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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.
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.

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 September, 2003, its chapter network includes 187 chapters.

GOVERNMENT
The National Officers consist of President, Vice-President, and Executive Secretary. The PST Executive Council consists of these three National Officers, plus five Area Council Representatives.

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 2002-03 academic year marked the appearance of Volume 45. The PST Newsletter, which appears two or three times yearly, had its 108th issue in March of 2003.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE
The headquarters were originally at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., moved in 1959 to Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and in 1970 to Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
PHI SIGMA TAU
CONSTITUTION

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

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 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.

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 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, November, 2003)

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 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:

<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, Philoún ton Sophi´an 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.
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 Tetradrachma, 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

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Appendix
Current Chapter Forms
Archives & National Memos

Use this section of the PST Manual for samples of current chapter forms and memos from the National Office.

Prior to the end of the academic year, the Chapter President and Secretary should review and update this appendix before turning it over to the Chapter Advisor.

Remember that next year’s officers will rely on the records which you have left of chapter activities and procedures in order to continue their work.

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PHI SIGMA TAU
International Honor Society in Philosophy

To: All Active Chapters
From: Lee Rice, Executive Secretary
Date: September, 2003

OFFICERS’ OBLIGATIONS

The current PST Manual will have been sent to all advisors in Adobe format as an email attachment. Hopefully advisors can forward or supply copies to all officers. If for some reason you are unable to receive or download the email attachment, the file can be sent on floppy disk at your request. 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. A standard Supply Order Form is also enclosed for mail orders.

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. 2003 graduates (as indicated on the initiation directory card) have been moved by the computer to the GRADU-ATE file. A listing of 2003 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 the Supply Order Form enclosed and attach it to your Preliminary Report.

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, or a simple letter, or 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 you 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, send cards and fees at least 15 days in advance. Otherwise, they may be sent following initiation; and 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, 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 card for registering when the member graduates.

All membership fees collected by the Society are returned to chapters in supplies and publications. 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 Erfmeyer & Son Co., Inc. (ESCO) in Milwaukee. ESCO can also provide PST graduation stoles. Please use the ESCO 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 disk publications, and current issues are included in the PST Manual.

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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,

Dr. Lee C. Rice
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PERMANENT DIRECTORY CARD
PHI SIGMA TAU
International Honor Society in Philosophy

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College Address _____________________________ ____________________________ _____________________

_____________________________ Graduation Date ______________________

Undergraduate_________________ Graduate ______________________ Faculty ______________________

Date of Birth ___________________________ Male _______________ Female ______________________

Institution ____________________________ ________________________________________________

Date __________________ Chapter Advisor ________________________________________________

Send This Card To The National Office

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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 database, and from the database 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.
PHI SIGMA TAU
Official Chapter Minutes

College or University:___________________________________________________________

State ______ Greek Letter ___________ Date _____________________________
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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

College or University: __________________________________________________________

State ________ Greek Letter ____________ Date _________________________________

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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 2002-03 academic year marks Volume 45. 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.

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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 187 in 2003, 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; and 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. The Society also maintains a **Laureate Chapter**, whose members are some of the leading philosophical thinkers of our time.

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**Phi Sigma Tau**  
*International Honor Society in Philosophy*  

**CHARTER PETITION FORM**

Please submit SEVEN copies of this form and appended materials to the Executive Secretary, together with the charter fee of $100.00.

1. Institution in which chapter is to be located: ________________________________

2. When was institution first accredited? ________________________________

3. By what regional agency is it now accredited? ________________________________

4. Number of members of the Philosophy Department with terminal degrees in philosophy? ________________

5. Number of philosophy courses offered each semester/quarter: ________________________________

6. Titles of courses with multiple sections: ________________________________

7. Present number of students who are candidates for the following degrees in philosophy:

   Ph.D.________  M.A.________  B.A.________

8. Names of student officers of the prospective chapter: ________________________________

9. Indicate what action is necessary to secure institutional approval for a local Phi Sigma Tau chapter on your campus, and what has been done to secure such approval:

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10. Append the following as part of this application:

    A. Description of the institution's philosophy program:

       1. Listing of Philosophy Department staff (or of five members if staff exceeds five), including highest earned degree, area of specialization, educational background, and courses taught.

       2. Course titles/descriptions (photocopy of catalogue listing is sufficient).

       3. Major requirements for the B.A. in philosophy, which should include at least one course each in the following areas: history of philosophy, logic, and ethics.

    B. Brief description of the institution’s library holdings in philosophy, including listings of at least 15 journals received.

   Date: ___________________ Signature of prospective advisor: ________________________________
Charter Petition Form: Notes & Instructions

Approved Accreditation: The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) requires that petitioning institutions be accredited by one of the following agencies: New England Association of Schools and Colleges; Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Association of Schools and Colleges; Southern Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities; or Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Charter Fee: This fee is currently $100.00, and defrays costs of mailing and handling of the petition process. In requesting payment of the charter fee from the institutional bursar, the following information should be supplied: Phi Sigma Tau is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation under IRS determination, and its Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 39-1959200.

Other Considerations: In examining a petition, the PST Executive Council also considers: AAUP censure status; size of department and number of members with doctorates in philosophy; and the general quality of the program and major in philosophy (including the presence of courses in the history of philosophy).

Streamlining the Petition Form: Item 10 of the Charter Petition Form request four sets of information as appendices to the petition. Some (but not all) of this information is contained in some (but not all) departmental websites. If your departmental website contains some of the requested information, the first page of the appendix to the petition should indicate: (1) the website location; and (2) the requested information in item 10 which is on the website. It is not necessary to include printed appendices of this information as part of the petition form.

Petition Process: The seven copies of the petition form received are distributed to PST Executive Council members for endorsement. Following the endorsement procedure, the Executive Secretary prepares a petition announcement which is circulated to all active chapters. The petition announcement summarizes the longer petition form and the recommendations of the Executive Council. Petition approval is determined by a 75% approval of active chapters, each of whose approvals is determined by a majority of its members. The PST Constitution mandates a four-week voting period on a petition. In practice, because most chapters now receive and report via email, the majority vote is usually recorded within two weeks. Note that petitions received during the months of June, July, and August are not submitted to chapters for vote until the beginning of the new academic year in September.

Chapter Installation: Following approval of a petition, the Executive Secretary prepares a binder containing: letter of acceptance, charter, and the current issue of the PST Manual (containing all forms and operating procedures). This is sent directly to the new advisor, who becomes ex officio a charter member of the new chapter. The new advisor may serve as installing officer. The PST Constitution also provides for inviting an external installing officer (See Article IV, Sec. 4, and By-Laws, Article I, Sec. 2).

Further Information: If you have questions concerning the process, please contact the Executive Secretary for further details.

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What Is an Honor Society?

Honor Societies

The nearly fifty honor societies which make up the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) are as diverse 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 nonprofit corporation in 1955, the Society now has a network of over 180 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), National Alumni Chapter Bulletin, and Careers in Philosophy, a booklet published in 1985 which provides information on current careers and interests of over 400 past philosophy students. 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 or co-sponsored by chapters. The PST Constitution provides a great measure of autonomy to local chapters, both in structure and activities; 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 $10,000) 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, students 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: Lee C. Rice, PHI SIGMA TAU, Department of Philosophy, Marquette University, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-1881. [Email may also be sent to lee.rice@marquette.edu — please include a postal mailing address.]

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2. Field of study: Philosophy.
3. Classification (General, Specialized): Specialized.
4. National Headquarters: Phi Sigma Tau, Philosophy Department, Marquette University, PO Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881.
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   b. Address: Philosophy Department, Marquette University, PO Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881.
   e. E-mail address of National Headquarters: lee.rice@marquette.edu.
   g. Number of salaried employees: 0.
   h. Number of full/part-time employees: 1 part-time.
5. Official ACHS Representative for fiscal year October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003 (the official representative is one who is appointed by the governance body of the organization):
   a. Name: Dr. David Gibson.
   b. Address: Humanities, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263
   e. E-mail address: gibson@pepperdine.edu.
6. National Officers — names and addresses: President: Dr. Eva Cadwallader, 3920 Fawn Drive, Denton, TX 76208; Vice President: Dr. William Bonis, 1858 Knoxville, Long Beach, CA 90815; Area Council Representatives: Dr. David Gibson, Humanities, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263; Dr. Don Howard, History & Philosophy of Science, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556; Dr. James Sauer, Philosophy Department, St. Mary’s University, One Camino Sant Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228-5433; Dr. Irmgard Scherer, Philosophy Department, Loyola College, 4501 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210-2699; Dr. Ann M. Wiles, Department of Philosophy and Religion, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA 22807.
7. List total of Annual Operating Expenses (all funds, including foundation): $ 18,294.52.
9. Summarize award program (national scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards). What proportion of budget does award program represent?: None, 0%. [This year we begin an award programme for Dialogue authors, whose articles are to be ranked by the Editorial Board and Executive Council. The author of the highest-ranking article in each issue will receive an honorarium of $50 and a PST Key.]
10. National convention (or equivalent democratic process):
   a. How often is it held?: When called.
   b. Describe the convention — its structure and goals: Primarily elective.
   c. Describe national support of chapter delegates: Nominal.
   d. What proportion of the budget does the convention represent?: For 2002-2003, 0%.


12. How often does your society hold regional meetings?: When arranged by local area chapters.

13. How does your society assure democratic participation of members in governance? Be specific: Officers are nominated by chapters, and elected by chapter vote. Reconfirmation by chapter vote is required triennially, since terms of service are indefinite. Charter petitions are approved or disapproved by Executive Council, and accepted or rejected by chapter vote.

14. Describe nomination and election process for national officers: Nomination from chapters (terms indefinite), each chapter has three votes (which may be split at the discretion of the chapter).

15. How does your society determine needs/values of members and member satisfaction?: Email feedback from campus chapters and members, occasional surveys of members of National Alumni Chapter.

16. Describe national efforts to renew (re-energize) the society: None, as our growth and local activities appear to be increasing by natural means.

17. Describe programming:
   a. National initiatives for encouraging student scholarship, research, leadership: The PST Newsletter (appearing in September, November, and March) disseminates information on chapter activities which is often an impetus to other chapters. Many chapters are now in communication via email, some publishing their own newsletters.
   b. National initiatives related to citizen leaders and service for the common good: This is left primarily to the local chapters, a significant number of which are engaged in various community support activities.
   c. National initiatives to impact chapter programming: The PST Newsletter.
   d. Other national projects: None.

18. Describe collaborative efforts with other honor societies, professional organizations, business: None at the national level, nor is any perceived as necessary. Local chapters often collaborate with other local campus honor societies.

19. Chapters
   a. No. active (campus) chapters: 141 (as of 01 SEP 03).
   b. No. alumni chapters: 1 (National Alumni Chapter).
   c. No. inactive (campus) chapters: 35 (as of 01 SEP 03).
   d. No. revoked chapters: 47 (as of 01 SEP 03).
   e. New chapters installed since last report — chapter name and institution: Arkansas Alpha (Lyon College), New York Rho (St. John’s University), California Xi (California State University, Dominguez Hills), Nevada Alpha (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Pennsylvania Xi (Wilkes University), Arkansas Beta (University of Arkansas at Little Rock), New York Sigma (Canisius College), Georgia Theta (Valdosta State University), New York Tau (Hartwick College), New Jersey Eta (Seton Hall University), District of Columbia Gamma (American University), Louisiana Beta (Loyola University, New Orleans), Massachusetts Eta (Bridgewater State College), Ohio Xi (Mount Union College), Louisiana Gamma (Xavier University of Louisiana), Maine Beta (University of Maine, Orono).
f. Chapters inactivated since last report — chapter name and institution: We do not have an inactivation procedure. Chapters which have no reports or activities within a twelve-month period are automatically moved to inactive status, which is considered temporary. After four years in this status, the charter is subject to revocation.

g. Chapters revoked since last report — chapter name and institution: Kentucky Beta (Centre College, Danville), Michigan Zeta (Siena Heights College), West Virginia Beta (WVCV, Buckhannon).

20. Membership:

a. Classifications (undergraduates, grad students, faculty, alumni, honorary, other): **Local members** include undergraduates, graduate students, and teachers; **National Alumni Chapter** members register upon graduation (or retirement for teachers) from local chapters; and **Honorary members** are nominated by local chapters and approved by the Executive Council.

b. National induction fee — What does it include (certificate, insignia, national dues, other)?: $25.00. The fee includes certificate and membership package, subscriptions to *The PST Newsletter* and *Dialogue* for as long as the member is affiliated with the local chapter, and a one-year membership in the National Alumni Chapter following graduation.

c. National dues and benefits for each classification: $25 for local membership, $5 per year for National Alumni membership (after the first year), and $0 for honorary membership.

d. Membership acceptance rate: Varies with local chapters.

e. Total number new members — 2002-2003 academic year: 1138.

f. Grand total of members, including the 2002-2003 academic year: 27,884.

g. Total number of annual alumni (dues-paying) members — 2002-2003 fiscal year: 311 (as of 01 Sept. 2003).

21. In regard to your society, identify the top three challenges in assuring a dynamic future (1=highest priority):

1. [1] m. Campus chapter effectiveness
2. [2] c. Recruitment of national officers and volunteers

22. Miscellaneous:


b. Honor cord colors: White & purple.

c. Average monthly cost for Web Site — maintenance and service: $0.00.
Local Chapter News

AL-BETA(0102) [Auburn University; advisor, Kelly D. Jolley] Three members were initiated in September. Officers are Avery Schrayer (P), Elizabeth Rahn (VP), Julie Carter (S), and Julie Tutwiler (T).

AL-GAMMA(0103) [University of Alabama; advisor, Stuart Rachels]

AL-DELTA(0104) [Samford University; advisor, Dennis Samson]

AZ-ALPHA(0201) [University of Arizona; advisor, Sara Wright]

AR-ALPHA(0401) [Lyon College; advisor, Martha C. Beck]

AR-BETA(0402) [University of Arkansas at Little Rock; advisor, Julie Piering] Dr. Piering assumed the duties of advisor this fall.

CA-GAMMA(0503) [California State University Chico; advisor, Terri Elliott] New officers are Mike Borges (P), Robert Dupree (VP), Brett Artis (T), Ivan Gossage (S), and Jaclyn Kucsinski (PR). Seven members were initiated in October.

CA-EPISLON(0505) [California State University Long Beach; advisor, Paul C. L. Tang]

CA-ZETA(0506) [Whittier College; advisor, Michelle Grier] New officers are Jonathan B. Wilson (P), Gabby Simeonova (VP), and Luke McConnell (ST).

CA-THETA(0508) [University of San Diego; advisor, Gregory Walski]

CA-IOTA(0509) [Westmont College; advisor, David Vander Laan] New officers are Aubrey Westfall (P), Nikki Crabtree (VP), Zoe Stewrt (PR), and Lianne Ong (S). The September meeting was devoted to planning for the chapter’s semestrial essay contests, forums, and funding.

CA-KAPPA(0510) [Santa Clara University; advisor, Thomas Powers]

CA-LAMBD(A0511) [Loyola Marymount University; advisor, Brian Treanor]. Dr. Treanor assumed the duties of advisor this fall. One member was initiated in October.

CA-MU(0512) [University of California, Santa Barbara; advisor, Burleigh T. Wilkins].

CA-NU(0513) [Pepperdine University; advisor, David Gibson]. New officers are Anthony Laughlin (co-P), Shannon Griswold (co-P), Lucy Nalbach (VP), and Jonathan Bakewicz (ST). The first chapter meeting was held in September, and included initiation of four members.

CA-XI(0514) [CSU, Dominguez Hills; advisor, Sara Waller]

CO-ALPHA(0601) [University of Colorado-Boulder; advisor, Diane Mayer]

CO-BETA(0602) [Colorado State University; advisor, Robert W. Jordan] ***New Chapter*** Charter petition was submitted and approved in May.

DE-ALPHA(0801) [University of Delaware; advisor, Robert F. Brown] One member was initiated in June.

DC-ALPHA(0901) [The George Washington University; advisor, Robert Vallier] Thirteen members were initiated in May.

DC-BETA(0902) [The Catholic University; advisor, Joseph McCoy]

DC-GAMMA(0903) [American University; advisor, Ellen K. Feder] Ten members were initiated in October. New officers are Michael Buffardi (P), Christina Floriza (VP), and Aaron Hake (ST).
FL-BETA(1002) [Florida Atlantic University; advisor, Mario Banchetti]  

FL-DELTA(1004) [University of Miami; advisor, Harvey Siegel]  

FL-EPSILON(1005) [University of South Florida; advisor, Byron Williston]  

FL-ETA(1007) [Florida International University; advisor, Kenneth Henley] Eleven members were initiated in October.  

FL-THETA(1008) [Florida Southern College; advisor, Dan Silber] The chapter met in September for a fall planning session, and in October for a viewing and discussion of Richard Linklater’s film, *Waking Life*.  

FL-IOTA(1009) [Jacksonville University; advisor, Erich Freiberger] New officers for 2003-04 (elected at the April meeting) are Wendy Kustra (P), William McEvoy (VP), and Ben Miller (S).  

GA-ALPHA(1101) [University of Georgia; advisor, Richard Winfield]  

GA-BETA(1102) [Emory University; advisor, Michael Sullivan]  

GA-GAMMA(1103) [Agnes Scott College; advisor, Richard Parry]  

GA-ETA(1107) [Georgia Southern University; advisor, Maria M. Adams]  

GA-EPSILON(1105) [Spelman College; advisor, Gertrude Gonzalez de Allen] The chapter was reactivated in September.  

GA-ZETA(1106) [Georgia State University; advisor, K. Wellman] Seven members were initiated in October. New officers are Jared Yarsevich (P), Kevin Wallace (VP), and Briana Gordon (S).  

GA-ETA(1107) [Georgia Southern University; advisor, Maria Adams]  

GA-THETA(1108) [Valdosta State University; advisor, Christine James]  

IL-ALPHA(1401) [Loyola University, Chicago; advisor, Thomas L. Carson] ***New Chapter*** Petition was approved in April, and installation was held in October. Officers are Bethany Gable (P), Sorothy Schardt (VP), Jonathan Walmsler (S), and Lisa Villarreal (T).  

IL-BETA(1402) [Wheaton College; advisor, David Fletcher]  

IL-GAMMA(1403) [North Park College; advisor Linda Mainey]  

IL-DELTA(1404) [Lewis University; advisor, Elizabeth Hoppe]  

IL-EPSILON(1405) [Northern Illinois University; advisor, Jennifer Lackey] The chapter had two spring meetings, at the second of which new officers were elected: Andrew McGovern (P) and Anthony Spangenberg (VP).  

IL-IOTA(1407) [Lake Forest College; advisor, Louis Lombardi]  

IL-MU(1412) [Dominican University; advisor, Knuzi M. Nnam]  

IL-NU(1413) [Eastern Illinois University; advisor, Teresa Britton]  

IL-XI(1414) [Elmhurst College; advisor, William Hirstein]  

IN-GAMMA(1503) [Franklin College; advisor, J. Thomas Howald]  

IN-DELTA(1504) [Valparaiso University; advisor, Thomas Kennedy]  

IN-EPSILON(1505) [Ball State University; advisor, David Concepcion] Travis Stephens is the new President. During the fall the chapter co-sponsored a series of weekly meetings and discussions with the BSU Philosophy Club.  

IOWA-ALPHA(1601) [Bellarmine College; advisor, Evanthia Speliotis]  

KANSAS-ALPHA(1701) [Baker University; advisor, Donald Hatcher]  

IOWA-BETA(1602) [Simpson College; advisor, John Pauley]  

KY-ALPHA(1801) [Bellarmine College; advisor, Steven Berg] Five members were initiated in May.  

KY-EPSILON(1805) [University of Louisville; advisor, V. Leigh Viner]  

LA-BETA(1902) [Loyola University, New Orleans; advisor, Francis Coolidge] New officers are Sean Field (P), Kenneth Faucheux (VP), Natasha Truing (S), and Jason Lafon (T).  

LA-GAMMA(1903) [Xavier University of Louisiana; advisor, Thora Bayer] ***New Chapter*** The petition was approved in April.  

ME-ALPHA(2001) [University of Southern Maine; advisor, William J. Gavin]
ME-BETA(2002) [University of Maine; advisor, Michael W. Howard] The first meeting of the new chapter was held in May, and included a draft of the chapter by-laws and election of officers: Andrew Emerson (P), Katie Gray (VP), and Deidre Anderson (ST). Plans for fall meetings were also begun.

LA-GAMMA(1903) [Xavier University of Louisiana; advisor, Thora Bayer] ***New Chapter*** Petition was approved in April. Installation is pending.

ME-BETA(2002) [University of Maine; advisor, Michael Howard]

MD-ALPHA(2101) [Morgan State University; advisor, Sekeh Gbotokuma] Two members were initiated in October.

MD-GAMMA(2103) [Western Maryland College; advisor, Vera Jakoby]

MD-Delta(2104) [Washington College; advisor, Peter Weigel]

MD-EPSILON(2105) [Mt. St. Mary’s College; advisor, Michael Miller]

MD-ZETA(2106) [Salisbury State University; advisor, James Hatley] Four members were initiated in July.

MD-IOTA(2107) [Loyola College; advisor, Gary Alan Scott]

MA-ALPHA(2201) [Clark University; advisor, Gary Overvold]

MA-BETA(2202) [Suffolk University; advisor, Donna C. Giancola]

MA-GAMMA(2203) [College of the Holy Cross; advisor, Lawrence Cahoone]

MA-Delta(2204) [Boston College; advisor, Ronald Tacelli]

MA-ETA(2207) [Bridgewater State College; advisor, Aeon Skoble] New officers are Jennifer O’Neil (P), Joseph Crane (VP), Peter Coner (S), and Jonathan Siladi (T).


MI-IOTA(2309) [Central Michigan University; advisor, Jordan Lindberg]

MI-KAPPA(2310) [Hillsdale College; advisor, Donald A. Turner, Jr.] The closing meeting in the spring included election of officers: Lee Cole (P) and Michael Francisco (VP).

MI-LAMBD A(2311) [University of Michigan; advisor, Rachana Kamtekar]

MN-ALPHA(2401) [University of St. Thomas; advisor, Stephen Laumatis]

MO-BETA(2602) [Rockhurst University; advisor, Catherine Green] Eighteen member were initiated in July. Katie Hollenberg is the new chapter President. The September meeting featured a talk by Chris Hedges, “War is a Force that gives us meaning,” and planning sessions for later fall meetings. In October Eric Garcia presented a paper on “Virtue and Freedom.” A civil liberties discussion was held in November.

MO-Delta(2604) [Westminster College; advisor, Richard Geenen]

MO-EPSILON(2605) [Evangel College; advisor, Michael Palmer]

MO-Tau(2609) [Northwest Missouri State University; advisor, Richard Field] New officers are Tyler Tritten (P), Merci Decker (VP), and Ryan Sweeton (ST). The chapter sponsored a debate on the war in Iraq in September.

MO-KAPPA(2610) [Washington University; advisor, Pauline Kleingeld] Four members were initiated in October.

MO-LAMBD A(2611) [Southwest Missouri State University; advisor, Jon S. Moran] Officers are Andrew Plunk (P), Brandon Michel (VP), Andrew Summers (S), & Adam Holmes (T).

MO-Nu(2612) [University of Missouri-Columbia; advisor, Andrew Melnyk]

MT-ALPHA(2701) [Carroll College; advisor, Mark Smillie]

NE-BETA(2802) [Creighton University; advisor, Jinmei Yuan] Dr. Yuan is the new advisor, replacing Fr. John Montag, S.J.
NV-ALPHA(2901) [University of Nevada, Las Vegas; advisor, David Beisecker] Seven members were initiated in October. Fall events included three meetings of the Student Discussion Group, three sessions of skills workshops, and a series of philosophy workshops. Topics included Marx’s “Alienation of Labor,” the purpose and use of experiments in philosophy, ethical issues of cloning, and political libertarianism.

NJ-Delta(3104) [Rider University; advisor, Robert Good]

NJ-EPSILON(3105) [St. Peter’s College; advisor, Peter P. Cvek]

NJ-ZETA(3106) [Richard Stockton College; advisor, Christopher P. Long]

NJ-ETA(3107) [Seton Hall University; advisor, Vincente Medina]

NM-ALPHA(3201) [University of New Mexico; advisor, Andrew Burgess]

NY-ALPHA(3301) [St. Lawrence University; advisor, Erin McCarthy]

NY-Delta(3304) [SUNY at Stony Brook; advisor, Eddis Miller]

NY-EPSILON(3305) [Molloy College; advisor, John Yanovitch]

NY-ETA(3307) [LeMoyne College; advisor, Robert J. Flower]

NY-IOTA(3309) [Long Island University; advisor, Maithili Schmidt-Raghavan]

NY-KAPPA(3310) [Siena College; advisor, Richard Gaffney]

NY-LAMBDA(3311) [Potsdam College, SUNY; advisor, Judith A. Little]

NY-NU(3313) [Fordham University; advisor, Joseph Koterski, S.J.]

NY-XI(3314) [Geneese College, SUNY; advisor, William J. Edgar]

NYOMICRON(3315) [Hofstra University; advisor, Ralph Acampora] New officers are Lauren Brown (P) and Christopher Price (S).

NY-PI(3316) [Manhattan College; advisor, Seamus Carey]

NY-RHO(3317) [St. John’s University; advisor, L. Dolling]

NY-SIGMA(3318) [Canisius College; advisor, Michael J. Forest]

NY-TAU(3319) [Hartwick College; advisor, Stefanie Rocknak] New officers are Jen Lunsford (P), Amanda Craine (VP), Melissa Swaby (T), and Lindsey Schier (S). The chapter’s fall lecture series included talks by Stefanie Rocknak (“Facing Death,” September), Bill Porter (“Chinese Hermits,” October), Stanley Konecky (“Body Self-Consciousness,” October), and Marina McCoy (“The Sophist in Plato’s Republic,” November).

NC-GAMMA(3403) [University of North Carolina at Charlotte; advisor, Judith Presler]

NC-Delta(3404) [Wingate University; advisor, Edwin Bagley] Three members were initiated in July.

NC-EPSILON(3405) [University of North Carolina at Asheville; advisor, Duane H. Davis] Four members were initiated in September.

NC-ZETA(3406) [University of North Carolina at Greensboro; advisor, John L. King]

NC-ETA(3407) [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; advisor, Jan Boxill]

OH-EPSILON(3605) [University of Dayton; advisor, John Inglis]

OH-ZETA(3606) [Wittenberg University; advisor, Don Reed]

OH-THETA(3608) [College of Wooster; advisor, Ronald Hustwit] One member was initiated in July.

OH-IOTA(3609) [Ohio Northern University; advisor, Ronald Beanblossom] Timothy Underwood is the new President.

OH-KAPPA(3610) [Ohio Wesleyan University; advisor, Bernard Murchland]

OH-LAMBDA(3611) [The University of Toledo; advisor, Eric Snider]

OH-MU(3612) [Ashland University; advisor, William Vaughan]

OH-NU(3613) [Youngstown State University; advisor, Bruce N. Waller] Seven members were initiated in September.

OH-XI(3614) [Mount Union College; advisor, Paul Tidman] ***New Chapter*** Petition received in March. Installation is pending.
OR-ALPHA(3801) [Linfield College; advisor, Kaarina Beam] New officers are John Westlund (P), Heather Slocum (VP), and Jennifer Mize (ST). Six members were initiated in October.

PA-ALPHA(3901) [Muhlenberg College; advisor, Theodore Schick, Jr.]

PA-ETA(3906) [Washington & Jefferson College; advisor, R. L. Mitchell] Two members were initiated in October.

PA-THETA(3908) [Grove City College; advisor, Garey B. Spradley] New officers are Erica Sommerville (P), Duie Latta (VP), Noah Tyler (T), and Karen Newell (S).

PA-IOTA(3909) [Allegheny College; advisor, William Bywater]

PA-KAPPA(3910) [College Misericordia; advisor, Matthew Swanson]

PA-LAMBD A(3911) [Westminster College; advisor, David Goldberg] Dr. Goldberg assumed the duties of advisor this fall.

PA-MU(3912) [Villanova University; advisor, Edwin Goff]

PA-NU(3913) [St. Joseph’s College; advisor, Paul St. Amour] Ten members were initiated at the chapters fall banquet in October.

PA-XI(3914) [Wilkes University; advisor, Nicholas D. Tirone]

PA-PI(3916) [King’s College; advisor, Gregory Bassham]

PA-RHO(3917) [West Chester University; advisor, Thomas Platt]

PA-SIGMA(3918) [Lycoming College; advisor, Stephen Griffith]

PA-TAU(3919) [University of Scranton; advisor, Ann Pang-White]

PA-UPSILON(3920) [Slippery Rock University; advisor, Richard S. Findler]

PA-PHI(3921) [Gannon University; advisor, Michael J. Latzer]

PA-CHI(3922) [University of Pittsburgh; advisor, Kieran Setiya] One member was initiated in October.

PA-PSI(3923) [University of Pennsylvania; advisor, T. Ricketts]

PA-OMEGA(3924) [Thiel College; advisor, Arthur White]

RI-ALPHA(4001) [Providence College; advisor, Matthew Pugh]

SOUTH CAROLINA-ALPHA(4101) [Winthrop University; advisor, Houston Craighead] One member was initiated in September.

SOUTH CAROLINA-BETA(4102) [Coastal Carolina University; advisor, Renee Smith] Thirteen members were initiated in May. Dr. Smith is the new advisor beginning this fall.

SOUTH CAROLINA-GAMMA(4103) [Furman University; advisor James Edwards].

TN-BETA(4302) [Carson-Newman College; advisor, D. Brian Austin] New officers are Sara (P) and Drana Lovelace (VP). Seven members were initiated in September.

TN-GAMMA(4303) [Belmont University; advisor, Mike Ault] Eight members were initiated in the fall of 2002. The chapter’s first meeting, a planning session for this year’s Coffee Talk series, was held on 10 September.

TN-Delta(4304) [University of the South (Sewanee); advisor, James Peters]

TX-ALPHA(4401) [Baylor University; advisor, James Marcum] New officers are Mark Tietjen (P) and Erin Cline (S). The opening meeting was held on 17 September.

TX-BETA(4402) [Texas Christian University; advisor, Richard F. Galvin]

TX-GAMMA(4403) [Sam Houston State University; advisor, Frank K. Fair]

TX-Delta(4404) [Texas State University-San Marcos; Advisor, Jo Ann Carson]. Officers are Jackson Schwartz (P), Justin Bell (VP), and Jake Holt (ST). The chapter participated in the Sixth Annual South Central Regional Ethics Bowl (St. Mary’s University) in November, and is sponsoring the 7th Annual Philosophy Symposium in April, for which student papers are sought. For information and a copy of the chapter’s fall newsletter, contact the advisor at jc28@txstate.edu.

TX-EPSILON(4405) [University of St. Thomas; advisor, Ted Rebard]

TX-ZETA(4406) [Trinity University; advisor, John Heil, Jr.]
TEXAS-ETA(4407) [Texas Tech University; advisor, Robert D. Rupert] One member was initiated in September.

TEXAS-THETA(4408) [Our Lady of the Lake University; advisor, Jorge Valadez]

TX-IOTA(4409) [Texas A&M; advisor, Scott Austin]

TX-KAPPA(4410) [University of Texas at San Antonio; advisor, Michael J. Almeida]

TX-LAMBDA(4411) [St. Mary’s University; advisor, Glenn Hughes] One member was initiated in October.

TX-MU(4412) [University of Texas at Arlington; advisor, Denny Bradshaw] New officers are Sarah McMichael (P), Jon Olson (VP), and Mihu Dao Le (T). The September meeting was devoted to recruitment and plans for faculty colloquium speakers.

UT-ALPHA(4501) [Westminster College; advisor, Michael Popich] The chapter was reactivated in September.

UT-BETA(4502) [Utah Valley State College; advisor, Michael Shaw] Dr. Shaw is the new advisor. Ten members were initiated in October. Officers are Laura Duzett (P), Alden Stout & Lawrence Anderson (VPs), Errin Julkunen (S), & Robert Heym (Student Council Rep).

VA-ALPHA(4701) [Christopher Newport College; advisor, Deborah C. Mullen]

VA-GAMMA(4703) [James Madison University; advisor, Ann M. Wiles] The chapter co-sponsored the Franklin J. Matchette Foundation Lectures on Liberal Education in September. Other fall activities included a potluck dinner and a lecture by Dr. Flage on Descartes and Mortimer Adler in October, a paper by Dr. Wiles (“Jefferson, Madison, and Maritain: Natural Law and Natural Rights”) in November, and a talk by Michael Trocchia (“Poetry as Philosophical Investigation: A Wittgensteinian Approach”) in December.

VA-DELTA(4704) [University of Richmond; advisor, Geoff Goddu]

VA-ZETA(4706) [Liberty University; advisor, Edward N. Martin]

VA-ETA(4707) [Old Dominion University; advisor, David Loomis] New officers are David Wood (P), David Silvis (VP), Scottston Brentwood (T), and Joshua Podesta (S).

VA-THETA(4708) [Hollins College; advisor, James Downey]

WA-ALPHA(4801) [Central Washington University; advisor, Peter Burkholder] Seven members were initiated in June. The new President is Chris Leslie. The chapter is working with the CWU Philosophy Club to co-sponsor weekly meetings and discussions.

WA BETA(4802) [Gonzaga University; advisor, Theodore DiMaria]

WV-ALPHA(4901) [Wheeling Jesuit College; advisor, Thomas Michaud] Dr. Whelton is the new advisor. The spring initiation, at which four new members were welcomed, featured a talk by J. Budziszewski. “The Second Tablet Project: Can We Be Good Without God?”

WI-ALPHA(5001) [Marquette University; advisor, Noel Adams] Dr. Adams in the new advisor.

CANADA-ALPHA(8001) [King’s-Brescia Colleges, Ontario; advisor, Dennis Hudecki (at Brescia College)]

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From the National Office

This issue of the PST Newsletter went to press in early November. Chapter news not processed or received thereafter will find a place in the next issue. The machine readable version contains some entries and news not present in the printed version. We are trying to keep the printed version limited to one double-sided page per issue in order to avoid increasing the costs of printing, collating, stapling, and mailing which a longer printed version would incur. The number of chapters and activities continue to increase, and the future will probably see four printed issues a year instead of three. Multiple copies of the shorter printed versions are sent to advisors for distribution to members and to NAC members. The longer machine readable (Adobe) version is also sent to advisors and NAC members, and chapter officers are encouraged to distribute the file via email to local members.

All members should have received the October issue of Dialogue (Vol. 46 #1). Book reviews have returned, and we hope to publish them on a regular basis. PST and NAC members should note that they are encouraged to request books listed in the Books Received section of current issues and to prepare brief reviews for these. Your requests should be sent to Dr. Sauer (preferably via email to jsauer@stmary-tx.edu). If the book is available when your request is received, it will be mailed to you together with a Reviewers’ Style Sheet.

The backlog of papers for forthcoming issues of Dialogue is not extensive at this time, and we ask that members of PST consider sharing their work and philosophical research with Dialogue readers by submitting papers. In addition to standard research papers, short discussion papers on specific philosophical issues are always welcome. Guidelines for prospective authors appear on the inside back cover of every issue.

I hope that the new academic year is off to a good start for all advisors and members, and look forward to receiving your news.

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Below is the complete financial report for the last academic year:

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Supplies, printed forms, and publications (DIALOGUE and the PST Newsletter) make up the bulk of the Society’s expenses. PST has no regular salaried officers or staff. These costs rise continuously, though we have made modest economies. As more and more chapters communicate through email, economies in postage and printing are also being realized.

The 2002-03 academic year was the most active in PST history. Reports of activities from 156 active chapters were high, and the mean number of chapter activities (discussions, papers, forums, films, and special chapter events) was also higher than in any previous year. For the first time in PST history, initiations went past eleven hundred. Nineteen new chapters were also chartered nationwide, about twice the average number added to the PST network in a given year.

The Annual Report for 2002-03 (14 pages) contains more detailed accountings of income, expenses, chapter activities, and PST projects. Any PST member who would like to receive the report (available as an Adobe Acrobat email attachment) should contact the Executive Secretary at lee.rice@marquette.edu

News of the Society

Enclosed is the September issue (#109) of the PST Newsletter, which contains spring and summer news from many of our chapters. If news of your own undergraduate chapter is not in the current issue of the PST Newsletter, then it may have arrived too late: look for it in the next issue. Note that, beginning last year, we began issuing a longer version of the PST Newsletter in Adobe format via email. NAC members who are on the NAC email distribution list should also have received this version via email. Keeping the printed version limited to a single (double-sided) page reduces printing, collating, and mailing costs; while the Adobe version enables us to communicate more often and more quickly with up to date news.

Beginning last spring also we were able to produce the entire PST Manual in Adobe format. Previously the Manual had been printed in cycles of approximately seven years; but, as new chapters were added and the Society evolved, the printed Manual became outdated long before the supply of the printed versions was depleted. The Adobe version now contains information which is up to date, as well as all printed forms, memos, history, chapter lists, and other communications (including the current issues of the PST Newsletter and NAC Bulletin). We hope to update the Manual two or three times annually, so that it may be a usable resource for all chapters. NAC members who desire to have the PST Manual should drop me a brief email message ("send Manual" is fine), and I’ll reply with the Manual as an attachment.
NAC Membership

Membership for the NAC (August 1) is 284 members, including over 100 new members (2003 graduates). The breakdown from the listings of professions taken from the membership information form is as follows: law, 15.3%; health care, 10%; teaching, 30%; retail, 0.7%; finance 4.2%; production, 5%; data processing, 3.8%; government services, 2%; military, 1.2%; clergy, 4.6%; with 21.2% “other” (of which a good number are NAC members who are pursuing graduate or professional studies). NAC memberships come from 138 of the PST chapters, the largest numbers from Texas Epsilon (University of St. Thomas), Pennsylvania Tau (University of Scranton), and New York Nu (Fordham University). Members are currently living in 43 states, the largest numbers in Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, California, Maryland, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, with three members living abroad as well.

Membership in NAC has remained relatively stable throughout the past seven years, despite a regular influx of new members at the end of each academic year. Some graduates join for the first year, and decide against renewing for subsequent years; but many of you have been members since the inception of NAC more than twenty years ago. The NAC Bulletin remains an irregular occurrence, but we issue at least one each year and try to issue more. Suggestions for content, and personal news which you think would be of interest to other members, are always welcome.

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DIALOGUE

The new Editor of Dialogue is Dr. James Sauer, St. Mary’s University, Texas. Dr. Sauer completed work on the October issue this summer, and it has been sent to press. Articles in the issue are: “Systematicity and Scientific Explanation in the Critique of Pure Reason and the Critique of Judgement” (John C. C. Hughes, Pepperdine University); “The Birth of the Cartesian Mind” (Seth Casana, James Madison University); “On the Possibility of Popper’s Basic Statements” (Charles J. Sentell, Hendrix College); “Could God Have Made a Better World?” (Christian Wolfe, Washington and Jefferson College); as well as the Editor’s Page, Book Reviews, and Books Received.

NAC members who are interested in any of the titles listed in the Books Received section may request a copy of the book from the Editor (jsauer@stmary-tx.edu) to review. If the book is available when your request is received, it would be mailed to you together with a set of guidelines for reviewers. Remember to include your (snail-)mail address in any request sent to Dr. Sauer. Articles and discussion pieces on any area of philosophical interest are also welcome (see the guidelines for authors on the inside back cover of any current issue of Dialogue).

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NAC Email Distribution List

We began the distribution list last fall, and will continue to use it to send occasional bulletins to NAC members who desire to receive them. Hopefully, as the list increases, NAC members will also forward news of interest to other NAC members to me for forwarding. Beginning this year also we have added an optional entry for email address to the NAC Registration Form included in the membership packet supplied to new PST members. This will make it possible for new NAC members to be listed in the distribution list when joining, rather than to have to wait for receipt of the NAC Bulletin containing signup information.

To add your name/address to the email list, send an email to lee.rice@marquette.edu from the email address at which you wish to receive future bulletins. The SUBJECT entry of the email should be: Add to NAC List. No message is necessary, but messages will be read. NAC members on the list will receive most of the email bulletins sent to chapters, as well as occasional NAC mail bulletins.

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