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WELCOME BACK!

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Greetings from the National Office

Another day...another dollar, or is it another year...one step closer to my professional goal? I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to another school year! Exciting things are happening both at the local chapter level, as well as the national level.

As I mentioned in my address to the House of Delegates at the 2008 meeting in San Diego, we at the national office are endeavoring to assess whether time constraints exist that prevent members of our organization from being active at the local chapter level, and if so, what those constraints may be. Ultimately, this information will help us in achieving many of the goals set forth by our strategic plan, some of which include the increased involvement of you our members.

This fall, chapter advisors, officers and members of each chapter will be contacted through our regional liaisons and asked to complete an online survey that is designed to collect this data. I encourage each of you (and by that I mean each individual member, not one member from each chapter) to complete this survey when published to help us identify any potential issues. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

As we move on this school year, I wish you all well in your studies and other responsibilities. Please contact your regional liaison or a national officer if you have specific questions. We look forward to seeing all at the ASP midyear Regional Meetings this fall and the Annual Meeting in San Antonio next April!

Warm regards and many thank you for your continued leadership within our profession.

Keith Christensen, Pharm D, BCPS

PLS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING: ACTION LIST

The Executive Committee met over the summer to plan for the future of PLS. Here is an action list of our goals and initiatives for this year. For a complete list please visit our website: www.philambdasigma.org/strategicplan.htm

- Assess the type of constraints that affect student members active participation in PLS
- Encourage chapters to utilize the annual chapter report to communicate contact information for their officers to the National Office.
- Partner with other organizations on leadership development opportunities
- Provide new schools and schools without PLS chapters a PLS leadership presentation to be delivered by a faculty member or visiting PLS member. Presentation will be available on the PLS website.
- Continue the regional liaison program and collect feedback from chapters and liaisons regarding potential improvements and areas to be addressed using this program.
- Increase Leadership Challenge grant submissions by 10% per year. Increase 10% each year until 50% of chapters participate in the Leadership Challenge.
- Assess the website's usefulness to our membership and make recommendations for revisionment.
- Assess the utilization of My Space, Face Book to reach out to PLS members.
- Increase submissions for the following awards 10% per year. Increase 10% each year until 50% of chapters submit the following awards. Awards: Chapter of the Year, Advisor of the Year, and Alumni of the Year (Chapter Level Award)
- Begin recognition of PLS Fellows.
- Refine the AFPE Award to include the requirement of a leadership research project that would have a tangible benefit to chapters and members of PLS. Consider increasing the scholarship from \$7,500 to \$10,000; PLS could provide up to \$5,000.
- Add \$10,000 to cash reserve per year until 1 year operating expenses is available in the cash reserves.
- Explore cost and funding for national office.
- Develop proposal for a pilot program to conduct a Young Pharmacist Leadership Development Program. Propose 2 states to conduct the pilot program.

Join the

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FaceBook

Page

A FaceBook page for Phi Lambda Sigma members across the nation is now available (www.facebook.com). Please register for the site and create the opportunity to share ideas and stories of leadership with other PLS members and National Officers. This is also a great resource for questions you may have about your chapter or PLS in general.

MEET YOUR 2007-2008 REGIONAL LIAISONS

Phi Lambda Sigma Regional Liaisons

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- Region 8 Lam Nguyen (Lam.Nguyen@uchsc.edu)

CHAPTER OPERATIONS TO REMEMBER

- Submit your chapter report. Electronic submissions are accepted any time, however only those reports received by **July 31st** will be considered for the Chapter of the Year award. Please submit to the National Office at eulerm@umkc.edu
- Stay in contact with your Regional Liaison and the Executive Committee
- Update your chapter officer/advisor list with the National Office, every time there is a change
- Check out the PLS website for updates, forms, chapter information and important deadlines
- Notify National Office of appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate by **March 2008**
- Make plans to attend the APhA Annual Meeting in San Antonio (April 2008)
- Establish permanent records of your current and past members, please include email and mailing addresses
- Have your chapter's website linked to the National PLS Website

AWARDS & APPLICATIONS—IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Encourage your chapter to nominate students and practitioners for the available awards. Visit our website (www.philambdasigma.org/awards.htm) to get detailed descriptions of each award and download the application materials. If you have any questions, please contact us!

- Chapter Member of the Year—February 15
- Glaxo Wellcome-AFPE Graduate Scholarship—February 1
- Procter & Gamble National Leadership Award—January 31
- New Chapter Grant
- Founder's Award—January 31
- Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award—January 31
- Charlie Thomas Leadership Challenge Grant—January 31
- Regional Liaison Application—January 31
- Phi Lambda Sigma Chapter Alumni of the Year Award—January 31
- Phi Lambda National Alumni of the Year Award—January 31

Congratulations
to our newest
PLS Chapter:
**Pacific
University
- Oregon
Gamma
Lambda
Chapter**

Wear your pin
and
encourage
others to be
LEADERS!

NEW PLS CHAPTER ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

Description

Applicants are sought annually for the Phi Lambda Sigma Chapter of the Year Award. This award is for an alumnus of Phi Lambda Sigma who has exemplified leadership qualities in support of the pharmacy profession.

Criteria

The nominee must:

- 1) be a member of PLS
- 2) have a proven track record of servant leadership in any of the following areas; education, association work, community service, professional practice or mentoring

Nomination Process

The nominator is responsible for completing the nomination form. The deadline for nomination materials is January 31 annually.

Selection Process

The selection for the award is made by the Phi Lambda Sigma Awards committee based on careful review of complete nominations.

Nature of Award

The individual chosen by the chapter for this award will be listed in the annual awards booklet at the awards event held in conjunction with the APhA annual meeting. In addition, the chapter will receive a certificate to present to the awardee. Finally, chapter awardees will also be considered for the Phi Lambda Sigma National Alumni of the Year Award if the chapter submits the nomination form for consideration. Please note that local alumni winners do not need to be alumni of the local chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma.

This award will be introduced at the annual dinner in 2008 and the program will begin in 2009.

*Submit your
Chapter
Reports and
your chapter
activities will
be highlighted
in an
upcoming
issue of The
Laurel!*

NEW PLS NATIONAL ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

Description

Applicants are sought annually for the PLS Alumni of the Year Award. This award is for an alumnus of Phi Lambda Sigma who has exemplified leadership qualities in support of the pharmacy profession.

Criteria

The nominee must:

- 1) be a member of PLS
- 2) be selected by a PLS Chapter as the Chapter's Alumni of the Year awardee
- 3) have a proven track record of servant leadership in any of the following areas; education, association work, community service, professional practice or mentoring
- 4) local alumni winners do NOT need to be alumni of the local chapter of PLS

Nomination Process

The nominator is responsible for completing the nomination form and submitting the award nomination packet. The deadline for nomination materials is January 31 annually. The nomination packet is to include the following items:

- 1) nomination form
- 2) Short essay describing impact the nominee has had on the profession of pharmacy
- 3) Describe the 3 most important leadership attributes this individual exemplifies and why those attributes are important to the profession of pharmacy
- 4) CV or resume

Selection Process

The selection for the award is made by the PLS Awards committee based on careful review of complete nominations

Nature of Award

The recipient selected will receive an engraved plaque which is presented during the Phi Lambda Sigma awards event in conjunction with the APhA annual meeting. Additionally their name will appear on the perpetual plaque maintained at the PLS national office. The award recipient will be given the opportunity to make a brief address during the awards event.

This award will begin following the initiation of the Chapter Award in 2009.

*If you have any
pictures of PLS
members from
APhA-ASP MRM
Meetings, please
send them to
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so they can be
added to the PLS
website and in-
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PLS is in the planning stages for the events to be held in conjunction with the APhA Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Please watch the PLS website and the APhA registration/program materials for the schedule of our events. We are planning a reception, awards dinner and the House of Delegates. Hope to see you there in San Antonio in April!

**Register now for
the 43rd ASHP
Midyear Clinical
Meeting in
Orlando, FL
(Dec 7-11, 2007)**

www.ashp.org

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