

# **2007 National Convention – Highlights**

## **for alumni, life and honorary members of Kappa Kappa Psi**

### **August 2007**

The convention was held at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. Kappa Kappa Psi reported the largest ever in attendance for the convention – more than 600 fraternity members attended the convention. Thank you to all the alumni, life and honorary members in attendance.

The convention was by far the largest national convention in the history of KKPsi & TBS!! We had over 1,000 attendees/participants during the overall 10-day program.

The 2007 National Intercollegiate Band, conducted by Frank Wickes, was the strongest in many years according to some experienced attendees, and the world premiere of Eric Ewazen's, *Celestial Dancers*, was outstanding! You'll definitely want to get the CD when it is released! The Boston Brass performed a terrific, entertaining program, and they surprised us all by announcing that two of the members were Brothers of KKPsi! We had a record number of educational and professional workshops, and even the 8:30AM sessions were well attended!!

The Interactive Psi was a big hit. Poster sessions were presented by all the National Officers, District Presidents and Chapter Leadership Award Recipients.

## **Awards - Founder's Trophy**

The Zeta Chi chapter from the University of South Carolina received the William A. Scroggs Founder's Trophy.

The Chapter Leadership Award Recipients for 2005-2007 were:

- Alpha – Oklahoma State University
- Nu – The University of Michigan
- Pi – Auburn University
- Omicron – West Virginia University
- Alpha Beta – Butler University
- Alpha Omega – The University of Pittsburgh
- Zeta Chi – University of South Carolina
- Theta Zeta – Ashland University
- Theta Phi – Henderson State University
- Iota Pi – California Polytechnic State University
- Kappa Mu – The University of Georgia

## **Awards – Other National Convention Awards**

William Gora - Distinguished Service to Music Medal – Conducting  
Andrea Strauss - Stanley Finck Memorial Award  
Paula Crider - Bohumil Makovsky Memorial Award  
Marie Burleigh - A. Frank Martin Award - Fraternity Service  
David Mills - University of Connecticut – Kappa Kappa Psi outstanding sponsor

Psi, UCLA - J. Lee Burke Best Chapter Display Award  
University of Nebraska-Omaha - F. L. Bowling National Intercollegiate Band Award  
Christine Hoffman, Gamma, University of Washington - Delegate Distance  
Psi, UCLA - Chapter Distance

## **National Convention Delegation officially endorses the National Alumni Program of Kappa Kappa Psi**

On Friday July 27, 2007, during a separate session, a unanimous vote was taken by the delegates officially endorsing the new program. The program was developed by a Steering Committee that completed their work last December. The Board of Trustees discussed the alumni program at all 2007 district conventions, posted information on [www.kkpsi.org](http://www.kkpsi.org), and emailed information to alumni.

### **The Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity National Alumni Program is a program for alumni, life and honorary members of the Fraternity**

#### **Mission Statement**

The National Alumni Program of Kappa Kappa Psi is dedicated to supporting the Fraternity. Recognizing that the band experience should continue after graduation, the National Alumni Program will focus its efforts on connecting and enriching members from the past, present, and future of college and university bands; promoting lifelong involvement with band; and enhancing the long-term growth and financial viability of Kappa Kappa Psi.

### **Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association – Join Now!**

The new Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association was announced at the convention. The new alumni association was discussed and many brothers in attendance completed their application to join. A membership form is included in this communication. Life Members are members of the association without any fee, but will need to complete a membership form to ‘opt in’ to the association.

# **Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Advisory Committee Officially Appointed**

The members of the Alumni Steering Committee who will guide the alumni program are:

## **Alumni-at-Large**

Lansing Dimon, Life Member Syracuse University, LansingRDimon@aol.com

Brian Dorn, Life Member Northwest Missouri State University, dorn@kkpsi.org

Marci Jones, Honorary Member Northeast District, nubian\_child@yahoo.com

Art Kerdmanee, Life Member UCLA, art.kerdmanee@gmail.com

Steve Nelson, Life Member Oklahoma State University, steven-nelson@utulsa.edu

## **College Band Director Representative**

Al Sergel, Life Member Florida State University, asergel@uniteone.net

## **Board of Trustees Liaison and Committee Chair**

Ken Corbett, Life Member University of South Carolina, kenc@kkpsi.org

Please feel free to contact members of the Alumni Advisory Committee with any questions or suggestions about the new Alumni Program. You can send one email to the committee at: [NASC@kkpsi.org](mailto:NASC@kkpsi.org)

## **Alumni Reception at National Convention**

An alumni reception was held on Wednesday during the national convention. Alumni learned more about the new alumni program, as well as discussed various aspects of the program. Brothers met other alumni brothers and discussed a wide range of alumni issues during the reception.

## **Interactive Alumni Seminar**

An early Friday morning session brought out alumni and actives alike to learn more about the new alumni program. Many areas of the program were discussed and questions were answered. The new alumni association was discussed and many brothers in attendance completed their application to join.

## **Finances**

The delegates at convention increased Member Dues and Initiate fees by \$ 3.

\$ 70 Active Member Dues

\$ 80 Initiate Fees

In addition the **Life Membership fee** was increased to \$ 500 effective 7/1/2008. Remember, members who have paid the life membership fee prior to the increase will continue to enjoy the benefits of life membership at no additional cost. Future contributions are always welcome.

## Transition to Chapter Alumni Relations Officer

Two workshops were held for active and alumni members to discuss alumni relations within the chapter.

6.212 The ~~Alumni Secretary~~ **Alumni Relations Officer** shall collect permanent address information and dispense Life Membership applications to all brothers graduating or leaving the college or university, and to supply this information to the National Headquarters. The ~~Alumni Secretary~~ **Alumni Relations Officer** shall work with and promote alumni activities.

## Alumni Related Jurisdiction Changes

6.514 Alumni members of the Fraternity shall be those Active, Associate or Conditional members of the Fraternity who have completed their education or who have terminated their affiliation with their college or university. ~~Any alumni member shall have all privileges of an active or associate member, except those of voting and introducing business.~~ In the event an alumni member wishes to reactivate with the respective chapter, said alumnus must be registered as a student, be an active member of the institution's band, and meet requirements as an active or associate member of the local chapter.

New 6.515

Alumni members have privileges that are at the discretion of the local Chapter. These privileges include but are not limited to: attending Chapter meetings, participating in Ritual, participating in Chapter fundraisers, and attending Chapter social functions. Alumni members shall not, at the Chapter or District level, hold office, propose candidates for membership, introduce business, vote on any matters, or act in the capacity of a big brother.

# **Kappa Kappa Psi National Council and Board of Trustees for the 2007-2009 Biennium**

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL**

National President: Dr. Malinda Matney

National Vice President for Colonization and Membership: Mr. Derrick Mills

National Vice President for Programs: Mr. Adam Cantley

National Vice President for Student Affairs: Mr. Jason Morris

National Vice President for Professional Relations: Dr. Bruce Moss

Immediate Past National President: Dr. Rod Chesnutt (ex officio)

## **NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dr. Kirk Randazzo (2005-2009), Chair

Mr. Michael Osborn (2007-2011), Vice Chair

Dr. Michael Golemo (2007-2011)

Mr. Scott Stowell (2005-2009)

Mr. Ken Corbett (2005-2009)

Immediate Past National President: Dr. Rod Chesnutt

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## **District Governors for the 2007-2009 Biennium**

### **Midwest District:**

Ms. Denali Alt

A second Midwest Governor  
will be appointed in the  
coming weeks.

### **North Central District:**

Ms. Christine Beason

Mr. Rod Whiteman

### **Northeast District:**

Ms. Marie Burleigh

Dr. Hubert Toney

### **Southeast District:**

Mr. Michael Green

Dr. David O'Shields

### **Southwest District:**

Mr. Daniel George

Dr. David Scott

### **Western District:**

Ms. Tanya Marsh

Mr. Chris Chapman

On behalf of this national leadership team, we start the biennium in an exciting way. The Brothers meeting in convention brought their energy, intellect, and positive approach and vision. You are inspiring us to continue our forward progress as a movement on behalf of college bands. Thanks for all you do to make Kappa Kappa Psi, and college bands, live on your campuses! *Dr. Malinda Matney, National President*