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2013 Annual Report

Introduction

This report will cover my activities for the 2013 calendar year. There is a lot going on!

Collegiate Chapters

There has been quite a lot of activity in collegiate branch this year. Membership numbers are up 4% year over year, and they will only continue to increase. To date, we have not lost any chapters. I am excited to say that interest in our organization is exploding, as detailed in the "Expansion" section of this report. There are two chapters that I have concerns about remaining active. They are Beta Phi and Gamma Phi. Beta Phi may just be a paperwork issue, but communication has been difficult with them for a number of years. Gamma Phi is experiencing an extreme loss of interest on the campus, but I do not believe that all hope is lost. I am currently working with both chapters to arrange for visits, as well as working with their District Counselors.

We currently have two chapters on probation, Gamma Beta and Gamma Upsilon. Both are being monitored closely.

District Counselors

All of the current District Counselors are working very hard in their districts. To date, all have expressed an interest in continuing in their positions, with the exception of Calvin Bond (NWDC). He has someone of interest for his district. Two have expressed the need to have their districts downsized, and one has expressed interest in becoming the new Professional Branch expansion chair (if we put this position in place). With all of the new chapters, colonies and pre-colonies, we will most likely need additional districts and District Counselors.

One of my goals for the New Year will be monthly DC phone calls. We have been unable to arrange a monthly DC chat. I am going to take a look at this.

Expansion

The expansion efforts have been growing like wildfire! Alcorn University was successfully installed as Delta Beta chapter in October. The colonies are doing very well: Georgia Southern is in the process of petitioning for chapter status. Alpha Alpha colony has been approved for chapter status by NWDC Calvin Bond, and will be voted on at the SC meeting in January. Boston U had some potential hazing issues creeping in, which apparently have gone away. NEDC Kerri would like to see how this semester goes before agreeing to allow them to petition. Per CDC Sarah Pickett, SE Missouri St is ready to petition, as long as they do not feel overwhelmed with their new leadership in place.

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For the pre-colonies, Occidental College of Beta Gamma (Beta Mu reactivation) should definitely be moved to colony status. Midwestern University is in question (I am having communication problems with them). Our other pre-colonies are relatively new, so I would keep them as pre-colonies for now, and consider moving them to colony status in time for Conclave. They are as follows: Winthrop University of Rho, U of Florida of Alpha Omega, U of Tampa of Gamma Delta, Philadelphia U of Gamma Omega, and U of New Orleans of Delta Beta. We have a strong interest at the University of California, Irvine. We are just waiting on one last piece of paperwork. We also have interest at the University of California, Riverside.

Jennifer Schnippert has done an amazing job as Expansion Director. I cannot praise her highly enough.

Manuals of Procedure (MOPs)

The Manuals of Procedure have been reviewed and laid out. We are waiting for final review from GPA Evaniak and GMC Wenzel. I am hoping to have them live by the end of January, to coincide with the start of the collegiate semesters. Special thanks to PR Michael Clager, for his hard work on this project.

I am looking forward to another exciting, productive year!

Yours in the Double Bond,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen M. M. Webster".

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