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From the President

First, a sincere thank you to all the faculty members who serve as moderators of their local chapters of Pi Delta Phi. With language study waning in many parts of the country, an active chapter of Pi Delta Phi can help bring needed attention to your French program. Pi Delta Phi remains dedicated to promoting the study of the French language and of the many literatures and cultures of the French-speaking world.

The first half of 2021 was a challenge for the Executive Board. The Society was required to cease most operations when our database failed then crashed, and when the company that designed, maintained and hosted our original database abruptly closed. None of the members of the current Board possess the necessary computer expertise to create a new and complicated database, and custom databases can be very expensive. The Executive Board is thus tremendously thankful for all of the hard work completed by Mr. Matt Fredericks over the summer and through early September to complete the new database hosted on our Wix platform. We hope that you find the database easy to use and the updated How to Use the Database brochure helpful. We will continue to make database improvements and hope to be able to add the old chapter rosters to the new platform. Moderators who desire a copy of their chapter rosters from the old database can send a request to: info@pideltaphi.org.

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The Pi Delta Phi Executive Board held its 2021 meeting on October 30 via Zoom. While our agenda was lighter than usual, there were a couple of important items to pass along to our Newsletter readers. First, Dr. Sheila Turek, our current North Vice President, will retire from the Executive Board following the end of her term next spring. On behalf of the Executive Board, I want to thank Dr. Turek for her dedication and fine service to the Society.

The Society will organize an online election for a new North Vice President next spring. Faculty moderators who live in the North region will receive information about online voting, and a general call for self-nominations and the position duties and description will be distributed to all via our listserv and on the news blog of our website in January. We encourage self-nominations from full-time teaching faculty who reside in the North region, but also invite all of our moderators to reach out to any colleagues who teach in the North region and to encourage them to apply.

Second, my third term as National President also ends next spring, and with the Board’s approval, I was granted the honor to serve a fourth and last term as National President of the Society.

I am also delighted to report that Dr. Beverly J. Evans has also agreed to stay on as Executive Director. Finally, although regretfully we had to cancel our undergraduate scholarships this year due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be offering our graduate student award in the spring. We ask faculty who teach in graduate programs in French to encourage their graduate students to apply. Complete information and an application for the President’s Scholarship for Graduate Students can be found at this link.

Thanks again to all the moderators, and best wishes for the holidays.

Scott

Scott Fish, Ph.D. (Epsilon Mu)
National President
The Executive Board, pictured above, held its annual meeting on October 30 via Zoom. **Top row,** left to right: Scott Fish, National President; Wade Edwards, Digital Media Editor; Olga Amarie, South Vice President. **Second row,** left to right: Sheila Turek, North Vice President; Beverly Evans, Executive Director; Kathryn Fredericks, East Vice President. **Third row:** Joe Johnson, West Vice President. At the end of the meeting, the Board was joined by Dr. Fredericks’ cat, Minou.
reach students at Lyon College can join a national honor society for the first time. The French department held an installation ceremony on Feb. 26, 2021 for the College’s new Pi Omega chapter of the Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society. The Pi Omega chapter then inducted its first official members: Assistant Professor of Romance Languages Dr. James Martell, seniors John Pruden, Tyler Brightwell and Laura Mendez and junior Wilson Borkowski. The following alumni and friends of the College were inducted as honorary members for their investment in the French program: Lauren Kuykendall, Alexandra Patrono-Smith, Alexa Overton, Austin Johnson, Jacey Flatte-Shrum, Brian Hunt, and Beatrice Moore.

Martell said he was excited to add a chapter of Pi Delta Phi to the College’s French program, crediting students like Pruden for pushing to make it a reality. “I am thankful we were able to get this done,” Pruden said. “It’s been in motion for a very long time.” He continued, “This signifies the growth of the French department. Being part of this organization is a great honor and will help our program thrive.”

Martell said students and alumni in Pi Delta Phi have the opportunity to network in the United States, France and other francophone countries.

“The honor society has grants for language study in France that will help our students with their French and francophone studies,” he said. “This is a big opportunity for the College.”

Alexa Overton, ’17, said she was glad to hear that a French honor society had been added at Lyon. “I wasn’t able to join during my time,” she said. “It’s cool that it’s becoming an opportunity like the honor societies that other departments have.”

“I’m thrilled to see the program growing and thriving,” said Austin Johnson, ’17. Pi Omega was installed by PDP South Vice President Dr. Olga Amarie and is the fifth chapter of the Society in Arkansas.
Chapter Mu Alpha at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota inducted two new Regular members into Pi Delta Phi on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Junior French majors (pictured here L-to-R) Thea Patrick and Jenifer Fjelstad each read one of La Fontaine’s fables as part of the initiation ceremony program.

Other good news from chapter Mu Alpha: graduating French and Anthropology major Kulani Jahrling (2019) will begin graduate studies in French at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in the fall; Dr. Meredith Reynolds (2011)—who completed a summer post-grad internship with a pathologist in Paris, France—was recently appointed Assistant Medical Examiner at the Cook County, Illinois Office of the Medical Examiner.
The Pi Delta Phi induction at Indiana University took place in-person on October 27, 2021 and included musical selections in French from a student soprano with piano accompaniment.

**Front row**, L to R: Imari Walker, Charles Connon, Brendan Notich, Sara Mills, Megan Jerrells, Cadyn Cox.

**Back row**, L to R: Prof. Oana Panaită (Department Chair), Prof. Elizabeth Hebbard (PDP Member), Margaret Gray (Chapter Moderator), Prof. Barbara Vance (Founding Moderator), Alexandra Lucas, Millie Erickson, Alison Dry.

**Not pictured**: Sara AlShalabi, Caroline Armstrong, Hicham Bouhlal, Angela Buck, Molly Carpenter, Ariel Clemmons, Isabel Drumwright, Sarah Hensler, Zoe Layton, Ruby Leverington, Lucy Lippman, Janna Osborne, Maeve Randall, Madeline Ruprecht, Dezirae Shukla, Lance Spreacker, Sophia Trinkle.
The Pi Zeta chapter of Stockton University, Galloway, New Jersey, inducted Gabrielle Bibus into Pi Delta Phi on May 16, 2021. The accompanying photo shows Prof. David King at left and Gabrielle at right. The ceremony was conducted via Zoom.
The Nu Omicron chapter at Emory & Henry College initiated three new members (Maggie Buchanan, Madeleine Cavender and Pierre Bendsondy) to Pi Delta Phi on April 14, 2021. The initiation ceremony (pictured in the screen capture at left) was recorded and may be viewed by clicking this icon.

Joe Doner, a French and international studies major at Monmouth College who graduated in May 2021, was initiated into Pi Delta Phi in a ceremony Friday, April 30th conducted by visiting assistant professor Robert Patrick. The initiation ceremony (pictured in the screen capture at right) was recorded and may be viewed by clicking this icon.
On November 12, 2020, 10 students were inducted remotely into UNCW’s Nu Kappa chapter of Pi Delta Phi. The ceremony included an introduction by faculty moderator Eric Tessier and the official Pi Delta Phi ceremony with UNCW faculty, followed by readings and presentations of new inductees. Current honorary members of Pi Delta Phi were also in attendance. Nu Kappa Chapter was established at UNCW in Wilmington, NC, in 2003.

Here is the list of new members who were able to attend followed by what they presented (Mackenzie Westaway and Natalia Romero could not attend):

- Jenna Johnson: Presentation and reading of “L’Albatros” by Charles Baudelaire
- Sabrina Raynor: Presentation: “Public opinion on climate change between the United States and France over the last 10 years”.
- Vasilios Moschouris: Reading of “La pluie” and “Justification nihiliste de l’art” by Francis Ponge.
- Emma Cowen: Presentation: “Mon automne 2019 dans une ferme du Tarn”.
- Nick Mireles: Presentation of his stay in Morocco.
- Austin Ward: Presentation: “Comment j’ai appris le français”.
- Dr. Christina Lord: Presentation: “Mon expérience en tant que jeune étudiante au Québec”.

Pictured from top left to bottom right: Jess Elliott (inductee), Prof Eric Tessier (honorary member and moderator), Prof Pascale Barthe (honorary member), Austin Ward (inductee), Emma Cowen (inductee), Jenna Johnson (inductee), Prof Scott Juall (honorary member), Vasilios Moschouris (inductee), Nick Mireles (inductee), Prof Greta Bliss (honorary member), Prof Christina Lord (inducted as honorary member), and Sabrina Raynor (inductee)
Complete details for all graduate and undergraduate scholarships, as well as eligibility requirements and applications, are available at the national website. With regret, we announce that the Mary E. Gutermuth Award for the University of Québec at Chicoutimi and the Joseph W. Yedlicka Awards for both the American University in Paris and the American University in Aix-en-Provence have again been suspended again for the summer 2022 cycle. Details and deadlines for the 2023 cycle will be posted on the national website and in the spring edition of the Newsletter.

We are happy to announce, however, that the President’s Graduate Student Scholarship will indeed be awarded in 2022. The President’s Scholarship is a $1,000 award to conduct research abroad in a French-speaking country or region. The deadline for applications is February 15.

The new Pi Delta Phi database is now online. All faculty chapter Moderators must create a chapter account in the new database as we were unable to transfer old database accounts to the new platform. Consult the new illustrated How-to Use the Database brochure (available in the Moderators > Forms section of the national website).

We wish all moderators a restful winter break and a happy 2022. As the new year is a time of new resolutions, please consider a resolution to update your chapter record in the new database and follow Pi Delta Phi on social media, including our new Instagram account.
Guidelines for Chapter Websites & Social Media Groups

Please assure that your chapter webpage or Facebook group/page clearly displays your chapter Greek letters or school name, and does not simply state Pi Delta Phi which can potentially cause confusion with the National website or official Facebook group. For example, consider using a similar variation:

- Pi Delta Phi (Mu Alpha), or
- Pi Delta Phi, Augustana University Chapter

You may use Pi Delta Phi images (e.g. key) for your chapter website or Facebook group, as well as on initiation programs or chapter meeting agendas that you might create and print. Unless, however, permission is granted by the Executive Board, chapters may not use the Pi Delta Phi name or any of its images on products that they wish to create and to sell (e.g. t-shirts, mugs, stickers, keychains, etc.).

Much of the information on the National Website changes or is updated frequently. Therefore, do not copy and (re)post information, documents, PDF files, or lists from Pi Delta Phi national website to your own chapter webpage or social media group, including:

- the PDP national constitution and bylaws
- extensive history of the Society or information about former Board members
- the current names of Executive Board members and their contact information
- the complete chapter list
- scholarship details (PDF applications, dollar amounts, etc.)

Rather, create a link or point to the National page—www.pideltaphi.org—so that your students and visitors can access the most current information.

Should students wish to create their own Facebook or other social networking group, we suggest that the Chapter Moderator serve as one of the group’s administrators so that over time, student administrative responsibility of the group can be assured.

10-Year Moderator Gift

As a special thank you for any faculty member who has served at least 10 years as chapter moderator, Pi Delta Phi is pleased to offer a beautiful black-enameled Pi Delta Phi charm. The charm can be fashioned into a pin or tie tack, added to a key chain, etc. Moderators who have served at least 10 years are invited to contact Dr. Beverly J. Evans, Executive Director, and request their 10-year thank you gift. The charm is reserved for faculty moderators only.
A reminder to all Pi Delta Phi faculty moderators that if you ask your university to cut a check to pay for memberships, it may take days or even weeks for your institution to have the check ready. Please remember to build in extra time to your annual ordering process. We encourage faculty to order memberships at the beginning of the semester to avoid the busy and hectic end-of-semester period, for both faculty and the Pi Delta Phi National Office. We are not able to send out membership supplies until full payment is received.

If making a payment by a personal check, remember to identify the university and PDP chapter in the memo line. While we do sometimes recognize moderator names, that is not always the case. Therefore, it is essential to include some kind of identifying information on the check in addition to the moderator’s name. Attach an official supplies invoice with your order if you are not placing your order via the Pi Delta Phi database.

Please consider these other reminders:

- Have candidates for membership submit membership forms and checks to you—the Chapter Moderator—by October 15 (for any fall ceremony) or March 15 (for any spring ceremony).
- Enter new member information into the online database (at least student names and induction date).
- Place a single—not multiple—order for memberships and supplies using the database. Online payment via Paypal is preferred. Place any order at least 3 weeks prior to your ceremony, and no later than November 20 (for any fall ceremony) or April 20 (for any spring ceremony).
- Encourage your best students to apply for a Pi Delta Phi scholarship for summer study abroad.
- Join the Pi Delta Phi listserv in order to receive occasional reminders and important information.
- Assure that any new chapter moderator complete the database Change of Moderator Form.
- Download the most up-to-date forms, brochures, scholarship applications, posters, etc. from the website; they are subject to change and annual updates.
Moderators may be interested to see a glimpse of Pi Delta Phi behind the scenes, where initiation materials are stored in old school lockers, where pins share shelf space with *La Chanson de Roland*, and where Executive Director Dr. Beverly Evans’s faculty office at SUNY–Geneseo doubles as a shipping distribution center. The photos here depict the truly unromantic reality of our headquarters. As Dr. Evans says, “Our set-up is definitely more akin to a cottage industry than a state-of-the-art facility.”
Bonne année 2022