall automatically become one of these Representatives, and shall serve until his/her successor qualifies by reason of retirement from office. The three additional Representatives shall be elected by the Executive Council, and their terms expire with the term expirations of the National Officers.

Clause 2— The Executive Council shall meet on call from the National Office at such times and places (or by conference telephone connection) as the Council shall determine.

Clause 3— The President of the Society shall serve as the chairperson of the Executive Council, and the Vice-President shall serve as vice-chairperson.

Clause 4— Any member of the Council may submit a motion, which must be voted on by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII — CONVENTION

SEC. 1. **Convention Arrangements.**

Clause 1— Unless otherwise provided by the Executive Council, the Convention shall be held in the city of which the President is a resident.

Clause 2— A Convention of the Society shall be held when called by unanimous vote of the Executive Council. The time and general arrangements for the Convention shall be determined by the Executive Council.

Clause 3— The President of the Society shall designate a Convention Chairperson, who shall select a Convention Committee. This Committee will be charged with all local arrangements and the Convention program, in consultation with the Executive Council.

The President and Executive Secretary shall be, ex officio, members of the Convention Committee. The Executive Secretary shall serve as secretary to the Convention.

SEC. 2. **Votes in the Convention.** Each active chapter shall be entitled to three votes, and each chapter may send from one to three official convention delegates. A chapter may divide its votes in any manner desired, and Convention business will be conducted by voice vote unless there is one or more objections.

SEC. 3. **Power of the Convention.** The Convention shall be the supreme governing power of the Society while in session, and its actions shall require no further confirmation. Its powers include, but are not limited to, election of national officers, amending the Constitution and By-Laws, and acting upon all matters brought before it by active chapters or by the Executive Council.

SEC. 4. **Quorum at the Convention.** Chapters unable to send official delegates to the Convention may designate one official delegate attending the Convention from another chapter, or one member of the Executive Council to vote on their behalf. Notification of all such proxies must reach the National Office no less than fifteen days prior to the opening of the Convention.

SEC. 5. **Delegate Expenses.** Six months prior to a National Convention, the Executive Council shall inform all active chapters of the extent of any subsidy available to each chapter. In the event that subsidies are available, chapters at great distance from the Convention site will be given preference.

ARTICLE IX — PROCEDURES FOR RECEPTION OF CHAPTER MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

Each chapter shall accept and use the official procedures for reception of members and chapter associates. Changes in the procedures may be made only on approval by the Executive Council. The official procedures shall be those approved by the Council in accordance with Article XII below.

ARTICLE X — CHAPTER BY-LAWS

Each chapter shall prepare and submit for approval to the Executive Secretary a set of by-laws. Any changes in these by-laws shall be approved by the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE XI — INSIGNIA

SEC. 1. **Emblem.** The emblem of the Society shall be a pentagon with the letters, "Phi Sigma Tau," placed in the center. Each of the five angles shall contain a symbol representing each of the five streams of world thought: Chinese, Indian, Islamic, Hebrew, and Greek.

SEC. 2. **Key.** The key shall display the emblem of the Society, and shall be worn only by its duly initiated members. Form, design, and price of keys shall be designated by the Executive Council. Purchases of keys shall be transmitted through the Executive Secretary.

SEC. 3. **Seal.** The seal of the Society shall be the reverse side of the Athenian Silver Tetradrachma (B.C. 480-400), bearing the owl, olive spray, and small crescent. The margin of the seal shall carry the legend, "Phi Sigma Tau, 1930."

SEC. 4. **Colors.** The colors of the Society shall be white and purple, the latter identified as 84-24-7 by the International Printing Institute Code.

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ARTICLE XII — CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 1. **Classifications.** Society membership, other than in the Laureate Chapter, shall include four classifications: active, alumni, sustaining, and honorary.

SEC. 2. **Chapter Associates.** Chapters may optionally establish a classification of persons known as chapter associates. Such persons shall be chosen from among those who do not meet all the requirements for chapter membership, but who have indicated a genuine interest in philosophy, and who wish to share in the work of the chapter. Affiliated chapter associates shall not be considered members of the Society. By option of the local chapter, associates may be required to pay local fees; but they shall pay no fees whatever to the national organization.

SEC. 3. **Active Membership**

Clause 1— Undergraduate students are eligible for active membership if they have completed three semesters, five quarters, or the equivalent of the college course, rank in the upper 35% of their class, and have completed (or are registered in) at least two semester courses (or three quarter courses) in philosophy with a mean overall grade which is greater than the second highest grade of the working scale.

Clause 2— Graduate members are eligible if they (a) meet the requirements for undergraduates, or (b) have completed at least one third of the residence requirements of the Master's Degree with a mean grade of at least half in the highest scale of the working scale, and half in the second highest grade.

Clause 3— Teachers of philosophy above the rank of graduate assistant are eligible for membership, as are teaching and research staff members of departments closely related to philosophy where such persons have indicated an active interest in the problems and progress of philosophy.

Clause 4— Chapters shall also have the privilege of electing to active membership a limited number of nearby residents whose scholastic qualifications, professional achievement, and interest in the Society are high. Privileges, obligations, fees, and dues for such members shall be identical with those of other active members.

Clause 5— Members in good standing, transferring from one institution to another which has a chapter, or such members who move into the vicinity of a chapter, may affiliate with the latter as active members by making application to the chapter. The receiving chapter shall notify the National Office of the transfer.

SEC. 4. **Alumni Membership.**

Clause 1— When a member ceases active affiliation with a chapter, s/he shall be designated an alumnus(-a) member.

Clause 2— The status of resident graduate members may be changed from active to alumni membership by favorable vote of three quarters of members present at a regular chapter meeting.

Clause 3— At the installation of a new chapter, properly qualified alumni of the institution may be received as charter members, and subsequently voted to alumni membership. Alumni unable to be present at an installation may be received into the Society as charter members through correspondence with the Executive Secretary.

Clause 4— Membership in the National Alumni Chapter shall be open to all alumni members. Nonalumni members may apply for membership in the Alumni Chapter through the National Office, according to standards established by the Executive Council. National Alumni Chapter members in good standing shall receive DIALOGUE and the PST Newsletter, as well as other national bulletins as shall be determined appropriate by the Executive Secretary.

Dues for the National Alumni Chapter shall be determined by the Executive Council on an annual basis (Sept. through Aug.).

Clause 5— Alumni members, including members of the National Alumni Chapter, shall not vote in local chapter ballots, nor serve as chapter officers. All other local chapter activities are open to them, in accordance with the by-laws of the local chapter.

SEC. 5. **Honorary Membership.**

Clause 1— Anyone who has attained distinction in philosophy or a closely allied field shall be eligible for election to honorary membership in a chapter. Honorary members may be elected only by the Executive Council, upon application and recommendation of the chapter into which they are to be received.

Clause 2— Honorary members shall have all the rights and obligations of active members. Honorary members may also be qualified as alumni members.

SEC. 6. **Sustaining Membership.**

Clause 1— Any member of the Society may become a sustaining member by agreeing to make any desired voluntary contribution for the support of its programs.

Clause 2— Contributions from sustaining members shall be used as directed by the Executive Council, and shall be solicited and administered by a special board appointed by the Council.

SEC. 7. **Removal of Members from Rolls.** Any member may be dropped from the rolls of the Society by vote of 75% of the active members of his/her chapter. A complete record of the case shall be sent, prior to final action, to the Executive Secretary, who shall submit his/her recommendation to the chapter. The member shall have the right to appeal the chapter determination to the Executive Council, whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE XIII — CHAPTER MEETINGS

SEC. 1. **Time and Place.** Regular and special meeting shall be held at such times and places as the chapter may designate in its by-laws.

SEC. 2. **Reports.** The chapter secretary shall keep a report of every chapter meeting on the forms provided for that purpose, and a copy of that report shall be sent immediately following the meeting to the Executive Secretary.

SEC. 3. **Quorum.** The chapter shall define in its by-laws the quorum necessary for transaction of business.

SEC. 4. **Frequency.** At least one meeting of the chapter shall be held during each semester, or two meetings per academic year.

ARTICLE XIV — CHAPTER OFFICERS

SEC. 1. **Names.** The chapter officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Advisor, and such other officers as the chapter may wish to create through by-laws. By-laws may also combine these offices.

SEC. 2. **Duties.**

Clause 1— It shall be the duty of officers to perform those functions usually assigned to their respective offices.

Clause 2— The Vice-President shall chair the program committee.

Clause 3— The Chapter Secretary shall be responsible for all official chapter communications with the National Office. These communications shall include (a) a preliminary report at the beginning of each academic year, (b) transmission of directory cards and membership fees for new members, (c) regular chapter minutes, and (d) a closing report and list of officers elected at the end of each

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academic year. During the summer holiday, all chapter records shall be left with the Chapter Advisor, or in the departmental office, where they may be accessible.

Clause 4— The Chapter Treasurer shall keep all detailed records of the chapter's financial transactions, and shall prepare an annual report of income and expenses.

Clause 5— The Chapter Advisor shall be elected by the Chapter from among members of the teaching staff, following consultation with the chair of the Philosophy Department (or its functional equivalent). The Chapter Advisor shall act as liaison between the Philosophy Department, the Chapter, and the National Office of Phi Sigma Tau. S/he shall be responsible for distribution of all publications and bulletins from the National Office to members and officers, and shall receive copies of all chapter communications.

SEC. 3. Terms and Induction.

Clause 1— Chapter officers shall serve for one academic year, unless otherwise determined by chapter by-laws. They shall be elected prior to the beginning of the academic year in which they are to serve, and shall be inducted following procedures established in the chapter by-laws.

Clause 2— In the event of vacancy in any office, it shall be filled by special election at the next chapter meeting following announcement of the vacancy.

ARTICLE XV — CHAPTER REPORTS TO NATIONAL OFFICE

SEC. 1. **Chapter Information Blanks.** The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office data concerning chapter personnel and activities, and on forms provided by the Executive Secretary.

SEC. 2. **Failure to Submit Information.** Failure to provide reports required by the Constitution of Phi Sigma Tau, or special reports required by the Executive Council, shall be deemed sufficient to place the Chapter on probation in accordance with the provisions of Article VI above.

ARTICLE XVI — AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SEC. 1. **Ballots.** The by-laws and Constitution may be at any time amended by a mail ballot upon recommendation of the Executive Council and a majority vote of chapters, or at a National Convention by favorable vote of a majority of chapter delegates.

SEC. 2. **Votes.** Votes by mail upon proposed changes shall be considered as favorable unless a ballot is received within thirty days following the mailing date of the bulletin announcing the proposed changes.

SEC. 3. **Petitions.** Upon request of five chapters, the Executive Secretary shall submit any proposed amendments to the Executive Council. The proposed amendments will then be submitted to all active chapters and adopted upon a majority vote.

ARTICLE XVII (Amendment I) — FINANCES

SEC. 1. Phi Sigma Tau is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SEC. 2. No part of the net earnings of Phi Sigma Tau shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be

authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of Phi Sigma Tau shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, Phi Sigma Tau shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Sec. 3. Upon the dissolution of Phi Sigma Tau, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

[The preceding amendment to the PST Constitution was approved by the National Executive Council on 14 February 2002, and distributed to the Society's active chapters on 26 February.]

PHI SIGMA TAU By-Laws

(As amended through April, 2000)
(This printing, August, 2016)

ARTICLE I — ENTRANCE FEES

SEC. 1. Chapter and Dues.

Clause 1 — The application for granting a charter to a petition group must be accompanied by a charter fee, and this fee is determined by the Executive Council at the beginning of each fiscal year. Under circumstances where state or local laws prohibit payment by a college or university for charters, the Executive Secretary is authorized to accept an institutional subscription fee in the same amount for DIALOGUE and in lieu of the charter fee. If the application for a charter is not endorsed by the Executive Council, the charter fee will be returned. There shall be no return of the charter fee in the event that the charter is not ratified by chapter votes.

Clause 2 — No annual fees payable to the National Office will be assessed. Each active member received into the Society shall pay an initiation fee, the total amount of which is determined by the local chapter. \$25.00 of such amount shall be paid to the National Office. The fee shall not include the cost of a key.

SEC. 2. Fees for Charter Members.

Clause 1 — Following granting of a charter, but before installation of a new chapter, each charter member shall pay to the National Office an entrance fee of \$25.00. This fee shall not include the cost of a key.

Clause 2 — The travel expenses of the installing party shall be paid

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by the new chapter or the institution at which it is resident.

Clause 3 — The entrance fees for alumni members shall be identical with fees of other members.

SEC. 3. Fees for New Members.

Clause 1 — Each active member received into the Society shall pay to the National Office, prior to his/her reception into membership, an entrance fee of \$25, which will not include the cost of the key.

Clause 2 — Members wishing PST Keys may order them using forms supplied by the Executive Secretary, and at a price scale determined by the Executive Council.

Clause 3 — For each honorary member, the chapter shall pay to the National Office a fee of \$25.00.

Clause 4 — The National Office will bear all expenses incidental to providing membership certificates and other materials, including the PST Key, to members of the Laureate Chapter.

Clause 5 — All issues of the PST Newsletter and DIALOGUE will be issued to chapters in numbers representing the total active membership at time of issue. Alumni members may receive these publications via membership in the National Alumni Chapter, or by personal subscriptions (without membership in the National Alumni Chapter) at the current rates.

ARTICLE II — Amendments to By-Laws

SEC. 1. **Amendments.** These By-Laws may be amended by mail ballot upon recommendation of the Executive Council, and a majority vote of active chapters, or by a favorable majority vote of delegates at a National Convention.

SEC. 2. **Votes.** Votes by mail upon proposed changes in these By-Laws shall be considered as favorable if not received within a period of thirty days after mailing of the notice for proposed changes.

SEC. 3. **Petitions.** Upon the request of five active chapters, the Executive Secretary shall submit any proposed amendments to these By-Laws, as provided in Section 1 above.

End

PHI SIGMA TAU Installation Ceremony For New Chapters

INSTALLING OFFICER: It is a pleasure to be here to install <State & Greek Letter> chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the International Honor Society in Philosophy.

The National Honor Society was founded in 1930 as Alpha Kappa Alpha, with chapters in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1955 it was incorporated as Phi Sigma Tau, and began to assume national status. Two years later the organization was accepted as a full participating honor society in the Association of College Honor Societies. Growth of the Society has been continual; and, with the installation of the chapter at <Institution>, we have <Number> chapters nationally.

As defined by Article II of the Phi Sigma Tau Constitution:

The objects of the society are: (1) to serve as a means of awarding distinction to students having high scholarship and personal interest in philosophy; (2) to promote student interest in research and advanced study in this field; (3) to provide opportunities for the publication of student research papers of merit; (4) to encourage a professional spirit and friendship among those who have displayed marked ability in this field; (5) and to popularize interest in philosophy among the general collegiate public.

In keeping with these purposes, the National Office awards certificates of membership to students who have met the Society's high requirements of scholarship; it publishes a journal, *Dialogue*, for student papers of high merit; it encourages through *Dialogue* and the *PST Newsletter* a spirit of interest and friendship among students in philosophy at chapters throughout the United States; and it disseminates information concerning significant programs developed at these institutions.

The Standards of Phi Sigma Tau are high, membership being conferred in strict compliance with the standards established by the Association of College Honor Societies. Reception into membership is consummated without formal pledge or secret order training. Collegiate chapters may be established only at accredited and degree-granting institutions of recognized merit which offer such courses in philosophy as constitute a "philosophy major" or its equivalent. The institution must possess qualifications sufficient to justify confidence in the future success of its prospective chapter. Charter petitions must be endorsed by the Society's Executive Council, and ratified by vote of all of its active chapters.

The <Name of Institution> has fully met the requirements of the Society. The Philosophy Department fulfills all requirements imposed by the National Office. It is obvious that excellence is not only encouraged but achieved, both among students and by faculty. It is my happy privilege to announce that the Executive Council has endorsed the charter petition, which was then ratified by the Society's chapters. I shall now read the letter of authorization from the National Office:

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<Reading of the Letter and Greeting>

Will the official representative of this institution, the faculty advisor, and chapter officers please come forward.

<To the Representative>

It is both my pleasure and privilege, as <Office or Designate of Phi Sigma Tau>, to present to you this charter establishing at <Institution> the <State Name & Greek Designation> chapter of Phi Sigma Tau.

<To the Chapter Officers>

As officers of the new chapter, you are cognizant of the duties of officers outlined in Article XIV of the PST Constitution. Do you accept these obligations, fully aware of your responsibilities to serve the major goals of Phi Sigma Tau?

<Answer: I DO.>

In recognition of your assumption of these duties, I therefore install you as officers in the <State & Greek Designation> chapter of Phi Sigma Tau. The National Office pledges its support to you in all of your efforts.

<To the Faculty Advisor>

The function of the Advisor is not purely nominal, as it is in many organizations. Rather, the Advisor serves as a liaison between the chapter, Philosophy Department, and National Office. The duties of the Chapter Advisor are outlined in Article XIV of the PST Constitution. Do you, as Faculty Advisor, accept the obligations of your office?

<Answer: I DO.>

In recognition of your willingness to assume these obligations, I therefore install you as Faculty Advisor of this chapter. My congratulations to the chapter and its officers on your acceptance of these responsibilities, and my pledge to you of the support of the National Office in every way that it may assist you. The <State & Greek Designation> of Phi Sigma Tau at <Institution> is now officially installed.

If desired, the chapter may proceed directly to the initiation ceremony for accepting new members into Phi Sigma Tau.

PHI SIGMA TAU Initiation Ceremony

PRESIDENT: Members of the <State name & Greek designation> Chapter of <Institution>. We are meeting to receive into the fellowship of our Society several persons who, because of their interest in, and aptitude for, philosophical inquiry, have been elected members by formal vote of the Chapter. Will the Secretary please read the names.

SECRETARY: I have the honor to report that <State & Greek Designation> Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau has elected to membership in the Society the following persons:

<LIST OF NAMES IS READ>

They have accepted the invitation extended to them to become members of the Society, and they are here to be initiated as prescribed by the Constitution of Phi Sigma Tau and the by-laws of our Chapter.

PRESIDENT: Will the candidates for initiation please come forward and stand in a semicircle before the table. <to the Secretary> Have these persons been found deserving of membership in the Society?

SECRETARY: They have. They meet not only the formal requirements of membership as indicated by their scholastic records, but also have revealed a concern and devotion to philosophy in the highest sense.

PRESIDENT: In accepting the honor which is being conferred upon you, you are being admitted to membership in a Society national in scope, interests, and aims. Active members may hold office and vote on national issues. Alumni members qualify for membership in the Society's National Alumni Chapter. If you desire to be instructed in the purposes of the Society, please so indicate.

CANDIDATES: I do.

PRESIDENT: The Vice-President will now instruct you in these purposes and aims. Once you have heard these, if you accept membership, you will affirm the same and sign the Chapter Roll.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The purpose of Phi Sigma Tau is defined clearly in Article II of the Constitution.

<Article II of the PST Constitution should be read at this point, unless the initiation follows the Chapter Installation (which includes the reading of Article II).> The objects of the society are: (1) to serve as a means of awarding distinction to students having high scholarship and personal interest in philosophy; (2) to promote student interest in research and advanced study in this field; (3) to provide opportunities for the publication of student research papers of merit; (4) to encourage a professional spirit and friendship among those who have displayed marked ability in this field; (5) and to popularize interest in philosophy among the general collegiate public.

These aims are expressed in the Greek motto, *Philóúnton Sophían Timé*, which means "the honor of those who love wisdom." This expresses well the character of Phi Sigma Tau. It honors academic excellence and philosophical concern. It reminds us that the quest for truth is not the province of a single culture or time or person, but that there is a unity among all those who seek knowledge. The Key of Phi Sigma Tau represents this by a pentagon, each of the five angles containing a symbol which represents one of the five great streams of world thought: Chinese, Indian, Islamic, Hebrew, and Greek.

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On the certificate to be granted to you as new members, you will find a seal imprinted with the words, “Phi Sigma Tau,” and the reverse side of the Athenian Silver Tetrachma, which bears the owl, olive spray, and small crescent. This seal was chosen because of its time, 480-400 B.C., the period when Socrates was engaged in his own search for genuine knowledge.

You have heard our aims and purposes. Do you accept these as your own?

CANDIDATES: I do.

VICE-PRESIDENT: These individuals have been recommended because of their interest and excellence in the field of philosophy as deserving of membership in Phi Sigma Tau.

PRESIDENT: In token of your willingness to accept this honor, with which go all the responsibilities of membership, you will please sign the Chapter Roll as the Secretary reads your name. Your signature will be evidence of your pledge.

<New members come forward and sign the Chapter Roll.>

PRESIDENT: You are now in full membership in Phi Sigma Tau. It is our hope that you will recognize in these credentials not so much the mark of achievements completed, but rather the promise of ambitions earnestly initiated. We welcome you.

Phi Sigma Tau
Chapter List — August, 2016

ALABAMA

Alpha(2005) — Spring Hill College
Beta(1991) — Auburn University
Gamma(1994) — University of Alabama
Delta(2002) — Samford University
Epsilon(2013) — University of Alabama
at Huntsville

ARKANSAS

Alpha(2002) — Lyon College
Beta(2003) — University of Arkansas
at Little Rock
Gamma(2006) — University of Central
Arkansas

CALIFORNIA

Alpha(2003) — University of the Pacific
Gamma(1963) — Chico State College
Zeta(1967) — Whittier College
Theta(1997) — University of San Diego
Iota(1974) — Westmont College
Kappa(1986) — Santa Clara University
Lambda(1987) — Loyola—Marymount
University
Mu(1995) — University of California at
Santa Barbara
Nu(1996) — Pepperdine University
Xi(2002) — California State University at
Dominguez Hills
Omicron(2004) — California Polytechnic
University-Pomona
Pi(2008) — Chapman University
Rho(2013) — San Diego State University
Sigma(2014) — California State University,
Bakersfield
Tau(2014) — California State University,
San Bernardino

CONNECTICUT

Alpha(1973) — Fairfield University
Gamma(2014) — Southern Connecticut State
University
Delta(2015) — Quinnipiac University

DELAWARE

Alpha(1986) — University of Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Alpha(2002) — The George Washington University
Beta(1985) — Catholic University of America
Gamma(2003) — American University

FLORIDA

Beta(1968) — Florida Atlantic University
Delta(1988) — University of Miami
Eta(1991) — Florida International University
Theta(2000) — Florida Southern College
Iota(2001) — Jacksonville University
Kappa(2005) — Barry University
Lambda(2005) — University of West Florida
Mu(2010) — Florida Gulf Coast University
Nu(2012) — Ave Maria University

GEORGIA

Alpha(1973) — University of Georgia
Beta(1979) — Emory University
Gamma(1979) — Agnes Scott College
Delta(2016) — Mercer University
Epsilon(1998) — Spelman College
Zeta(1998) — Georgia State University
Eta(2001) — Georgia Southern University
Theta(2003) — Valdosta State University
Iota(2004) — University of West Georgia
Kappa(2011) — Morehouse College

ILLINOIS

Alpha(2003) — Loyola University, Chicago
Beta(1962) — Wheaton College
Delta(1968) — Lewis University
Zeta(2004) — University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign
Iota(1981) — Lake Forest College
Lambda(1992) — Southern Illinois University
Mu(1995) — Dominican University
Nu(1995) — Eastern Illinois University
at Carbondale
Omicron(2005) — Illinois Wesleyan University
Pi(2006) — Southern Illinois University at
Edwardsville
Rho(2008) — Benedictine University
Sigma(2014) — Millikin University
Tau(2014) — DePaul University

INDIANA

Alpha(2015) — Indiana University-Purdue
University, Indianapolis
Gamma(1990) — Franklin College
Delta(1993) — Valparaiso University
Epsilon(1996) — Ball State University
Zeta(2011) — DePauw University
Iota(2014) — Indiana University Southeast

IOWA

Gamma(1996) — Iowa State University
Epsilon(2005) — Central College
Zeta(2012) — Clarke University
Iota(2015) — Morningside College

KANSAS

Alpha(1980) — Baker University

KENTUCKY

Alpha(1999) — Bellarmine University
Delta(1996) — University of Kentucky
Epsilon(2001) — University of Louisville
Zeta(2007) — Northern Kentucky University

LOUISIANA

Beta(2003) — Loyola University, New Orleans
Gamma(2003) — Xavier University of New Orleans

MAINE

Alpha(2001) — University of Southern Maine
Beta(2003) — University of Maine

MARYLAND

Alpha(1955) — Morgan State University

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Gamma(1974) — McDaniel College
Delta(1979) — Washington College
Epsilon(1981) — Mt. St. Mary's College
Zeta(1983) — Salisbury University
Theta(2009) — Notre Dame of Maryland University
Iota(1988) — Loyola University

MASSACHUSETTS

Alpha(1963) — Clark University
Beta(1965) — Suffolk University
Gamma(1979) — College of the Holy Cross
Delta(1982) — Boston College
Zeta(2002) — University of Massachusetts
at Amherst
Eta(2003) — Bridgewater State University
Theta(2004) — Merrimack College
Iota(2004) — Assumption College
Kappa(2007) — University of Massachusetts
at Dartmouth

MICHIGAN

Epsilon(2004) — Albion College
Theta(1999) — Michigan State University
Iota(2000) — Central Michigan University
Kappa(2000) — Hillsdale College
Lambda(2002) — University of Michigan
Mu(2011) — Alma College
Nu(2015) — Adrian College

MINNESOTA

Beta(2011) — St. Olaf College

MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA

Beta(2005) — Tri-College University

MISSISSIPPI

Alpha(2010) — University of Mississippi
Beta(2004) — Millsaps College

MISSOURI

Alpha(2007) — Lindenwood University
Beta(1968) — Rockhurst University
Delta(1980) — Westminster College
Epsilon(1986) — Evangel University
Iota(2006) — Conception Seminary College
Kappa(1999) — Washington University
Mu(2003) — University of Missouri-Columbia
Nu(2005) — University of Missouri-Kansas City
Xi(2015) — University of Missouri-St. Louis
Tau(1992) — Northwest Missouri State University

MONTANA

Alpha(1995) — Carroll College
Beta(2007) — Montana State University

NEBRASKA

Beta(1971) — Creighton University

NEVADA

Alpha(2002) — University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alpha(2007) — New England College

NEW JERSEY

Delta(1979) — Rider University
Epsilon(1980) — St. Peter's University
Zeta(2000) — Richard Stockton College
Eta(2003) — Seton Hall University
Theta(2006) — Rutgers, The State University
of New Jersey

Iota(2012) — William Paterson University
of New Jersey

Kappa(2012) — The College of New Jersey

Lambda(2012) — Rowan University

Mu(2014) — Montclair State University

NEW MEXICO

Alpha(1955) — University of New Mexico

NEW YORK

Alpha(1955) — St. Lawrence University

Beta(2012) — Brooklyn College, CUNY

Gamma(2013) — SUNY—Oneonta

Delta(1979) — SUNY—Stony Brook

Epsilon(1979) — Molloy College

Zeta(2009) — The College of Saint Rose

Eta(1982) — LeMoyne College

Theta(2012) — Nazareth College

Iota(1984) — C. W. Post College

Kappa(1989) — Siena College

Lambda(1990) — Potsdam College

Mu(2016) — Manhattanville College

Nu(1991) — Fordham University

Xi(1993) — Geneseo College, SUNY

Omicron(1994) — Hofstra University

Pi(2001) — Manhattan College

Rho(2002) — St. John's University

Sigma(2002) — Canisius College

Tau(2003) — Hartwick College

Upsilon(2004) — Hunter College, CUNY

Phi(2004) — St. Francis College

Chi(2004) — Lehman College

Psi(2007) — New York University

Omega(2007) — Niagara University

NORTH CAROLINA

Alpha(1965) — East Carolina University

Gamma(1994) — University of North Carolina
at Charlotte

Delta(1997) — Wingate University

Epsilon(1998) — University of North Carolina
at Asheville

Zeta(1998) — University of North Carolina
at Greensboro

Eta(2002) — University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

Theta(2007) — Elon University

Iota(2010) — High Point University

NORTH DAKOTA

Alpha(2005) — University of North Dakota

OHIO

Epsilon(1971) — University of Dayton

Zeta(1971) — Wittenberg University

Theta(1983) — College of Wooster

Iota(1993) — Ohio Northern University

Kappa(1995) — Ohio Wesleyan University

Lambda(1996) — University of Toledo

Mu(1999) — Ashland University

Nu(2001) — Youngstown State University

Omicron(2006) — University of Cincinnati

Pi(2008) — Case Western Reserve University

Rho(2008) — John Carroll University

Sigma(2013) — Baldwin Wallace University

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Tau(2015) — Walsh University

OKLAHOMA

Alpha(2004) — Oklahoma State University

Beta(2005) — University of Tulsa

OREGON

Alpha(1990) — Linfield College

Beta(2004) — University of Portland

PENNSYLVANIA

Alpha(1932) — Muhlenberg College

Beta(2005) — Cabrini College

Gamma(2005) — Bloomsburg University

Delta(2006) — Duquesne University

Epsilon(2006) — The Pennsylvania State University

Zeta(1941) — Washington & Jefferson College

Eta(2008) — Moravian College

Theta(2000) — Grove City College

Iota(2001) — Allegheny College

Kappa(2000) — Misericordia University

Lambda(1969) — Westminster College

Mu(1973) — Villanova University

Nu(2001) — St. Joseph's University

Xi(2016) — Bucknell University

Pi(1979) — King's College

Rho(1979) — West Chester University

Sigma(1980) — Lycoming College

Tau(1982) — University of Scranton

Upsilon(1984) — Slippery Rock University

Phi(1986) — Gannon University

Chi(1987) — University of Pittsburgh

Psi(1998) — University of Pennsylvania

Omega(1999) — Thiel College

Alpha Alpha(2013) — Lebanon Valley College

Alpha Beta(2013) — Lehigh University

Alpha Gamma(2013) — Mercyhurst University

RHODE ISLAND

Alpha(1963) — Providence College

Beta(2011) — Salve Regina University

Gamma(2011) — Rhode Island College

SOUTH CAROLINA

Alpha(1972) — Winthrop University

Beta(1979) — Coastal Carolina University

Gamma(1987) — Furman University

Delta(2004) — University of South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA

Alpha(2011) — Augustana University

TENNESSEE

Beta(1968) — Carson Newman College

Gamma(1994) — Belmont University

Epsilon(2012) — Rhodes College

TEXAS

Alpha(1955) — Baylor University

Gamma(1980) — Sam Houston State University

Delta(1982) — Texas State University at San Marcos

Epsilon(1985) — University of St. Thomas

Zeta(1986) — Trinity University

Eta(1990) — Texas Tech University

Iota(1993) — Texas A&M University

Lambda(1997) — St. Mary's University

Mu(2001) — University of Texas at Arlington

Nu(2007) — University of Houston — Downtown

Xi(2010) — University of North Texas

Omicron(2014) — University of Dallas

UTAH

Alpha(1996) — Westminster College

Beta(2002) — Utah Valley State College

Gamma(2006) — Utah State University

VIRGINIA

Alpha(1976) — Christopher Newport University

Beta(2010) — Virginia Tech

Gamma(1981) — James Madison University

Delta(1982) — University of Richmond

Zeta(1987) — Liberty University

Eta(1996) — Old Dominion University

Theta(1997) — Hollins College

Iota(2004) — Roanoke College

Kappa(2010) — Lynchburg College

Lambda(2011) — Hampden Sydney College

WASHINGTON

Alpha(1996) — Central Washington University

Beta(1998) — Gonzaga University

Gamma(2010) — Eastern Washington University

WEST VIRGINIA

Alpha(1989) — Wheeling Jesuit University

WISCONSIN

Alpha(1961) — Marquette University

Gamma(1976) — University of Wisconsin—Parkside

Epsilon(2005) — Carthage College

Zeta(2005) — University of Wisconsin,

Stevens Point

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PHI SIGMA TAU International Honor Society in Philosophy

To: All Active Chapters
From: David E. Gibson, Executive Secretary
Date: August, 2016

OFFICERS' OBLIGATIONS

The current *PST Manual* will have been sent to all advisors in Adobe format as an email attachment; advisors can forward or supply copies to all officers. The Manual is also available on line at phi-sigma-tau.org, and officers may download directly from the website. The manual will be updated at least twice annually and contains printable copies of all forms, instructions, and information. **We shall continue to supply standard forms in hardcopy via regular mail to all chapters requesting them.** You may submit a request for hard copies by returning the **Supply Order Form**, either by mail or at the website.

Since many chapter officers are newly elected, it is important to arrange a meeting with the faculty advisor early and to set chapter plans for the academic year. Your chapter advisor will have also received the current issue of the *PST Newsletter* for distribution to members.

PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR

Deadline for filing your report is September 30. The information at the top of the report lists your advisor and current mailing address. If there are any corrections, make them on the report itself.

Accompanying the report form is a **Master Membership List** containing all initiated members of your chapter. 2016 graduates (as indicated on the initiation directory card) have been moved by the computer to the GRADU-ATE file. A listing of 2016 graduates for your chapter is also enclosed. If any of these are still on campus, we can move them back to your chapter roster as soon as we know who they are. If there are spelling or other errors on the Master List, please make corrections **on that list**, and attach it to your Preliminary Report.

Review chapter supplies carried over from last year (directory cards for new member, minutes forms, etc.). If you wish additional supplies in hardcopy, **use a Supply Order Form** and attach it to your Preliminary Report. However, all forms and supplies may be downloaded easily and quickly from the website, phi-sigma-tau.org.

Fill in the names of the current officers on the Preliminary Report and indicate when you anticipate holding your first meeting. Room has been left on the Report form for notes or questions. If you prefer, you may include minutes or a letter instead.

Please fill out and return the Preliminary Report as soon as possible, so that we may verify or update our national records for your chapter. Distribution lists for the next issues of *Dialogue* and *PST Newsletter* are taken from the updates in the Preliminary Report. **Failure to file the report will result in the chapter's not being on distribution lists for the current academic year.**

MEETINGS & MINUTES

At your meeting with your advisor, try to arrange a tentative schedule of chapter activities (including ways to publicize these on campus). Remember that your fellow students cannot participate in activities unless they are informed of them.

The **chapter secretary** should prepare minutes after each meeting and forward these to the National Office. You may use the Minutes Form provided, a simple letter, or an email. **Do not let the minutes accumulate.** The minutes are our primary information lifeline, the means by which the National Office and other chapters maintain contact with you.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP & INITIATION

Some chapters hold initiations each semester or more often, others only once per year. Each prospective new member should completely fill out a **directory card**. This card is sent to the National Office with initiation fees (currently **\$25.00 per member**). The cards will be returned to your advisor with membership certificates and other materials for the new members, and these cards should be retained for your chapter files. If you wish to have the certificates for distribution at initiation, please send cards and fees at least 15 days in advance; an early note to the Executive Secretary asking for this is appreciated. Otherwise, the materials may be sent following initiation; the certificates and cards will be sent to the advisor for distribution at the next chapter meeting.

The initiation fee of **\$25.00** entitles members to certificates, membership card, all current issues of *Dialogue* until graduation, and the *PST Newsletter* (sent to the chapter advisor for distribution to members), as well as a one-year membership in the **National Alumni Chapter (NAC)** after graduation. Benefits of NAC membership are explained in a letter accompanying each certificate, together with a form for registering in the **National Alumni Chapter** when the member graduates.

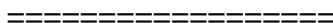
Membership fees collected by the Society are returned to chapters in supplies and publications or retained for future work or publications of the Society; the National Office has no salaried staff. Chapters may also assess local dues in accordance with their By-Laws. The National Constitution, By-Laws, and all other chapter forms are contained in the **PST MANUAL**, one copy of which should be part of your chapter records.

PST KEYS & STOLES

The PST Key is currently available only by order sent directly to the Erffmeyer & Son Co., Inc., in Milwaukee. Erffmeyer can also provide pins, tackettes, and graduation stoles. Please use the **Erffmeyer Order Form** for placing orders, which must be prepaid. There is a per-order handling charge, so it is recommended that orders for multiple keys and/or stoles be placed by chapter officers rather than by individual members.

PST PUBLICATIONS

Dialogue is published twice annually: in October and April. The *PST Newsletter* is published at least three times annually as chapter reports & minutes are received. These publications, together with all other communications for the chapter, are sent to your chapter advisor for distribution to all chapter members. The *PST Newsletter* and *NAC Bulletin* are also available as electronic publications, and current issues are included in the *PST Manual*.



Arranging chapter activities to make philosophy a living experience on your campus is the principal obligation of officers and advisor, but communicating with the National Office is of equal importance. Without your minutes and letters, we lose touch with you, and you lose touch with other chapters which may benefit from knowing about your activities and projects. I look forward to hearing from each of you, and to receiving your preliminary reports. The National Office exists solely to assist you. Please write us concerning plans, projects, problems, or questions.

Yours cordially,

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PERMANENT DIRECTORY CARD
PHI SIGMA TAU
International Honor Society in Philosophy

Last Name _____ Middle Name _____ First Name _____

College Address _____

_____ Graduation Date _____

Home Address After Date Indicated Above

Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Faculty _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Institution _____

Date _____ Chapter Advisor _____

Send This Card To The National Office
at the address below

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This form may be used interchangeably with the 3.5" directory card supplied by the National Office. Each member to be initiated should complete one card **legibly and completely** and return it to the chapter Secretary or Advisor with the initiation fee (**\$25.00**).

Before forwarding cards and fees to the National Office, please check the cards for legibility and completeness. This information is entered into the PST database. Particularly important is the **Expected Graduation Date**, since this information is used to move members into the alumni/ae data base.

When cards and fees are received from the Advisor, the information is entered into the national data base, and from the data base the initiation certificates and membership packages are prepared. Each package contains, in addition to the certificate, a membership card, registration card for the National Alumni Chapter (following graduation), and return envelope. Please allow from 10-14 days for the processing of new memberships. During April and May more time may be required, but every effort is made to send the materials (via first class) as promptly as possible.

Additional supplies of the directory card or of this form may also be ordered on the **PST Supply Order Form**.

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PERMANENT DIRECTORY CARD
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International Honor Society in Philosophy

Last Name _____ Middle Name _____ First Name _____

College Address _____

_____ Graduation Date _____

Home Address After Date Indicated Above

Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Faculty _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Institution _____

Date _____ Chapter Advisor _____

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International Honor Society in Philosophy

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Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Faculty _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Institution _____

Date _____ Chapter Advisor _____

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PHI SIGMA TAU
Official Chapter Minutes

College or University: _____

State _____ Greek Letter _____ Date _____

This form may be used by chapter secretaries when preparing reports of chapter activities and meetings. Please send reports **promptly and regularly** to the National Office.

Chapter Secretary _____

President or Advisor _____

PHI SIGMA TAU: Supply Order Form

(Forms also available in PDF format—see below)

College or University: _____

State _____ Greek Letter _____ Date _____

Chapter Advisor _____

Mailing Address _____

Please send your order to the National Office.

DESCRIPTION	In Stock	Please Send
Directory cards for new initiates	_____	_____
Chapter Minutes forms	_____	_____
Officers' Instructions	_____	_____
Supply Order Form	_____	_____
PST KEYS: Order Form & Info	_____	_____
DIALOGUE Poster/Flier	_____	_____
PHI SIGMA TAU Poster/Flier	_____	_____
PST NEWSLETTER (Current Issue)	_____	_____
DIALOGUE (Sample Issue)	_____	_____
What Is an Honor Society? (flier)	_____	_____
PST Manual (Modular Components):		
Contents/Title Page	_____	_____
History of PST	_____	_____
PST Constitution/By-Laws	_____	_____
Installation Ceremony (new chapters)	_____	_____
Initiation Ceremony (new members)	_____	_____
Current Chapter Listing	_____	_____
Chapter Forms Archive Cover	_____	_____

Electronic copies of these forms are available in PDF format. Please request them from **david.gibson@pepperdine.edu**

The forms are also in the current Manual. A copy of the Manual should have been sent to the chapter advisor at the beginning of the school year. If you do not have a copy, you may request one in PDF format at the same address. In addition, most of these are available for copying from the society website at **phi-sigma-tau.org**. Directory cards are available only to advisors, and the sample issues of the journal will have to be mailed from the National Office.

Dialogue Journal of Phi Sigma Tau

Dialogue is the official journal of Phi Sigma Tau, the International National Honor Society in Philosophy. It is the continuing goal of *Dialogue* to provide a vigorous and lively vehicle for the exchange of philosophical ideas among graduate and undergraduate students interested in philosophy. *Dialogue* accepts for publications articles, discussions, and reviews in all areas of contemporary philosophical research. It appears twice each academic year: a single issue in October, and a double issue in April. The 2015-16 academic year marked Volume 58. The journal is indexed in *The Philosopher's Index* and other academic indices and is available to institutional subscribers by direct subscription or through most subscription agencies.

Editorial Board

Editor: Dr. Steven Barbone (San Diego State University). **Associate Editors:** Dr. Charlie Huenemann (Utah State University), Dr. Dawn Hutchinson (Christopher Newport University), Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J. (Fordham University), Dr. Ann Pang-White (University of Scranton), Dr. Lee Rice (Marquette University, Emeritus), Dr. Anne M. Wiles (James Madison University). **Managing Editor:** Dr. David E. Gibson, Humanities Division, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263-4225. E-mail address: david.gibson@pepperdine.edu.

Contributed Articles

Contributors are not required to be members of Phi Sigma Tau. Manuscripts are accepted from undergraduate and graduate students, but not from those holding a terminal or teaching degree in philosophy. All manuscripts should be accompanied by a brief autobiographical statement and disk version. Footnotes should be kept to a minimum. Manuscripts should be typed double spaced, including footnotes, and be accompanied by a machine readable disk version. Authors are requested to use the latest edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style* as the standard for style; notes about submissions are printed on the inside cover of current issues.

Subscription Rates

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Address _____

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I enclose _____ for a subscription for _____ years.

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NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS

Dialogue accepts articles by undergraduate or graduate students of philosophy, but not from those with terminal degrees (a terminal M.A. or a doctorate). Topics may be in any area of contemporary interest in philosophy or its history. Membership in Phi Sigma Tau is not a condition for publication. Authors are encouraged to use gender-inclusive language. For matters of style, please consult the latest edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

Prospective authors should e-mail a copy of their paper to the editor. Any word processing format is acceptable though RTF (rich text format) or WORD files are preferred. The texts for papers should be double-spaced throughout (including quotations and notes), and with notes gathered at the end. Special symbols and characters in non-Roman alphabets must be avoided. Greek terms should be transliterated, and Polish notation is preferred for logical expressions. Authors should also send a **SUBMISSION SHEET** containing:

Author's name, mailing address, and phone number

(with e-mail address if available).

TITLE of the paper submitted.

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PHI SIGMA TAU
International Honor Society in Philosophy
Information Bulletin

Founded at Muhlenberg College in 1930, and subsequently incorporated as a nonprofit corporation of Washington, D.C., Phi Sigma Tau is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. The Society's central purpose is to promote ties among philosophy departments in accredited institutions and students interested in philosophy. Both at the national and local levels, the organization of the Society is instrumental — a means for developing and honoring academic excellence and philosophical interest, and for popularizing philosophy among the general collegiate public.

Dialogue, the Journal of **Phi Sigma Tau**, is published twice annually (in October and April). Wholly devoted to the publication of articles by graduate and undergraduate students, it has a circulation of more than two thousand. The Phi Sigma Tau Newsletter appears at least three times annually and provides an informal means for chapter communication.

Local chapters are located in private and public institutions throughout the United States and Canada. These chapters, numbering more than 200 in 2016, constitute the focal point of Phi Sigma Tau activities. Their officers are students at the host institutions, with faculty advisors serving as institutional and department liaisons; each chapter enjoys a high degree of autonomy in its activities and by-laws.

The National Alumni Chapter, founded in 1971 as a means for Phi Sigma Tau members to retain affiliation following graduation, is open to all initiated members of the Society. Activities include the **Alumni Bulletin**, issued periodically, and a booklet, **Careers in Philosophy**, which appeared in 1985 and which has seen wide circulation inside and outside the Society.

National Officers are Dr. Lee C. Rice (President: Marquette University, Emeritus), Dr. Anne M. Wiles (Vice President: James Madison University), Dr. David E. Gibson (Executive Secretary: Pepperdine University, Emeritus), Dr. Steve Barbone (Editor: San Diego State University), and the following Area Council Representatives: Dr. Charlie Huenemann (Utah State University), Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J. (Fordham University), and Dr. Ann Pang-White (University of Scranton). Dr. Dawn Hutchinson (Christopher Newport University) is an Adjunct Council Member.

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Requirements for a Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau

Phi Sigma Tau operates under the umbrella of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and is a member in full standing of that organization. ACHS has several requirements for member organizations, and schools petitioning for a chapter must meet all the requirements of both Phi Sigma Tau and ACHS. We follow the guidelines listed below.

- 1) Phi Sigma Tau discourages applications from schools that are on the AAUP list of Censured Administrations.
- 2) A charter can be granted only to schools accredited by one of the major regional accrediting bodies.
- 3) A charter can be granted only to schools with baccalaureate (or equivalent) programs.
- 4) A charter can be granted only to schools with a major (or its equivalent) in philosophy. A major should normally include at least one course in logic, one course in ethics, and two courses in the history of philosophy.
- 5) A charter can be granted only when the school has the resources as well as sufficient faculty with terminal doctorates in philosophy to support a major in philosophy.
- 6) A charter can be granted only when there is departmental and administrative support for the petition.
- 7) A group consisting of at least five people must present the petition to the Executive Secretary.

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Honor Societies

The nearly seventy honor societies which make up the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) are as divergent as knowledge itself. From forestry to physics, from highly specialized to general areas, these member organizations exist for one basic purpose — to further **scholarship and achievement** in the academic areas of their members, thereby providing a forum where interested and competent students may communicate and exchange ideas with faculty and students of similar interest on their own campus and throughout the world.

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Phi Sigma Tau

Phi Sigma Tau is the International Honor Society in Philosophy. Founded in 1930 and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1955, the Society now has a network of over 200 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, at both public and private institutions of higher learning. **Phi Sigma Tau** publishes a journal, **Dialogue**, for student contributions in all areas of contemporary philosophical research. Other PST publications include the **PST Newsletter** (published three times yearly) and **National Alumni Chapter Bulletin**. The **PST Newsletter** is sent to all students and alumni/ae members and contains news of local chapter activities. The National Alumni Chapter (NAC) provides a medium of exchange and communication for one-time PST members who desire to retain their affiliation with the Society following graduation.

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Local Chapters

The purpose of establishing a PST chapter on a local campus is not to replace any existing philosophy club, though activities of campus clubs and discussion groups are often sponsored by chapters. The PST Constitution provides a great measure of autonomy to local chapters so that they may better respond to the intellectual needs of their own campus communities. On some campuses, PST provides the only and much welcome opportunity for student-led philosophical discussions with faculty serving as

resource persons. On small campuses these meetings often stimulate philosophical interest among students not currently taking philosophy classes. On many campuses, PST chapters provide regular meetings where interested students and faculty may meet in small and informal discussion groups. On other campuses, chapters provide a locus of interest and attention for the philosophy program and a means of extending the classroom experience to a social level. Some chapters focus meetings on formal papers or panels, others more informally on coffee hours and other social events. Though divergent in their activities, their goals are the same — to make philosophy a living experience and to bring together students with a common interest and competence in philosophical studies.

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Local Campus Groups

Having an international organization behind local activities and clubs provides the useful function of giving cohesion and direction to their activities, as well as the establishment of contacts and communications among students and departments at other institutions. The National PST Office has as its goal the task of providing this cohesion and communication. Members of campus clubs or reading groups often constitute the population from which chapter officers and members are drawn.

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Fees & Requirements

Membership requirements are established by the ACHS (contact the officers or advisor of your local chapter for detailed information). Initiation into PST requires a one-time initiation fee (currently \$25.00) for the International Office. Local chapters may also assess dues to meet their own campus operating expenses and frequently receive additional funding from the philosophy department or their local office of student activities. The PST initiation fee is currently the lowest among all ACHS member societies.

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Expending of Fees

Phi Sigma Tau has no paid officers or staff, and all persons at the national and international levels work on a volunteer basis. The Society's annual budget (currently about \$30,000) is derived from initiation fees, subscription fees, and alumni/ae fees and contributions. About 90% of the national budget is expended on publications and supplies provided to members through their local chapters without further charge. The first year of membership in the National Alumni Chapter following graduation is at no cost to the member and includes subscriptions to all PST publications (including the **NAC Bulletin**): after the first year, NAC members are required to pay a small membership fee (currently \$5.00) to defray costs of printing and mailing.

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Membership Advantages

Phi Sigma Tau, like any honor society, provides not just recognition of academic excellence but also a means for furthering scholarship and academic communications. Achievement, like mediocrity, is its own reward. Phi Sigma Tau is not an investment with guaranteed returns. The real key to success is in the hands of the individual faculty advisors, student officers, and chapter members. College honor societies are not social clubs or keys to instant success — they are people who share a commonality of interests, anxious to further and support scholarship, interest, ethics, and professional standards in their own areas.

Phi Sigma Tau can also provide recognition for past accomplishments in philosophy, a continuation of members' philosophical education following graduation, and even perhaps assistance or information in making subsequent career choices.

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Additional Information

Contact the student officers, members, or faculty advisor of your local campus chapter or of a nearby chapter in order to learn more about their activities. For information on establishing a chapter on your own campus if one does not presently exist, write to the Executive Secretary: Dr. David E. Gibson, Division of Humanities, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263-4225. [Email may also be sent to **david.gibson@pepperdine.edu** — please include a postal mailing address.]

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During the 2014-2015 school year, Phi Sigma Tau initiated 1202 new members. That was a slight improvement over the last two school years and was only the fourth time we have exceeded 1200 new members in a year. So, our membership seems to be holding fairly steady at around 1200 new members a year.

c) Number of chapters

- i. Total 246
- ii. New in last academic year 7

d) National has an IRS Group Exemption Number (GEN).

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e) 990-N IRS Form

Chapter

f) Benefits to members

Our main activity is the publication of *Dialogue*, our journal dedicated to student publications of work in philosophy. We also publish a *Newsletter* three times per year describing the activity of individual chapters. Students who enroll in our Alumni Chapter continue to receive the journal, newsletters, and an Alumni Bulletin for one year at no further charge. After the first year of membership in the Alumni Chapter, we do ask a \$5.00 fee for continuing, and that fee just about covers the cost of mailing the journal and other papers.

g) Benefits to profession and society at large

One of our main goals is to encourage philosophical inquiry and discussion on college campuses by making students aware of the importance of philosophy. Our chapters often do that by holding conferences on their campuses, participating in local conferences, holding meetings that are open to the campus, and engaging in other activities. We are considering a supplementary issue of our journal during the 2014-2015 school year to offer even more opportunities for student publication.

h) Accomplishments

i) Challenges to your society

One main challenge is to encourage chapters to remain active. Since chapters are often small (philosophy programs are often small), a committed advisor is essential to keeping the chapter active and operating. Advisors are essential to encouraging students to plan and execute various activities. Usually a junior faculty member is assigned the role of advisor; this means that there is quite a lot of advisor turnover, and the advisors often have heavy demands placed upon them for publication and tenure.

j) Renewal efforts of your society

Since all of our staff work on a voluntary basis, time is limited. We need to work more to encourage chapters that are inactive to become active again. Last year we revoked the charters of nine chapters for inactivity. Sometimes inactivity is because an advisor has left, and often it is difficult to find out that an advisor has left a school. We are also looking to get some younger members onto our Executive Council to replace some members who are retiring.

k) Trends in higher education with potential impact

Rising costs may impact membership, both because of possible lower enrollments and because students may have difficulty with the membership fee (though we have kept our membership fee quite low). The costs do not seem to have affected our membership requests for the past few years though. As tuitions increase and if students move to areas related to job opportunities, we may see a decline in membership, though often in difficult times, philosophy enrollments increase some.

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l) Learning and development outcomes for assessment of chapter programming

m) Collaboration with other student groups

3. Summary of revenue and expenditures

a) Fees

- i. Initial membership fee \$25.00
- ii. Annual dues NONE

b) Total revenue

Percentage from:

- i. Initial member fees 95%
- ii. Dues 0%
- iii. Other sources 5%

c) Total expenditures

Percentage for:

- i. Administration 29% (postage, supplies, website, etc.)
- ii. Governance 0% (all staff are volunteers)
- iii. Publication 70%
- iv. Scholarships/awards 1%
- v. Conventions 0%

d) Retirement benefits for employees? None.

iii. Company

- e) i. Official Audit No
- ii. Compilation No
- iii. Member/Committee No

review

- f) **Staff** Number Full Time: 0
Number Part Time: 0

g) Policies

- Whistleblower Policy No
- Conflict of Interest Policy No
- Document Retention & Destruction Policy No
- Process for Determining Compensation Policy No

h) Transparency to the General Public

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AL-BETA(0102) [Auburn University; advisor, Keren Gorodeisky] Our Auburn chapter was quite busy during the last academic year. Among our spring events was a discussion with Tim Sundell of his paper, “Instability of Content,” a discussion with David Sanson of his paper, “Potential Parts,” a trip to the Central Meeting of APA (partially supported by the philosophy department and the SGA), and helping host “Aristotle and Kant in Conversation” at the 8th Annual Auburn Philosophy Conference. On March 29, we hosted Christine Korsgaard and talked with her about her *Littleton/Franklin Lecture*; the lecture dealt with the relationship between humans and animals. On April 15, Antonio Capuano lectured on the paradox of belief; on April 21, David O’Connor lectured on the Role of Beauty in Religious Art and the following day lectured on Plato’s *Phaedrus*. Quite a busy term!

CA-IOTA(0509) [Westmont College; advisor, Jim Taylor] President: Kelly Collins, Vice-president: Cameron Lee, Secretary: Luke Donner, Public Relations Managers, Hien Bui and Shane Reid. On March 16, the California Iota chapter at Westmont College inducted sixteen new members and elected five officers. Officers and current members will meet to plan activities for the 2016-2017 school year. Ideas include a Philosophical BBQ (perhaps with a discussion of the ethics of vegetarianism), a discussion of philosophically oriented films, and collaborative discussions with Westmont’s Science and Faith club.

CT-DELTA(0704) [Quinnipiac University; advisor, Thornton Lockwood] NEW CHAPTER!

DC-GAMMA(0903) [American University; advisor, Amy Oliver] NEW ADVISOR. We initiated five new members last year. Also, the chapter organized a session with a guest speaker for a March lecture on “Faith, Reason, and Uncertainty.” During the year, members participated on a student committee during the department’s recent Tenure Track Candidate search. In late April, Dr. Oliver, Karlene Chi (the out-

going graduate adviser), and PST members worked to plan events for the new fall semester.

FL-THETA(1008) [Florida Southern College; advisor, H. A. Nethery, IV] NEW ADVISOR.

GA-BETA(1102) [Emory University; advisor, Frederick Marcus] The Emory chapter continues to benefit from a generous donation from Donald and Patricia Nicholson. As our central program, we initiated the first annual Emory Undergraduate Philosophy Conference; the conference included both graduate and undergraduate presentations as well as a keynote address by a senior faculty member. The Conference worked closely to select undergraduate presenters for the Emory Philosophical Review, an undergraduate journal in its second year of publication.

We also initiated other programs to increase philosophical inquiry and community; we worked with the Emory Philosophical Club to create an informal writing center where beginning students could ask PST members and other philosophy majors for philosophical advice on papers. We also held philosophical roundtables for the presentation of unique philosophical topics. These two programs have great potential for the future.

We continued with our monthly philosophy circles that are open to all undergraduates; a faculty member addresses a small group of students about a topic of particular interest. This year’s topics included The Insidious Nature of Whiteness; Intimacy, Death, and Heidegger’s ‘They’; What Pragmatism Means; Beginnings; Novalis and German Romanticism; and Modes of Philosophy. Each session included a lively philosophical discussion between professor and students.

On April 14, we held our tenth annual induction dinner, and this also served as a departmental honors dinner. All PST members, inductees, and faculty were invited, and Cynthia Willett delivered the keynote address, “Urban Art and Urban Ethics: From Mexico City to Ferguson, Missouri.” In addition, we continue to maintain our website with information

about PST and upcoming events.

GA-GAMMA(1103) [Agnes Scott College; advisor, Harald Thorsrud] President: Tess Lewis, Vice-president: Estephania Hernandez. On March 4, after a period of inactivity, we inducted nine new members into our chapter and elected officers for the new year. After a consideration of two possible speakers, members decided to invite Dr. George Yancy of Auburn University, and on April 28, Dr. Yancy gave a talk entitled, "Fear of the Black Body: The Distorted Lens of Whiteness," in which he explored racism and what it means to be white in a white supremacist country.

GA-DELTA(1104) [Mercer University; advisor, Rosalind Simson] NEW CHAPTER! Co-Presidents: Parker Betterncourt and Teal St. Nicklaus, Vice-president: Peter Fadoul, Secretary: Samuel Scheinman.

IL-ZETA(1406) [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; advisor, Jonathan Livengood] NEW ADVISOR. President: Micheal Clark, Vice-president: Gracie Reinecke, Treasurer: David Lewis, Social Media Chairs: Andy Xu and Alex Mendez, Social Chairs: Nathan Williams and Sarah Campbell. The April 13 meeting dealt with the topic of knowledge with background information presented by Micheal Clark. Questions to guide the discussion were 1) What is Knowledge? What are we trying to get at when we say "I know that ..."? 2) What do Gettier problems do to our concept of knowledge? and 3) How does rationality fit in? The topic of our April 27 meeting was the relationship between morality and religion. Questions included 1) Is morality dependent upon religion or God's existence? 2) Do God's commands determine value? and 3) Must God (an unsurpassable being) create an unsurpassable world? (Is this the best possible world?)

IL-MU(1412) [Dominican University; advisor, Drew Dalton] NEW ADVISOR.

IN-ALPHA(1501) [Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis; [advisor, Samuel Kahn] NEW CHAPTER!

KY-EPSILON(1805) [University of Louisville; advisor, Avery Kolers] At our April meeting, we inducted five new members. Then members voted to request removal of the gender designation from the PST directory card (all members voting to request removal). One of our new members, Jared McNeil, planned a film night; chapter President Angie Carlson coordinated a sock drive to collect new socks for St. John's Center for Homeless Men.

LA-GAMMA(1903) [Xavier University of New Orleans; advisor, Thora Bayer] We held our second induction ceremony of the term to induct one more student and then discussed her plans for the end-of-the-semester work in addition to her future plans.

MD-DELTA(2104) [Washington College; advisor,

Matthew McCabe] Our chapter had four new inductees for the year; we hold meetings and events in tandem with the Philosophy Club. Dr. McCabe was on sabbatical during the fall term, but chapter events went on in his absence.

MA-IOTA(2209) [Assumption College; advisor, Samuel Stoner] NEW ADVISOR.

MI-MU(2312) [Alma College; advisor, Nicholas Dixon] The Alma College chapter will make a few changes for the next year. Regular meetings will now be monthly with the Executive Officers meeting bi-weekly to discuss club business and potential meetings. This is done so that we will have more time to plan events. Meetings will not be restricted to monthly if there are other events we would like to include.

MO-XI(2614) [University of Missouri-St. Louis; advisor, Waldemar Rohloff] Our chapter held the fall semester finals Study Jam (held at the end of each semester) to assist students in preparing for exams. Also, our chapter partnered with the departments of Gender Studies, Communications, and Philosophy to address food scarcity on campus; we planned to establish a food bank on campus this spring as well as bring SNAP to campus. We also reached out to the Psychology and Nursing honor societies to begin talks about fundraising for the Independence Center (a clubhouse model facility that helps bring people with persistent mental illnesses back into society so that they are capable of living independently; we received positive feedback from faculty and students for this effort. During the fall term we participated in the Major Minor Jam to encourage enrollment in philosophy as a major or minor.

MT-BETA(2702) [Montana State University; advisor, Sara Waller] At one of our recent meetings we discussed an article by Angela Watercutter, "*EX MACHINA HAS A SERIOUS FEMBOT PROBLEM.*" The article begins by noting that "THE TURING TEST detects if a machine can truly think like a human. The Bechdel Test detects gender bias in fiction. If you were to mash the two together to create a particularly messy Venn diagram, the overlap shall hence forth be known as the Ex Machina Zone." Our meeting proceeded to discuss the article which was about a recent film by Alex Garland. Also, Dr. Fritz Allhoff spoke on "Neuroethics and Criminals; Beyond Minority Report" at a meeting of the philosophical society.

NE-BETA(2802) [Creighton University; advisor, David McPherson] NEW ADVISOR.

NJ-ETA(3107) [Seton Hall University; advisor, Mark Couch] NEW ADVISOR.

NY-ALPHA(3301) [St. Lawrence University; advisor, Laura Rediehs] President: Ryan Ficano, Vice-

president: Taber Engelken, Secretary: Katherine Boynton.

NY-GAMMA(3303) [SUNY at Oneonta; advisor, Jean-Paul Orgeron] SUNY Oneonta hosted the 21st annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on April 8 and 9. The keynote speaker was Dr. Lawrence Torcello from the Rochester Institute of Technology; his topic was the moral implications of climate change. Professor Orgeron hosted a reception the night before the conference to meet and greet those traveling to Oneonta to present or discuss papers at the conferences. In addition, our chapter worked to handle the registration table for the conference. April 15 will be our second induction of the term, and Dr. Orgeron will be the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

NY-MU(3312) [Manhattanville College; advisors, Paul Kucharski] NEW CHAPTER! The installation and first induction ceremony of the Manhattanville College chapter was held on April 4 in the West room of Reid Castle. The new chapter was led into the room by the department's faculty. The students entered with smiles, dressed in red robes in honor of their new academic achievement. New York Chapter Mu was officially installed by Fr. Joseph Koterski S.J. (PST Executive Council Member and advisor for New York Chapter Nu), the Mary T. Clark lecturer for the evening. Then the newly installed officers, accompanied by Professor Kucharski, the faculty advisor of New York Mu, officially initiated the new members.

Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, the Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy, hosted the annual Mary T. Clark lecture which accompanied the installation of the chapter. Fr. Koterski's paper, "Lying and Loyalties," was delivered to a full house. Professor Koterski discussed conflicts that arise when our loyalties clash and whether or not lying is justified in order to resolve such conflicts. (Editor's note: Chapter advisor, Dr. Kucharski, and Dr. Nash-Marshall of the faculty of Manhattanville were both students of Fr. Koterski at Fordham.)

One other event of the evening was the awarding of the Cummins Family Endowed Philosophy Scholarship. Richard and Diane Cummins have been invaluable supporters of the Manhattanville philosophy department and have generously awarded a scholarship to an exceptional major each year. This year's recipient of their generosity was Gabriella Jackman (Class of 2017) who is a double major in Philosophy and Asian Studies. Gabriella was one of the inductees into the New York Mu chapter. Congratulations to Gabriella and thanks to the Cummins family for their support of philosophy at Manhattanville!

NY-NU(3313) [Fordham University; advisor, Joseph Koterski, S.J.] Our featured speaker at our April 22 induction ceremony was Dr. Amy Seymour,

Assistant Professor of Philosophy. Dr. Seymour's topic was "Predicting and Facing the Future." Cathlene Centeno made a student presentation at the ceremony.

NY-PHI(3321) [St. Francis College; advisor, Clayton Shoppa] NEW ADVISOR.

NC-EPSILON(3405) [University of North Carolina at Asheville; advisor, Scott Williams] NEW ADVISOR.

NC-ETA(3407) [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; advisor, John Roberts] The North Carolina Eta chapter initiated five new members for the year. Under the leadership of our President Nathan Smith, our chapter (along with the Carolina Philosophy Club) organized the Chapel Hill Undergraduate Philosophy Conference that was held on March 5. Keynote speaker for the conference was Professor Christopher Lebron of Yale University, and we had student speakers from New York University, Southern Illinois University, and the University of California at Los Angeles. In addition, our chapter undertook its annual task of providing free tutoring for students in introductory philosophy courses.

OH-TAU(3619) [Walsh University; advisor, Joe Vincenzo] At our March 4 meeting, we discussed eligibility requirements for members and set the time for the induction ceremony. Dr. Whetstone will be asked to give the address at the ceremony.

PA-BETA(3902) [Cabrini College; advisor, Sharon Schwarze] NEW ADVISOR.

PA-LAMBDA(3911) [Westminster College; advisor, David Goldberg] Chapter members at Westminster College attended the MidSouth Philosophy Conference held at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. This was the 14th time members from our chapter attended the conference.

PA-NU(3913) [St. Joseph's University; advisor, Ginger Hoffman] Twenty-two new members were inducted into the St. Joseph's University chapter with family members and faculty members attending the ceremony.

PA-XI(3914) [Bucknell University; advisor, Sheila Lintott] NEW CHAPTER!

PA-PI(3916) [King's College; advisor, James Ambury] NEW ADVISOR.

PA-ALPHA BETA(3926) [Lehigh University; advisor, Robin Dillon] President: Juliana Clifton, Vice-president: Mike Lessel, Secretary: Alec McConnell, Morale Chair: John Larson, Alumni Liaisons: Daniel Leal and Ryan Spirko. At our April 6 meeting, we discussed the Ethics Symposium and what was needed in the way of preparations for publicity, transportation, and food. We reflected on the Symposium at the April 27 meeting and nominated and elected our new officers. Our next meeting will

be our Induction Ceremony (May 5) followed by a Bonding Dinner at Red Robin.

RI-ALPHA(4001) [Providence College; advisor, Anthony Jensen] We had a busy year! We inducted nine new members, and our inductees from last year have been active in promoting philosophy throughout the College. We have held movie nights, major/minor career days, graduate school information sessions, and three intercollegiate talks with guest speakers. Our current members have also participated in our annual departmental conferences: the St. Nicholas of Myrna Conference, The Jacob Klein Memorial Conference, and the Jacques Maritain Conference. One of our initiatives involves collaboration with nearby Brown University's philosophy department. Finally, several of our members have participated in talk and club activities this year.

RI-BETA(4002) [Salve Regina University; advisor, Craig Condella] President: Brandon Harrington, Vice-president: Kathleen Gamez, Secretary: Francis Quigley.

RI-GAMMA(4003) [Rhode Island College; advisor, Matthew Duncan] NEW ADVISOR.

TX-XI(4414) [University of North Texas; advisor, Michael Thompson] President: Dylan Cavanaugh, Vice-president: Taylor Phillips, Secretary: Delany Kilpatrick, Graduate Student Liaison: Nicholas Moran.

TX-OMICRON(4415) [University of Dallas; advisor, Philipp W. Rosemann] The University of Dallas chapter held a joint induction ceremony with the chapter at the University of Texas at Arlington; this was the second year the two chapters held joint ceremonies. Dr. Kenneth Williford, advisor for the Arlington chapter, gave the lecture on the subject of anti-philosophy and its antidotes. Eleven members were inducted into the University of Dallas chapter and two into the Arlington chapter.

VA-ALPHA(4701) [Christopher Newport University; advisor, Dawn Hutchinson] President: Melina Gonzales, Vice-president: Will Pell, Secretary/Historian: Marisa Ohngemach.

VA-GAMMA(4703) [James Madison University; advisor, Anne M. Wiles] Co-Presidents: Greg Glasgow and Ryan Matney, Co-Vice-presidents: Augustus Snyder and Tyler Palombo, Co-Secretaries: Amanda Misak and Heather Boswell, Treasurer: Austin Figueroa, Webmaster: Leilani Bartell. Also we created a new office, Nocturnal Councillor, that was based on a passage from Plato's *Laws*; elected to this office were Andrei Armanca and Leilani Bartell.

Members of the James Madison University chapter met on February 24 to discuss Sartre's *No Exit*. The discussion was led by co-presidents Brandon Cadran and Michael Clay. At our next meeting (March 24), members discussed the film and script of Samuel

Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*. The discussion was led by Greg Glasgow and Augustus Snyder. On March 31, Dr. Anne Van Leeuwen who joined the faculty this year presented a lecture titled "Continental Philosophy: Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis?"

On April 18 Jack Gardner gave a presentation on "Euthanasia and End-Stage Dementia: A Patient Decision." Jack is a graduate of the philosophy program and is currently a graduate student in the Bio-Ethics program at the University of Pennsylvania; the talk was well attended by philosophy majors, minors, and other students and faculty.

On April 19, eleven members were initiated into the chapter in a joint ceremony with Theta Alpha Kappa, the society for religious studies. Dr. Mark Piper presented a talk entitled "Is Descartes' Conception of God Fully Coherent?" The initiation ceremonies were followed by an Honors Banquet for members of both honor societies and faculty.

Our chapter met on April 27 to elect officers, and again on April 29. Two honor students, Augustus Snyder and Tyler Palombo from the Ancient Greek philosophy course, gave a presentation on "Mythos and Logos in the Platonic Dialogues"; a lively discussion followed. After the presentation the presenters, the newly elected presidents and the graduating members of PST were guests of faculty members at a dinner at a local Italian restaurant.

WI-ALPHA(5001) [Marquette University; advisor, Ericka Tucker] NEW ADVISOR.

WI-ZETA(5006) [University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point; advisor, Joshua Horn] NEW ADVISOR.

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From Our Archives

I have transcribed three very lightly edited letters from our files. There is little information about the very early history of Phi Sigma Tau, but these three letters might be of interest. The first letter is from H. Lynn Womack (Baldwin-Wallace College) to Dale Diefenbach (Baldwin-Wallace, but from Harvard University); the second is Dr. Diefenbach's reply, and the third is Womack's last reply.

February 7, 1956

Dear Dale:

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed Constitution which I have drawn up for Phi Sigma Tau. Nothing whatever can be done [with] ACHS [Association of

College Honor Societies] or any other national affiliation until such a document was available for distribution. Read it over and let me have your comments.

I am sorry I did not see you at Cambridge as there were a number of things I would have liked to talk over with you. You will receive the second Newsletter shortly. I am glad to report that everything appears to operate in favor of Phi Sigma Tau. Professor XXXXX, the gentleman who appears to have a personal "honorary fraternity in philosophy" is not at all happy regarding the existence of Phi Sigma Tau and feels that as a matter of ethics we should disband in his favor. I am afraid that I do not see things his way.

Let me have any ideas and suggestions you have regarding PST. I think that we can get the records situation cleared up shortly now.

Sincerely,

H. Lynn Womack

March 27, 1956

Dear Prof. Womack,

I am very sorry for not having written before this. I want to congratulate you on the fine job that you did with the Constitution. Any points with which I might even slightly disagree were minor cases of wording, but this happens when any two people want to say the same thing.

I would be interested in knowing how the ACHS meeting came out. It is too bad that Prof. XXXXX is taking the position that he is. In the first place, he seems to have made no effort to expand his society to "two or more regions" of the nation, and he has had twenty-five years to work with! Secondly, the name "Alpha Kappa Alpha" is the name of a sorority already. I would imagine that the APA would be wise not to act until we obtain the ACHS recognition.

The National Council of Omicron Delta Kappa, I know, issues a list of all those institutions which meet the minimum standards set by the ACHS and their own Constitution for the formation of new chapters. The list is issued in very diplomatic language stating the institution which receives a copy of such a list is encouraged to join. It is written so that the receiving group doesn't feel - "Who the hell are they that they approve us." It simplifies things for the routine business of the National Council. It is a preliminary approval such that the National Council and the

various chapters and Convention must still go through the process of ratifying their membership. It greatly helps to promote the applications for chapter affiliations. Mr. Robert Bishop of the U. of Cincinnati could give details of their method.

Since you will be the permanent Executive Sec'y., you will be continually facing the same problem that you are now undoubtedly experiencing. I mean that you are facing problems which require genuine policy-making decisions which you hope will be satisfying to the majority of the society. Ideally, all such policy decisions should be handled by the National Council, but practically this just ain't so. Even the few meetings that the Council does hold will be annually. So much [more] gets done at such times in casual conversations than by formal letters. So much comes up in the interim, however. In order to ease your burden in the day-to-day decisions that must be made, and to insure a more adequate expression of the Council opinion, I am going to offer what may seem a ludicrous suggestion, but here goes! Many individuals and some groups "correspond" by tape. Practically any school has a tape recorder and so do many individuals or departments. It only costs eight cents to send by mail one hour of conversation (soliloquy) from say, D.C. to California, less than a dime for a metropolitan phone call! No typing up formal letters, no more written words with vocal inflections, and so on. To me the advantages of this are enormous. Letters are so cold, conference phone calls for say seven Council members spread across the nation even for a three minute rate are staggering in cost. Each tape costs about four bucks, but the saving outweighs the initial cost. Let me illustrate; some major item comes up which you think deserves more than the usual correspondence for the operation of the society. You send out six tapes for the Council (cost - 48¢); they listen to you; erase; record their opinions and return them to you. If you think that you need to send out copies of one member's opinion to the others, then you make copies of his tape. This process leaves in the personal element, allows ease in presentation, relatively cheap for its advantages. Even if each person sent his tape to each of the others - 7 (6x6,36), it would cost only \$2.88 by regular mail. In some cases of urgency, even air mail won't be too costly. This is not meant to take the place of official correspondence, but it would act as an unofficial auxiliary. Just as a side comment, chapters might find it novel, if not interesting, to have papers from other chapters presented in the author's voice by tape. So much for that.

Has the Banta Publishing Co. published the new "Baird's Manual"? It is supposed to come out in Dec. '55.

Could you drop me a line on the enclosed postal

card about how this ACHS matter is coming out?

I have a recommendation about the establishment of a fund that might be used for scholarships or loans. It seems to me that any such fund should be limited to loans only and that no loan should be made to graduate students until the contributions to the fund have reached some arbitrary sum. Most grad. students need money at a particular time and are more concerned about getting the money than they are about whether it is a gift or a loan. The important thing is money when they need it. Consequently, I suggest that the fund help more students by restricting it to loans only. Most honor societies offer scholarships to grad. students from a special fund, but I don't think that they should dictate our course by their example. This is a suggestion to the National Council when and if they think about setting up the rules for such a fund.

I know that the new journal for student papers at Yale is advertised in the Phil. Review; maybe some such solicitation in such a journal might help Dialogue.

In closing, I really want to express my appreciation for all that you have done since last September. It was very lucky for the society that you have been at the helm. Your continued support of Phi Sigma Tau as Executive Secretary will mean the difference between its success or failure in its tender years.

Sincerely yours,
Dale Alan Diefenbach (signed)
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29 March 1956

Dear Dale:

Thank you for the kind words regarding the Constitution. I am certain you realize the pressure under which I operate in preparing Constitution, Initiation and Installation ceremonies, forms for every imaginable purpose-and answer a flood of letters of inquiry and information.

The February Newsletter and the first issue of *Dialogue* are now in the press. That accounts for my not having written anyone concerning the ACHS meeting. We came out rather well. The ACHS has an unwritten-never told to anyone until they apply and attend a meeting-that an organization must have been in operation at least three years. We were told to wait for two

more years and then by all means come back. XXXXX's AKA was turned down flatly and rather coldly. If I may be a little personal-and unphilosophical-I think I rather effectively off XXXXX and his group at this meeting. XXXXX, by the way, is now desperately trying to build up AKA but the net result seems to be that the very places he is trying to "invade" happen to be more impressed with PST.

Your idea about the tape recorder is excellent except for the cost. We are going to have to be very careful with money for some time. The biggest expense we have at the present time is postage. However, we must keep on systematically canvassing the institutions with Philosophy departments or the Society will never grow. We cannot take the attitude that we must spend no money courting them by sending the Newsletter, answering requests for copies of the Constitution, etc.

I am writing to Professor Bishop for the list you mention. In the meanwhile, on the time of the National Academy of Sciences, I am examining the catalog of every accredited college and university in the U.S. and Canada to see if they are a good prospect. I expect this list to become our permanent mailing list.

Baird's Manual is far from being in the press. I am preparing new copy with specific chapter information and a photograph of the key will also appear. This extra time has operated for our benefit. It was not too easy to secure papers, but four good ones were rounded up. Once we are in print, this difficulty will disappear-I hope. Ideas appears to be floundering-I do not know why. Thanks for your kind words! Write when you have the time.

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Dialogue

Our editor, Dr. Steve Barbone, has spent much of his summer in preparing the special Ethics issue of *Dialogue* as well as our October issue. The Ethics issue will be a special issue in addition to our usual October and March issues; it has been in the works for a couple of years and is finally nearing completion. Since one of the main aims of Phi Sigma Tau is to encourage discussion of philosophical topics with one way of doing that the publication of student work, we are proud to publish a third issue of *Dialogue* during the 2016-2017 school year; we hope to have other special issues from time to time in the future.

The October issue is also in preparation. Among

the articles will be the following papers.

- The Sorites Paradox: A Reply to Goldstein
 Nikunj Agarwal, *Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts*
- Reconstructing Morality: Accessibility of Right Action: The Diverse Systemization of Intent
 Ava Ashym *University of California at Los Angeles*
- Platonic Pedagogy in the *Meno*: Virtue Is Not a Divine Gift
 Caroline Blaney, *Hunter College*
- Form of Life as the Collective Agreement
 Jason Culmone, *Quinnipiac University*
- Thinking Parts: Parfit and Animalism
 Daniel Davis, *York University*
- Fascism and Nietzsche's Political Legacy
 Nicholas Johnston, *Loyola University, Maryland*
- Evaluating Kierkegaard's *Eros* and *Agape*: An Alternative Leap to Faith
 Greta Kaluzeviciute, *University of Essex*
- Separate Arguments within the Wax Argument
 Rebecca Meadows, *James Madison University*
- A Defense of the Duty to Save the Violinist
 Micah Quigley, *Grove City College*
- Whatever Happened to the Child of Tomorrow? A Textual Analysis of Rousseau's *Emile* as Nietzsche's Concept of the *Übermensch*
 Nicholas Turner, *DePaul University*
- Newton versus Kant in Modern Times
 Brandon Walton, *San Diego State University*
- Personal Identity and the Problem of Love
 Ryan Woods, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

We also publish reviews and encourage students to consider reviewing a book listed on the BOOKS RECEIVED pages in the regular issues of the journal. Reviewers may contact the editor to see whether a book is still available. Please contact Dr. Barbone by email at barbone@rohan.sdsu.edu.

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Other income	171.00	0.52
Total	205,573.09	100.00

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2014-2015 Financial Report

(Category)	(Dollars)	(Percent)
INCOME		
Initiation fees	30,050.00	94.94
Dialogue subscriptions	381.50	1.21
NAC dues	235.00	0.74
Charter fees	500.00	1.58
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	160,639.36	(not included)
Other income	485.00	1.53
Total	192,290.86	100.00
EXPENSES		
Supplies	409.30	2.09
Printing costs	1,469.68	7.50
Postage	2,812.27	14.35
Dialogue printing	13,656.52	69.71
ACHS dues/expenses	485.00	2.48
Website	192.00	0.98
Other expenses	567.00	2.89
Total	19,591.77	100.00

Retained Earnings \$ 172,699.09

Phi Sigma Tau continues to be in a solid financial state, with our income generally exceeding our expenses each year. Our journal, *Dialogue*, continues to be our largest expense and generally is about 70-75% of our operating costs. However, the journal provides philosophy students an opportunity for their first publication, and our Executive Council continues to believe that the goal of encouraging philosophy students to publish their work is one of the primary values of Phi Sigma Tau. Students who do submit work for publication are encouraged to think deeply about philosophical problems, to formulate their ideas carefully, and to consider how those ideas can be effectively presented. Some of those who have had their work published in *Dialogue* have gone on to graduate work in philosophy and, in a few cases, have become chapter advisors for our organization.

Aside from the journal, our other major expenses are postage and printing; those costs remain fairly constant from year to year. We do incur fairly substantial mailing costs as we send membership certificates, some journals, and other items throughout the year. A great deal of correspondence is done by way of emails, and that helps keep mailing costs under control.

There continue to be no charges for salaries, retirement, or health benefits, as Phi Sigma Tau remains an all volunteer organization. Additionally, there is no overhead for

fundraising, as Phi Sigma Tau does not solicit donations from any organization. We do accept the occasional donation and are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

Yours cordially,
 David E. Gibson
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News of the Society

The 2014-2015 school year was only our fourth where the number of new members passed 1200 (1202 to be precise). We had a slight increase from last year when we had 1171 new members. In the past several years, we have averaged a bit over 1200 new members each year. In addition, we chartered seven new chapters during the year. We have new chapters at California State University at San Bernardino, Indiana University Southeast, DePaul University (Chicago), Walsh University (Canton, Ohio), Morningside College (Sioux City, Iowa), Adrian College (Adrian, Michigan), and the University of Missouri at St. Louis. All of these new chapters are up and running; between them, they inducted 71 members during the past school year. However, early this school year we revoked the charters at eight chapters that had been inactive for some time.

Phi Sigma Tau is a member of ACHS (Association of College Honor Societies) and operates according to the rules of that organization. ACHS provides a framework for the operation of honor societies and certifies that societies that adhere to its rules are genuinely dedicated to honoring outstanding students and upholding the standards of an honor group. In the case of Phi Sigma Tau, we are limited to chartering chapters only at institutions with a major in philosophy; additionally, as an honor society for a special field, we can only induct students who are advanced students. However, we are not limited to inducting students who major in philosophy; we are allowed to induct students with majors in other areas provided they meet the standards of excellence in philosophy. Consequently, many of our members continue their education in areas other than philosophy and pursue careers in law, medicine, graduate study, and many other areas.

As usual, I have enclosed the Alumni Bulletin and two Newsletters with the October issue of *Dialogue*. I hope that you find that your former chapter has listed some of its activities.

The new version of the *PST Manual* is available in Adobe format. The Adobe version now contains information which is up to date, as well as all printed forms, memos, history, chapter lists, bulletins, and newsletters. NAC members who wish to receive the *PST Manual* as an email attachment should drop me a brief email message ("send Manual" is fine).

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NAC Membership

Membership in the National Alumni Chapter continues to be five dollars per year; we have no plans to increase that. However, the Executive Council is considering a proposal to offer Alumni Chapter membership by email to those who might wish. Members who elect to have an email membership would not be charged for membership but would receive all materials by email only; there would be no hard copies. Members, whether email members or regular members as they are now, will receive *Dialogue* for one year as well as Newsletters and the occasional NAC Bulletin. However, I do not know when you move or change email addresses. Please let me know if your street address or email address changes so that I can update the PST files. I would like to be able to keep in contact with you. If you need to change an address, please feel free to contact me by email.

Email addresses for members who make them available are taken from both NAC renewal and registration forms. If you neglected to provide an email address [or registered using an earlier registration form which did not contain a space for email information] and would like to be on the NAC email distribution list, you need only drop me a message [**david.gibson@pepperdine.edu**] from your email account with the Subject Line: "ADD TO NAC EMAIL." **The NAC membership database (including email listings) is not given or sold to any other organization (educational or commercial).**

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DIALOGUE

This current issue of our journal is the work of many people. First and foremost are the authors of articles and reviewers of books. They have taken their time and talent to produce the essays and reviews in this issue. In addition, there are the professors who encouraged and stimulated the students to produce these works. And also, students talk to other students and help them refine their ideas, clear up confusions, and express ideas clearly and coherently. *Dialogue* is a product of all that activity. Our congratulations to all those who helped in the preparation of the issues of our journal!

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From the Executive Secretary

From time to time, I would like to include a section in our Alumni Bulletin for members of the Alumni Chapter (and others) to recall some of their experiences in Phi Sigma Tau, recollections of favorite professors, or descriptions of what they have done since they graduated. I imagine that all of you have a professor (perhaps more than one) who shaped your thinking or influenced your life in some way. Or there may be a way where your training in philosophy has been a help in your career. If you have some stories or reflections you would be willing for

me to publish in our Bulletin, please send them to me. Currently, the Alumni Bulletin is a once per year publication, but I would be happy to make it a twice per year publication if some NAC members would like to send me material for a second issue.

Our October issue is a bit late, but this will give me the opportunity to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. And best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

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