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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FORTY-FOURTH TRIENNIAL COUNCIL

The 44th Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society met in Denver, Colorado on October 8-10, 2015, at the Westin Denver Downtown. In addition to three plenary sessions, there were meetings of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate, its Executive Committee, the District officers, the Association Delegates, Chapter Delegates and the Council committees.

The following society officers were in attendance at the 44th Council:

Katherine Soule, President  
Catherine White Berheide, Vice President  
John Churchill, Secretary  
Ronaleen Roha, Associate Secretary  
John Page, Treasurer

## SENATORS IN ATTENDANCE

Todd Breyfogle	Jean Howard
Yolanda Broyles-Gonzalez	Robert Koons
Fred Cate	Kate Lehman
Theopolis Fair	Paul Lukacs
Michael Gauger	Andrew McNitt
Linda Greenhouse	Lynn Pasquerella
George Greenia	John Pope
Susan Hagen	Peter Quimby
Zev Handel	Howard Segal
Valerie Hotchkiss	Kathleen Woodward

## PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Allison Blakely  
Fred Cate  
Joseph Gordon  
Niall Slater

## CHAPTER DELEGATES

Agnes Scott College, Beta of Georgia – Ali Carter  
Alabama, University of, Alpha of Alabama –  
Albion College, Beta of Michigan – Charles Moreau  
Alfred University, Alpha Beta of New York –  
Allegheny College, Eta of Pennsylvania – Glenn Holland  
Alma College, Eta of Michigan – Britt Cartrite  
American University, Zeta of the District of Columbia – Donald Williamson  
Amherst College, Beta of Massachusetts –  
Arizona, University of, Alpha of Arizona – Margaret Houghton  
Arizona State University, Beta of Arizona – Kate Lehman  
Arkansas, University of, Alpha of Arkansas – Gary Ferrier  
Auburn University, Gamma of Alabama – Eden Knudson McLean  
Augustana College, Zeta of Illinois – Sarah Kretz McDowell  
Austin College, Iota of Texas – Mari Elise Ewing  
Bates College, Gamma of Maine –  
Baylor University, Zeta of Texas – Viola Osborn  
Beloit College, Beta of Wisconsin – Robert LaFleur  
Birmingham-Southern College, Beta of Alabama – Sandra Sprayberry  
Boston College, Omicron of Massachusetts - Clare O'Connor  
Boston University, Epsilon of Massachusetts – Jeffrey Henderson  
Bowdoin College, Alpha of Maine – Sue O'Dell  
Bowling Green State University, Xi of Ohio –  
Brandeis University, Mu of Massachusetts –  
Brown University, Alpha of Rhode Island – Richard Rambuss  
Bucknell University, Mu of Pennsylvania – Van Cyr  
Butler University, Theta of Indiana – Sally Neal  
California, University of, Berkeley, Alpha of California – Mary Kay Duggan  
California, University of, Davis, Kappa of California - Karen Olson  
California, University of, Irvine, Mu of California –  
California, University of, Los Angeles, Eta of California – Louise Underdahl  
California, University of, Riverside, Iota of California – Carl Cranor  
California, University of, San Diego, Sigma of California – Kathleen French  
California, University of, Santa Barbara, Lambda of California –  
California, University of, Santa Cruz, Upsilon of California – Alexander Grillo  
California State University, Long Beach, Rho of California –  
Carleton College, Beta of Minnesota – Lawrence Archbold  
Carnegie Mellon University, Upsilon of Pennsylvania – William Alba  
Case Western Reserve University, Alpha of Ohio – Margaret Robinson  
Catholic University, Beta of the District of Columbia -  
Centre College, Beta of Kentucky – Robyn Cutright  
Chatham University, Omicron of Pennsylvania – Elisabeth Roark  
Chicago, University of, Beta of Illinois – Ronald Gorny  
Cincinnati, University of, Delta of Ohio – Jeff Gorny  
Claremont McKenna College, Tau of California – Stephen Davis  
Clark University, Lambda of Massachusetts – Esther Jones

Clemson University, Delta of South Carolina – Jens Holley  
 Coe College, Epsilon of Iowa – Nancy Hayes, Calvin Van Niewaal  
 Colgate University, Eta of New York - Deborah Knuth Klenck  
 Colby College, Beta of Maine –  
 Colgate University, Eta of New York – Deborah Knuth-Klenck  
 Colorado College, Beta of Colorado – Ted Linderman  
 Colorado, University of, Alpha of Colorado – Jerry Peterson  
 Colorado State University, Delta of Colorado – Gloria Blumanhourst; Patricia Rettig  
 Columbia University-The College, Delta of New York – Jean Howard  
     Barnard College –  
     School of General Studies –  
 Connecticut College, Delta of Connecticut –  
 Connecticut, University of, Epsilon of Connecticut – Deborah Cornman  
 Cornell College, Delta of Iowa – David Yamanishi  
 Cornell University, Theta of New York – Daniel R. Schwarz  
 Creighton University, Beta of Nebraska - Jeffrey Hause, Palma Strand  
 Dallas, University of, Eta of Texas – Bernadette Waterman Ward  
 Dartmouth College, Alpha of New Hampshire – Katherine Soule  
 Davidson College, Gamma of North Carolina –  
 Delaware, University of, Alpha of Delaware –  
 Denison University, Theta of Ohio – Andrew McCall  
 Denver, University of, Gamma of Colorado – Donald Sullivan, Annette Stott  
 DePauw University, Alpha of Indiana – Theresa Noble  
 Dickinson College, Alpha of Pennsylvania – Tara Fischer  
 Drake University, Gamma of Iowa –  
 Drew University, Gamma of New Jersey – Richard White  
 Duke University, Beta of North Carolina – Betsy Alden  
 Earlham College, Delta of Indiana – Kari Kalve  
 Eckerd College, Zeta of Florida – Julienne Empric  
 Elmira College, Pi of New York – Margaret Arnesen  
 Elon University, Eta of North Carolina – Karen Yokley  
 Emory University, Gamma of Georgia – Thomas D Lancaster  
 Fairfield University, Zeta of Connecticut – Jennifer Claydon  
 Fisk University, Delta of Tennessee – Princilla Evans Morris; Patricia McCarroll  
 Florida, University of, Beta of Florida – Shifra Armon  
 Florida International University, Epsilon of Florida – Joyce Peterson  
 Florida State University, Alpha of Florida – Jeremiah Fisher  
 Fordham University, Tau of New York - Joseph Koterski  
 Franklin and Marshall College, Theta of Pennsylvania – Katharine Snider  
 Furman University, Gamma of South Carolina – Mary Fairbairn  
 George Mason University, Omicron of Virginia - Peter Stearns  
 George Washington University, Alpha of the District of Columbia – Phillip Troutman  
 Georgetown University, Delta of the District of Columbia – Linn Deavers;  
 Douglas M. McCabe  
 Georgia, University of, Alpha of Georgia - Hugh Ruppensburg  
 Gettysburg College, Iota of Pennsylvania –

Goucher College, Beta of Maryland – Milena Rodban  
 Grinnell College, Beta of Iowa – Cornelia Ellen Mease  
 Gustavus Adolphus College, Eta of Minnesota – Elizabeth Jenner  
 Hamilton College, Epsilon of New York – Ernest Williams  
 Hamline University, Zeta of Minnesota – Arthur Guetter  
 Hampden-Sydney College, Eta of Virginia – David Gibson  
 Haverford College, Zeta of Pennsylvania –  
 Hawaii, University of, Alpha of Hawaii – Lesley A. Wright  
 Hendrix College, Beta of Arkansas – Courtney Hatch  
 Hiram College, Mu of Ohio – Erin Lamb  
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Zeta of New York – Liliana Leopardi  
 Hofstra University, Omega of New York – Sarah McCleskey  
 Hollins University, Iota of Virginia – Jean Holzinger  
 Holy Cross, College of the, Pi of Massachusetts – Barbara Craig  
 Hope College, Zeta of Michigan –  
 Howard University, Gamma of the District of Columbia – Eleanor King  
 Idaho, University of, Alpha of Idaho – Jacklinn Bennett  
 Illinois College, Epsilon of Illinois – Bernd Estabrook  
 Illinois Wesleyan University, Lambda of Illinois – Mark Criley  
 Illinois, University of,  
     Chicago, Iota of Illinois –  
     Urbana-Champaign, Gamma of Illinois – Valerie Hotchkiss  
 Indiana University, Gamma of Indiana – Terri Greenslade, Fred Cate  
 Iowa, University of, Alpha of Iowa - Jennifer Bertrand  
 Iowa State University, Zeta of Iowa – Veronica Dark  
 James Madison University, Xi of Virginia – Susan Halsell  
 Johns Hopkins University, Alpha of Maryland – James Fry  
 Kalamazoo College, Delta of Michigan – Joe K. Fugate  
 Kansas State University, Beta of Kansas – Laura Kanost  
 Kansas, University of, Alpha of Kansas – George Mielke  
 Kent State University, Nu of Ohio –  
 Kentucky, University of, Alpha of Kentucky –  
 Kenyon College, Beta of Ohio – Pam Camerra-Rowe  
 Knox College, Delta of Illinois –  
 Lafayette College, Gamma of Pennsylvania – Joshua Smith  
 Lake Forest College, Theta of Illinois –  
 Lawrence University, Gamma-Delta of Wisconsin –  
 Lehigh University, Beta of Pennsylvania –  
 Lewis and Clark College, Gamma of Oregon – Roger Nelsen  
 Louisiana State University, Beta of Louisiana – James R. Stoner  
 Loyola University, Kappa of Illinois – Anne Hupert  
 Loyola University, Epsilon of Maryland – Kathleen Forni, Paul Lukacs  
 Luther College, Eta of Iowa –  
 Macalester College, Epsilon of Minnesota – Louisa Bradtmiller  
 Maine, University of, Delta of Maine – George Markowsky; Howard Segal  
 Manhattan College, Upsilon of New York – Michael Grabowski  
 Marietta College, Gamma of Ohio – Ann Bragg

Marquette University, Zeta of Wisconsin – Katherine Milco  
 Mary Baldwin College, Lambda of Virginia – Mary Cole  
 Mary Washington, University of, Kappa of Virginia – Elizabeth Heitsch  
 Maryland, University of,  
     Baltimore County, Eta of Maryland –  
     College Park, Gamma of Maryland –  
 Massachusetts, University of, Nu of Massachusetts - Eddie Hull  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Xi of Massachusetts – Anne McCants  
 McDaniel College, Delta of Maryland – Corey Wronski-Mayersak  
 Miami, University of, Delta of Florida –  
 Miami University, Iota of Ohio – Whitney Womack Smith  
 Michigan, University of, Alpha of Michigan – David Burkam  
 Michigan State University, Epsilon of Michigan – Matthew Zierler  
 Middlebury College, Beta of Vermont – Don Wyatt  
 Mills College, Zeta of California –  
 Millsaps College, Alpha of Mississippi – Laura Franey  
 Minnesota, University of, Alpha of Minnesota – Meaghan Stein  
 Mississippi, University of, Beta of Mississippi – Luanne Buchanan  
 Missouri, University of, Alpha of Missouri – Julie Melnyk, Mike Peiffer  
 Morehouse College, Delta of Georgia – Mansa Bilal Mark King, David Morrow  
 Mount Holyoke College, Theta of Massachusetts – Jim Hartley, Lynn Pasquerella  
 Muhlenberg College, Pi of Pennsylvania –  
 Nebraska, University of, Alpha of Nebraska –  
 New Hampshire, University of, Beta of New Hampshire – Matty Leighton  
 New Jersey, College of, Delta of New Jersey – Jon Stauff  
 New Mexico, University of, Alpha of New Mexico – Susan Atlas  
 New York, City University of, (CUNY)  
     Brooklyn College, Rho of New York –  
     City College, Gamma of New York –  
     Herbert H. Lehman College, Chi of New York – Keith Happaney  
     Hunter College, CUNY, Nu of New York –  
     Queens College, Sigma of New York – Thomas Bird  
 New York, State University of (SUNY)  
     Albany, Alpha Alpha of New York – Malcolm Sherman  
     Binghamton, Psi of New York –  
     Buffalo, Omicron of New York – John Dugan  
     Geneseo, Alpha Delta of New York – Alice Rutkowski, Lisa Smith  
     Stony Brook, Alpha Beta of New York – Ritchie Calvin  
 New York University, Beta of New York –  
 North Carolina, University of,  
     Chapel Hill, Alpha of North Carolina –  
     Greensboro, Epsilon of North Carolina – Mark Schumacher  
 North Carolina State University, Zeta of North Carolina – Kris Alpi  
 North Dakota, University of, Alpha of North Dakota – Gerri Dunnigan  
 Northwestern University, Alpha of Illinois – Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe  
 Notre Dame, University of, Epsilon of Indiana – Matthew Dowd  
 Oberlin College, Zeta of Ohio – Ken Stanley

Occidental College, Delta of California –  
 Ohio State University, Epsilon of Ohio – Mary Ellen Jenkins  
 Ohio University, Lambda of Ohio –  
 Ohio Wesleyan University, Eta of Ohio – Blake Michael  
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 Pacific, University of the, Chi of California – Jennifer Helgren  
 Pennsylvania, University of, Delta of Pennsylvania – Eric Schneider  
 Pennsylvania State University, Lambda of Pennsylvania – Margie Bachelor  
 Pittsburgh, University of, Xi of Pennsylvania – Paul Shepard  
 Pomona College, Gamma of California – Richard McKirahan  
 Princeton University, Beta of New Jersey –  
 Puget Sound, University of, Delta of Washington – William Beardsley  
 Purdue University, Zeta of Indiana – Celeste Furtner  
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 Rhodes College, Gamma of Tennessee – Rin Abernathy  
 Rice University, Beta of Texas –  
 Richmond, University of, Epsilon of Virginia – Lewis Barnett  
 Ripon College, Epsilon of Wisconsin –  
 Roanoke College, Nu of Virginia –  
 Rochester, University of, Iota of New York –  
 Rockford College, Eta of Illinois – Jules Gleicher  
 Rutgers, The State University, Alpha of New Jersey - Angela Mullis  
     Douglas College –  
     Newark College – Karen Caplan  
 Saint Benedict, College of, St. John's University, Theta of Minnesota –Clark Cotton  
 Saint Catherine, University of, Gamma of Minnesota – Jolene Johnson  
 Saint Joseph's University, Phi of Pennsylvania –  
 Saint Lawrence University, Lambda of New York –  
 Saint Louis University, Gamma of Missouri –  
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 San Diego, University of, Phi of California – Daniel Sheehan  
 San Diego State University, Nu of California –  
 San Francisco State University, Omicron of California –  
 Santa Clara University, Pi of California – Robert Shanklin  
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 Skidmore College, Phi of New York – Denise McQuade, Catherine White  
 Berheide  
 Smith College, Zeta of Massachusetts – Margaret Bruzelis  
 South, University of the, Beta of Tennessee – Stephen Miller, Amy Patterson,  
 Emily Puckette



South Carolina, University of, Alpha of South Carolina – Eric Holt  
 South Dakota, University of, Alpha of South Dakota – Kathleen McElhinney,  
 Judith Sebesta  
 Southern California, University of, Epsilon of California – Robin Romans  
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 Southwestern University, Theta of Texas – Timothy O’Neill  
 Spelman College, Epsilon of Georgia – Selena Harper McLaurin  
 Stanford University, Beta of California – Mark Tendall  
 Stetson University, Gamma of Florida –  
 Swarthmore College, Epsilon of Pennsylvania –  
 Sweet Briar College, Theta of Virginia – Lynn Laufenberg  
 Syracuse University, Kappa of New York –  
 Temple University, Rho of Pennsylvania – Christopher Wolfgang  
 Tennessee, University of, Epsilon of Tennessee – Jeffrey Kovac  
 Texas, University of, Alpha of Texas, at Austin –Robert Koons  
 Texas A&M University, Kappa of Texas –  
 Texas Christian University, Delta of Texas – Ze-Li Dou  
 Texas Tech University, Lambda of Texas – Marc Lochbaum  
 Trinity College, Beta of Connecticut –  
 Trinity University, Epsilon of the District of Columbia – Mary Etienne  
 Trinity University, Epsilon of Texas –  
 Truman State University, Delta of Missouri –  
 Tufts University, Delta of Massachusetts – J. Matthew Harrington  
 Tulane University, Alpha of Louisiana –  
 Tulsa, University of, Beta of Oklahoma – Lamont Lindstrom  
 Union College, Alpha of New York –  
 Ursinus College, Tau of Pennsylvania –  
 Utah, University of, Alpha of Utah –  
 Valparaiso University, Epsilon of Indiana – Debra Ames  
 Vanderbilt University, Alpha of Tennessee –  
 Vassar College, Mu of New York –  
 Vermont, University of, Alpha of Vermont –Deborah Guber  
 Villanova University, Sigma of Pennsylvania – Michael Pennington, Douglas  
 Norton  
 Virginia, University of, Beta of Virginia –Donna Hearn  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Mu of Virginia – Kirby Deater-  
 Deckard  
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 Wake Forest University, Delta of North Carolina – Darlene May  
 Washington, University of, Alpha of Washington – Joe Janes  
 Washington and Jefferson College, Kappa of Pennsylvania – Michael McCracken  
 Washington and Lee University, Gamma of Virginia –  
 Washington College, Theta of Maryland – Andrew Oros  
 Washington State University, Gamma of Washington – Robert Ferguson  
 Washington University, Beta of Missouri – Vince Sherry  
 Wayne State University, Gamma of Michigan - Chris Nazelli  
 Wellesley College, Eta of Massachusetts – Nolan Flynn

Wells College, Xi of New York – Tom Stiadle  
Wesleyan University, Gamma of Connecticut –  
West Virginia University, Alpha of West Virginia – Ryan Claycomb, Alan  
Stolzenberg  
Western Michigan University, Theta of Michigan – Kristina Wirtz  
Wheaton College, Kappa of Massachusetts – Joel Relihan  
Whitman College, Beta of Washington –  
William and Mary, College of, Alpha of Virginia – Matthew Allar  
Willamette University, Delta of Oregon – Todd Silverstein  
Williams College, Nu of Pennsylvania – Steven Miller  
Wilson College, Nu of Pennsylvania – Kelly Spiese  
Wisconsin, University of  
    Madison, Alpha of Wisconsin – E Alison Rice  
    Milwaukee, Eta of Wisconsin – Aims McGuinness  
Wittenberg University, Omicron of Ohio – Anders Tune  
Wofford College, Beta of South Carolina – Phillip Stone  
Wooster, College of, Kappa of Ohio –  
Wyoming, University of, Alpha of Wyoming – Eric Nye  
Xavier University, Pi of Ohio –  
Yale University, Alpha of Connecticut – George Levesque

## ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

### ARIZONA

Phoenix Association, Alpha of Arizona – Ann-Marie Anderson

Tucson Area Association, Beta of Arizona –

### CALIFORNIA

Northern California Association, Gamma of California – Dierdre Frontczak

San Diego Association, Epsilon of California – Margit Smith

Southern California Association, Alpha of California – Anna Blount; Bette Napoli-Harris

### COLORADO

Denver Association, Alpha of Colorado – Alice White

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia Association, Alpha of the District of Columbia – Elizabeth Marshall; Pat Cascio

### FLORIDA

Northeast Florida Association, Beta of Florida – Jack Bettman

Sarasota-Manatee Association, Epsilon of Florida – Elizabeth Cassell

South Florida Association, Gamma of Florida—

Tampa Bay Association, Delta of Florida – Norine Noonan

### GEORGIA

Metropolitan Atlanta Association of Phi Beta Kappa –

Coastal Georgia-Carolina Association, Gamma of Georgia – George Pruden

Middle Georgia Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association—David Davis

### ILLINOIS

Chicago Area Association, Alpha of Illinois – John Ashton; Judi Strauss-Lipkin

East Central Illinois Association—Suzie Park

INDIANA

Eastern Indiana Association, Beta of Indiana –

Indianapolis Association, Alpha of Indiana – Amy Jones Richardson

KENTUCKY

Kentuckiana Association, Gamma of Kentucky – William Bowman

LOUISIANA

Southwest Louisiana Association, Alpha of Louisiana –

MAINE

Greater Maine Association, Alpha of Maine—Tom Valleau

MARYLAND

Greater Baltimore Association, Alpha of Maryland –

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Association, Alpha of Massachusetts – Katie Strunk

MICHIGAN

Detroit Association, Beta of Michigan –

Southwest Michigan Association, Alpha of Michigan – Sassafras Havilar

MINNESOTA

Twin Cities Association – Barry Lawson

MISSOURI

Metropolitan St. Louis Association, Alpha of Missouri –

Northeastern Missouri Association, Beta of Missouri –

MONTANA

Montana Association - Nancy Cook

NEBRASKA

Omaha Association, Alpha of Nebraska –Jenni Schlossman

## NEW HAMPSHIRE – VERMONT

Northern New England, Alpha of Vermont – Jeffrey Trumbower

## NEW JERSEY

Northern New Jersey, Alpha of New Jersey –

## NEW MEXICO

Los Alamos Association, Alpha of New Mexico – Wendee Brunish

## NEW YORK

New York Association, Alpha of New York – Jacques Ohayon

Upper Hudson Association, Beta of New York –

Western New York Association, Iota of New York –

## NORTH CAROLINA

Central Carolinas, Gamma of North Carolina –

Wake County Association, Alpha of North Carolina –

## OHIO

Cleveland Association, Beta of Ohio—Meredith Shoop

Toledo Area Association, Alpha of Ohio –

## OKLAHOMA

Phi Beta Kappa Association of Oklahoma –

## PENNSYLVANIA

Delaware Valley Association, Gamma of Pennsylvania – Laura Buenzle

Pittsburgh Association, Delta of Pennsylvania – Andrew Masich

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Lowcountry Association, Beta of South Carolina – David Zoellner

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga Association, Gamma of Tennessee – Herbery Burhenn

Nashville Association, Delta of Tennessee – Miriam Klein

TEXAS

Austin Association, Zeta of Texas – Joyce Pulich

Greater Houston Association, Delta of Texas – Bill Monroe

North Texas Association, Beta of Texas – Dee Tagliavia

West Texas and Eastern New Mexico Association – Alice M. Young

VIRGINIA

Richmond Association, Alpha of Virginia – Wayne Powell

Shenandoah Valley Association, Beta of Virginia –

WASHINGTON

Inland Empire Association, Beta of Washington –

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Washington – Phyllis  
Becker Williams; Linda Willenberg

WISCONSIN

Greater Milwaukee Association of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Wisconsin –

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Carol O'Donnell, Chair  
Lavinda Dhingra, Vice Chair  
Kathryn Olmstead, Secretary-Treasurer

### MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

(Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania)

Joseph G. Poluka, Chair  
Joseph Koterski, Vice Chair  
Vera Junkers, Secretary-Treasurer

### EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

(Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio)

David Burkam, Chair  
Amy Jones Richardson, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe, Secretary-Treasurer

### NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

(Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin)

Calvin Van Niewaal, Chair  
Judith Lynn Sebesta, Secretary-Treasurer

### SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

(District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia)

Catherine M. Griggs, Chair  
George Pruden, Secretary-Treasurer

### SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

(Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee,

Texas)

Marc Lochbaum Chair  
Joyce Pulich, Secretary

WESTERN DISTRICT

(Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)

Linda Willenberg, Chair  
Anna S. Blout, Secretary



## CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION DELEGATES OFFICERS

Bette Napoli-Harris, Chair  
Judi Strauss-Lipkin, Secretary

### COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATIONS

Paul Lukacs, Chair	Karen Nelson
Charles Adams	Amy Mulnix
Catherine White Berheide	David Paris
S. Raj Chaudhury	Lynn Pasquerella
Andrea Dobson	Alan Stolzenberg
Wendy Dunn	Don J. Wyatt
Joseph Gordon	

### COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pauline Yu, Chair	Molly Stapleton
Michael Lubin	Jeanne Toungara
Karen Kupperman	Virginia Trimble
Niall Slater	

### PARLIAMENTARIAN

Kirk Overbey

### GUESTS

William “Bro” Adams, NEH Chairman and Banquet Keynote  
Susan Carlisle, Senate Nominee  
Robert Miller, Senate Nominee  
David Paris, Senate Nominee  
Jan Tobochnik, Senate Nominee  
Ruth Wefald, Senate Nominee

Penelope Boston, Visiting Scholar Lecturer  
John Comaroff, Visiting Scholar Lecturer  
Jean Comaroff, Visiting Scholar Lecturer  
Augusta Read Thomas, Visiting Scholar Lecturer  
Lisa Pratt, Visiting Scholar Committee

Chip deMatteo, Hand & Hammer  
Mike Boland, Hand & Hammer  
Mae Daniller, Daniller + Company  
Suzy Robbins, Daniller + Company

**TRIENNIAL AWARD WINNERS:**

David McCullough - Award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities  
Jill Lepore - Sidney Hook Memorial Award

**APPLICANT CHAPTER ATTENDEES:**

Renu Khator, President, University of Houston  
Andrew Davis, University of Houston  
Keri Myrick, University of Houston  
Elena Rios, University of Houston  
J William Underwood, President, Mercer University  
Jeff Denny, Mercer University  
Mary Alice Morgan, Mercer University  
Miranda Pratt, Mercer University  
Tara Williams, Oregon State University

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Charles Adams, University of South Florida  
Adrienne Antink, Colorado Association  
Barbara Berryman, Colorado Association  
Jean Churchill, Friend of Phi Beta Kappa  
Roberta Dice, Colorado Association  
Carla Henebry, Colorado Association  
Elizabeth Holtze, Society member  
Catherine Jaffe, Texas State University  
Olga Lipaova, Christopher Newport University  
Larry Lipkin, Delegate Guest  
Christopher Loy, Christopher Newport University  
Cheryl Outerbridge, Colorado Association  
Thomas Roha, Friend of Phi Beta Kappa  
Greg Sorensen, Colorado Association  
Rob Wellington, Colorado Association

# FIRST PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 9, 2015

1. The Council convened for its first plenary session on Friday, October 9, at 8:00 a.m. in the Confluence Ballroom of The Westin Denver Downtown in Denver, Colorado. President Katherine Soule greeted the delegates and called the 44th Triennial Council to order. She extended special greetings to immediate past president Fred Cate, as well as to past presidents Joe Gordon, Niall Slater, and Alison Blakely.
2. President Soule acknowledged Dr. Penelope Boston of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology for her visiting scholar presentation the previous night. The President also acknowledged the other visiting scholars, John and Jean Comaroff and Professor Augusta Reed Thomas, who had not yet presented. She also recognized the representatives from several colleges and universities seeking to establish new Phi Beta Kappa chapters.
3. The President expressed thanks to Ms. Rhiana Quick, Deputy Director of the National Arts and Sciences Initiative at Phi Beta Kappa, who coordinated the planning for the Council meetings, with the help of Laura Hartnett, Program and Event Specialist, and other colleagues in the national office. She also thanked the Colorado Association for their support.
4. President Soule explained that the 44th Council deliberations would be assisted by four committees composed primarily of delegates. She introduced them by naming their chairs and thanking the members in advance for their efforts on the Council's behalf. Those committees were:

**Committee on Credentials:**

Chair: George Markowsky, University of Maine  
Shifra Armon, University of Florida  
Mark Malin, Randolph-Macon College

**Tellers:**

Head Teller: Andrea Dobson  
Mike McCracken, Washington & Jefferson College  
David Morrow, Morehouse College  
Milena Rodban, Goucher College  
Louise Underdahl, UCLA

**Council Finance Committee:**

John Page, Treasurer  
Chair: Linn Deavers, Georgetown University  
Joe Koterski, Fordham University  
Princilla Morris, Fisk University

### **Committee on Resolutions:**

Chair: Jeremiah Fisher, Florida State University  
David Burkam, University of Michigan  
Perry Gethner, Oklahoma State University  
Lynn Laufenberg, Sweet Briar College  
Linda Willenberg, Puget Sound Association

5. President Soule then asked for a moment of silence for the victims of a shooting on the campus of Northern Arizona University, which took place the previous evening.
6. The President introduced the other people on the dais: John Churchill, (Society Secretary since 2001) and Council Parliamentarian, Kirk Overbey.
7. President Soule then gave a report on the last triennium, noting the spirit of revitalization in the National Office. President Soule acknowledged the hiring of Ronaleen Roha as Associate Secretary, Anne Tria Wise as Director of the National Arts and Sciences Initiative, Laura Hartnett as Program and Event Specialist, Laura Battos as Coordinator of Communications, Ann McCulloch as Director of Chapter and Association Relations, and moving Rhiana Quick to the position of Deputy Director of the National Arts and Sciences Initiative.

She noted the continued success and growth of the Society's awards programs, including the addition of the Lebowitz Prize in Philosophical Achievement. President Soule then recognized the success of *The American Scholar*, *The Key Reporter*, and the Visiting Scholars as programs, which help ensure the Society's visibility beyond academia.

President Soule reported that, following a charge from the 43rd Council, the Society launched the National Arts and Sciences Initiative in December 2012, and have since hosted seven awareness raising events in states facing critical higher education cuts as part of the Key of Excellence award. Looking forward, the Initiative is developing a series of events focusing on Phi Beta Kappa cities of distinction. She reported that another success of the National Arts and Sciences Initiative was the creation of an online toolkit, which received rave reviews and enthusiastic promotion from colleague organizations and the media.

While celebrating the achievements of the Society and the National Arts and Sciences Initiative, President Soule also recognized the continuing challenges facing the liberal arts and sciences, and the continuing need for Phi Beta Kappa to have a voice in the national conversation.

7. President Soule concluded her report by stating how much she enjoyed her time as president, and how proud she was of the work of the the National Arts and Sciences Initiative. She then invited Secretary Churchill to report on the activities of the Society.

8. Secretary Churchill began by echoing the energy and excitement that President Soule reported on the activities of the Society. He remarked that the Society is more active than ever before in advancing its values. He celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and noted Phi Beta Kappa's role in both the founding and the anniversary celebrations. He announced that NEH Chairman Bro Adams would give the keynote address at the closing Council banquet.

Secretary Churchill then commented on the Society's new Charting Excellence program designed to help chapters and associations fulfill their goals and make Phi Beta Kappa more prominent on their campuses and in their communities. He then commended the success of the Visiting Scholars Program, now in its 60th year, on having sent 636 scholars on 5,204 campus visits in total, and over 100 visits planned for the 2015-2016 year. Secretary Churchill also remarked on the continued success of *The American Scholar*, *The Key Reporter*, the awards programs, and the digital presence of the Society.

The National Arts and Sciences Initiative was launched in response to the 2012 Triennial Council determining that the role of Phi Beta Kappa as a representative of the liberal arts and sciences on the national stage needed to be much better. Secretary Churchill celebrated the success of the first three years, and the excitement to continue the program.

He reported that the fiscal health of the Society is good, but is starting to face challenges arising from increased activities. The \$3 million raised annually by member donations is vital support, but needs to increase. The Phi Beta Kappa Foundation, valued at around \$31 million, is strong support but the endowment needs to perform better.

Secretary Churchill emphasized the role of the Society as the symbolic repository of critically important cultural values: freedom of inquiry and expression, disciplinary rigor, breadth of intellectual perspective, the cultivation of skills of ethical reflection, the pursuit of wisdom and the application of the fruits of scholarship and research in practical life. He surveyed the changed landscape of higher education from three years prior when the threat of for-profit colleges and massive open online courses (MOOCs) loomed large. While these threats continue, threats such as the recently unveiled Department of Education college scoreboard and increasing tuitions add complexity to the challenges Phi Beta Kappa faces. He named the Council of Independent Colleges, the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Association of American University and the National Humanities Alliance as colleague organizations working towards the same goals and sharing in challenges and successes. While Phi Beta Kappa has many accomplishments to celebrate, he urged that victory has not been declared yet. He concluded his report by calling on the individuals and the chapters and the associations to continue to join Phi Beta Kappa in meeting the challenges ahead.

9. President Soule then introduced Paul Lukacs, Chair of the Committee on Qualifications. He commented on the importance of the decision to grant a chapter, and the hard work of the Committee on Qualifications, and referred to the delegate's manual page 61. He then reviewed the committee process that brought the three recommended institutions to the Council for consideration. He described the initial application in detail, the comprehensive report, the site visit, and the committee and Senate approval process. He noted that the process operates on a continuous three-year cycle, with the Council vote ending one cycle and the next beginning on November 1 when the next applications are due. He urged the delegates to read the detailed statements on the three nominated chapters in preparation for the presentations and discussion that would occur that afternoon. Thanks was expressed to all those individuals involved in these task forces. He again referenced the report in the Delegate's Manuals, and requested any questions be submitted in writing by noon that day, so that they could be answered during the second plenary session when each of the institutions would be formally presented for vote.

10. The President then called for a report from the Chair of the Committee on Credentials. George Markowsky, who reported that 226 delegates representing 216 chapters and 40 delegates representing 36 associations were registered. Twenty-two senators, and four past presidents, one of whom was also a chapter delegate, were also registered and entitled to vote. The total voting body at this juncture was 291, representing 277 different units. In addition, there were 25 non-voting members registered, bringing the total registration for the Council to 316. Two more reports would be given and these numbers were expected to rise with each report. President Soule, hearing no questions or concerns, declared the report of the Committee on Credentials approved by unanimous consent.

11. President Soule then called for an approval of the minutes of the 43rd Council as published in the Council Bulletin and on the Society's website. There were no additions or corrections, and the minutes were declared approved as distributed. President Soule then surveyed the delegates to determine how many Triennial Councils they had participated in and welcomed the many who indicated they were attending for the first time as well as those who had attended previously.

12. After reminding the delegates to submit any resolutions or motions to be considered by the Council by 6:00 that day, for consideration by the Committee on Resolutions, the President invited Jenna Clous from Padgett Communications to introduce the electronic voting system that would be used throughout the Council. Following the presentation, the President introduced the proposed amendment to the Constitution Article 10 Section 4, which states that the Council Nominating Committee members will serve for staggered three-year terms. The President explained that since the Council Nominating Committee is a Triennial Council Committee that only meets once every three years, having staggered three year terms results in all members being new every time, which was not the intent when writing the Constitution. The amendment reads as follows:

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of seven members, who shall be nominated by the President and elected by the Senate to staggered six-year terms.

The vote passed and the amendment was approved as distributed. President Soule then directed attention to nominations for the Society's President and Vice President for the next Triennium. President Soule called on Jeanne Toungara from Howard University to present the report, on behalf of the Council Nominating Committee.

13. Dr. Toungara thanked those who had served on the council nominating committee with her: Pauline Yu, Michael Lubin, Karen Kupperman, Niall Slater, Molly Stapleton, Michael Lubin, and Virginia Trimble. She briefly described the meetings and process of the Council Nominating Committee. She then introduced the nomination of Catherine White Berheide for the office of President of the Society for the 2015-2018 Triennium. Berheid stood and was recognized. President Soule called for additional nominations and hearing none, entertained a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation. The vote was unanimous.

14. Dr. Toungara then introduced the nominations of Senator Paul Lukacs and Senator Lynn Pasquerella for Vice President. Senators Lukacs and Pasquerella stood and were recognized. The President called for additional nominations and hearing none, called a 15 minute recess to allow for voting.

15. Following the recess, President Soule called upon head teller, Andrea Dobson who announced that Paul Lukas was elected Vice President of the Society. As a result, Lynn Pasquerella's name would be included in the Senator-at-Large vote.

Dr. Toungara returned to the dais to hear the Committee's nominations for District Senators. She directed the delegate's attention to the biographical information nominees in the official delegate's manual. The following nominees were presented: Andrew McNitt and Christine Cano (East Central), Vera Junkers and Douglas Norton (Middle Atlantic), Calvin Van Niewaal and Ruth Wefald (North Central) and Eric Nye and Anne-Marie Anderson (Western).

16. Dr. Toungara then presented the nominees for Senator-at-Large. The following nominees were presented: Lawrence Archibold, Susan Carlisle, Linda Greenhouse, Jean Howard, Anne Hupert, Esther Jones, Kathleen Kennedy, Robert Koons, Jeffrey Kovac, Andrew Masich, Robert Miller, Amy Mulnix, David Paris, Suzie Park, Todd Silverstein, Alan Stolzenberg, Jan Tobochnik, and Lynn Pasquerella.

The President called for additional nominations, and hearing none, called upon Former President Niall Slater to present the District Senatorial Nominations.

17. President Soule thanked candidates who let their names go forward, and again thanked Dr. Toungara and the entire Nominating Committee. The Head Teller then explained the electronic voting system again for Senator at Large and District Senatorial votes.

18. The Head Teller then lead the Council delegates through voting for the District Senators and the Senator-at-Large positions.

19. President Soule announced that five candidates had been elected with a majority to Senator-at-Large positions: Linda Greenhouse, Jean Howard, Esther Jones, Lynn Pasquerella, and Suzie Park. The Head Teller led two more rounds of voting which resulted in three additional candidates being elected with a majority to Senator-at-Large positions: Robert Koons, Jeffrey Kovac, and Amy Mulnix.

20. Following another round of voting in which a ninth candidate failed to receive the required majority vote, Jeremiah Fisher made a motion to elect Susan Carlisle to the remaining seat by acclamation. The Council follows Roberts Rules of Order and so the motion to suspend the regular rules of election and vote for a candidate by acclamation is in order. This motion requires a two-thirds majority to pass, which it did not receive so the motion was denied.

21. Another motion was raised and seconded from the floor to suspend the voting rules and then take a vote between the top two vote getters from the previous round of voting. During discussion on the validity of this vote, a second motion was made from the floor to recess until the second plenary session and finish the voting at that time. The Parliamentarian confirmed that the motion to recess is a higher level motion than the motion on the floor, so the next vote would be on the motion to recess. The motion passed by acclamation.

25. Following the nominations process, President Soule announced that the Council will reconvene in the same room at 1:00 p.m. for the Visiting Scholars presentation by John and Jean Comaroff. President Cate adjourned the first plenary session at 11:53 .m.



## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

October 9, 2015

26. The second plenary session was called to order by President Soule at 2:03 p.m.

27. The President then called for a report from the Chair of the Committee on Credentials. George Markowsky reported that 228 delegates representing 218 chapters and 40 delegates representing 36 associations were registered. Twenty-two senators, and four past presidents, one of whom was also a chapter delegate, were also registered and entitled to vote. The total voting body at this juncture was 293, representing 279 different units. In addition, there were 25 non-voting members registered, bringing the total registration for the Council to 318. These numbers account for all registered attendees, so there would be no change for the final report in the third plenary session.

28. President Soule announced that the following candidates were elected to District Senator positions. Christine Cano (East Central), Vera Junkers (Middle Atlantic), Calvin Van Niewaal (North Central), Eric Nye (Western). The new senators were congratulated on their election.

29. President Soule then reminded the Council that there was one remaining Senate-at-Large seat to be voted upon, and since the last session nominees Lawrence Archbold and David Paris had removed their names from consideration. She then resumed the motion on the floor to suspend the rules of voting procedure and have the next ballot be limited to the top two candidates by percentage in the last vote. The motion requires a two-thirds majority to pass, which it did not achieve so the motion was lost.

30. Senator Paul Lukacs made a motion to postpone to vote for the last remaining Senator-at-Large until the beginning of the third plenary session in order to allow time for the Committee on Qualifications votes and the presentation of awards to David McCulloch and Jill Lepore. The motion passed by acclamation.

31. President Soule then called upon Senator Lukacs to present the second part of the report on the Committee on Qualifications. He invited his committee members to join him on the dais, and introduced them individually. He invited members of the Council to submit their names for consideration to serve on the Committee on Qualification. He then gave some introductory remarks addressing some of the questions that were received after the morning session.

32. Senator Lukacs then called upon the chair of each of the visiting teams to present a summary of the application and reactions to the campus visit. Professor Amy Mulnix reported on The University of Houston, Past President Joseph Gordon presented the report on Mercer University, and Professor Andrea Dobson reported on Oregon State University. The members of the committee then responded to questions from the floor.

33. President Soule thanked Senator Lukacs and the Committee on Qualifications for their work. Votes were cast for each of the three institutions, and a 10 minute break allowed for tallying.

34. Following the break, President Soule declared that by collective vote of the Council, the Phi Beta Kappa faculty at the University of Houston, Mercer University, and Oregon State University were authorized to form new chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. She recognized the representatives from these institutions, and congratulated them on their achievement.

35. Senator Lynn Pasquarella then presented the Sidney Hook Memorial Award to Harvard Professor Jill Lepore. This award recognizes national distinction by an individual in scholarship, undergraduate teaching and leadership in liberal arts education.

Jill Lepore is the David Woods Kemper '41 Professor of American History at Harvard University, and Affiliated Faculty at the Harvard Law School. She is also a staff writer at *The New Yorker*. Lepore's most recent book is *The Secret History of Wonder Woman*, a New York Times bestseller and winner of the 2015 American History Book Prize. Much of Lepore's research, teaching, and writing explores absences and asymmetries of evidence in the historical record. Her current work concerns the histories and technologies of evidence and of privacy. As an essayist, she writes about American history, law, literature, and politics. She gave brief remarks of her gratitude.

36. Awards Committee Chair Peter Quimby then presented the Distinguished Service to the Humanities Award and Jaffe Medal to Pulitzer Prize Winning author and historian David McCulloch. This award and the accompanying Jaffe medal are given to individuals who have made significant contributions in the field of the humanities.

David McCullough has twice received the Pulitzer Prize, for Truman and John Adams, and twice received the National Book Award, for *The Path Between the Seas* and *Mornings on Horseback*. His other acclaimed books are *1776*, *Brave Companions*, *The Johnstown Flood*, *The Great Bridge*, *The Greater Journey*, and his newest book, *The Wright Brothers*. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. He gave brief remarks of his gratitude.

37. President Soule congratulated each award winner, and invited the delegates to a reception immediately following the plenary session. She reminded delegates of the lecture by Augusta Reed Thomas at 9:30 the next morning. The second plenary session was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

## THIRD PLENARY SESSION

October 10, 2015

38. President Soule called the third plenary session to order at 2:05 p.m. The Credentials Committee reported that the number of delegates remained unchanged since the last report.

39. President Soule called upon Senator Susan Hagen, Chair of the Committee on Chapters, who welcomed the new chapters at the University of Houston, Mercer University, and Oregon State University. She recognized and congratulated chapters celebrating special anniversaries during the 2015-2018 Triennium:

**25 years:** Ursinus College, and Wittenberg University.

**50 years:** University of California Davis, University of California Santa Barbara, McAllister College, Michigan State University, Morehouse College, Muhlenberg College, University of Notre Dame, and St. Louis University

**75 years:** Catholic University, Wake Forest University, and Wofford College; 100 years: Bates College, Knox College, and Randolph College

**125 years:** Tufts University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Pennsylvania

**150 years:** City College, and Middlebury College

**200 years:** Union College.

Senator Hagen recognized and thanked the following members for their work on the committee on chapters: Zev Handel, Robert Koons, Kate Lehman, Howard Segal, Jeffrey Sammons (not present), and Lloyd Chapin (not present). Finally, she presented Outstanding Chapter Awards to: Small Liberal Arts College- McDaniel College and Washington College; Private University- Case Western University and Elon University; and Public University- Kansas State University and University of Wyoming. Each award-winning chapter received a plaque and a check and was lauded for a diversified campus program and projects, visibility, initiation rate, and timely submission of reports.

40. The President then called Senator Theopolis Fair, Chair of the Committee on Associations, to the podium. Senator Fair thanked the other members of the committee: Michael Gauger, Andrew McNitt, Michael Lubin, John Pope, Bette Harris, and Judi Strauss-Lipkin. He presented award plaques and checks for outstanding service to: Small Association- Boston Association; Midsize Association- Cleveland Association; Large Association- Puget Sound Association. Each organization was lauded for its special events, outreach, and timely submission of reports.

41. President Soule noted that the constitution requires that there be a Council Finance Committee to examine the Treasurer's reports, budget, and all financial matters to be considered by the Council. Professor Linn Deavers was called forward to deliver her report. She reported three major takeaways by the work of the committee. 1. Current endowment performance has declined, but is consistent with the overall market trends and state of the global economy. 2. Long term performance is solid. 3. Performance relative to other endowments is lagging. This is true due to the historically conservative asset allocation model employed by the Foundation. She concluded by stating that the recovery in the portfolio since 2009 is positive, and the Council Finance Committee concurs with the auditors that the financial position of Phi Beta Kappa is in good order.

42. The Council then resumed the recessed vote from the second plenary session. The President reminded delegates that eight Senate-at-Large seats had been filled, and the current vote would be to fill the ninth seat. A vote between the seven remaining candidates did not produce a winning candidate with a majority of votes.

Eric Nye offered a motion to suspend the voting rules and to drop the two candidates with the lowest number of votes from each round of voting. The motion was seconded and voted on, and passed with a two thirds majority.

Following a vote between the five remaining candidates, Susan Carlisle was elected as Senator-at-Large with a majority of votes. With this vote complete, the President hereby declared the offices of the Phi Beta Kappa society to be filled for the 2015-2018 triennium.

43. Secretary John Churchill was called to the podium to provide an update on a resolution that was passed at the 2012 triennial council that requested Phi Beta Kappa form a commission to investigate the NCAA in its effects on availability of academic resources. The resolution was deferred to the Senate, who met for a half day in December 2014 for discussion on this topic. The conclusion of that conversation was that Phi Beta Kappa is an honor society, and that it would be misplaced and ill advised to develop a mechanism to investigate these things. He reported that the group did feel that chapters might be called on locally for positions and that the national office should be prepared to assist such chapters when needed.

43. Jeremiah Fisher, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions was called to the podium to give his Council Committee report. He thanked his fellow members of the committee, David Burkam, Perry Gethner, Lynn Laufenberg, and Linda Willenberg.

He reported that the Committee received two proposals which were judged to be de facto bylaw or constitutional changes. These dealt with the addition of language to the Society Bylaws to clarify Council election procedures. The

Committee recommends that they be referred to the Senate as directed under Article 10, Section 4 of the Society Bylaws.

The Committee received two proposals which were judged to be matters of basic Society policy or procedure. These dealt with policies and procedures of the Society related to the support of free speech, free expression, and free inquiry. The Committee recommended that they be referred to the Senate. The Committee strongly urged the Senate to review current statements of operating principles currently in place, namely, language passed by the Committee on Qualifications on April 24, 2010, related to freedom of inquiry and expression. The Committee further charged the Senate to consider concerns raised within the two aforementioned resolutions, namely, “trigger warnings” and the public expression of the Society’s support of the principles of free speech and free inquiry, thus continuing ongoing discussions on these matter previously undertaken by the Senate.

Chairman Fisher then reported that the Committee received 3 proposals which were determined to be acceptable for consideration by the Council. These dealt with an expression of gratitude for all officers, chapters, and associations which led to the success of the 44th Triennial Council; and, the presence of firearms on campus and their potential impact on safety and free inquiry. From these the Committee has fashioned 2 resolutions with the recommendation that they be placed before the Council for consideration.

President Soule accepted these recommendations and asked Chairman Fisher to present the resolutions the Committee is placing before the Council for a vote.

41. The first resolution stated:

Resolved: that the 44th Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society’s deep gratitude to the members of the Council Nominating Committee.

That the 44th Triennial Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society’s deep gratitude to the members of the Senate, whose service has been completed during this Triennium.

That the 44th Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society’s deep gratitude to the following member of the Senate who completes a term of distinguished service as President of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Katherine Soule.

That the 44th Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society’s best wishes to chapters and associations celebrating 50th, 100th and 150th anniversaries in the upcoming triennium.

That the 44th Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and

expressions of the Society's deep gratitude to officers of all Phi Beta Kappa Chapters and Associations.

That the 44th Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's appreciation to the Denver Association of Phi Beta Kappa whose members contributed to the success of the Council.

That the 44th Triennial Council instruct the President to send expressions of the Society's appreciation to the staff of the national office of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and in particular, Rhiana Quick and Laura Hartnett.

That the 44th Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expressions of the Society's appreciation to the Council Parliamentarian, Kirk Overby.

That the 44th Triennial Council instruct the Secretary to send greetings and expression of the Society's appreciation to the management and staff of the Westin Denver Downtown.

That those in attendance at the 44th Triennial Council do hereby, on behalf of the membership of Phi Beta Kappa, express most heartfelt gratitude to Secretary John Churchill for his great dedication and effort.

43. The second resolution stated:

Resolved, Phi Beta Kappa delegates gathered in Denver, Colorado for the Society's 44th Triennial Council mourn the victims of proliferating gun violence in our schools, colleges and universities and urge lawmakers to resist arming our campuses in response.

Instead we call for policies and programs that can help our campuses to remain peaceful havens for free inquiry, intellectual discovery and creative exploration.

44. President Soule opened the floor fore remarks on this resolution. Concerns were raised regarding the serious nature of the issue being presented without discussion, debate or prior notice. Additional questions were raised on Phi Beta Kappa's track record in voting on such matters, the impact of such a vote, and the clarity of the statement. A motion was presented to divide the statement into two distinct parts. The motion was seconded and passed by acclamation.

45. The revised text of the first part of the resolution as divided stated:

Resolved, Phi Beta Kappa delegates gathered in Denver, Colorado for the Society's 44th Triennial Council mourn the victims of proliferating gun violence in our schools, colleges and universities.

This resolution was voted on and was approved by acclamation.

46. The revised text of the second part of the resolution as divided states:

Resolved, Phi Beta Kappa delegates gathered in Denver, Colorado for the society's 44th Triennial Council urge lawmakers to resist arming our campuses in response. Instead we call for policies and programs that can help our campuses to remain peaceful havens for free inquiry, intellectual discovery and creative exploration.

There was continued discussion over the point of arming campus police. A motion was presented to postpone the issue indefinitely, and was voted on and failed. Discussion continued on the clarity of the resolution as stated, and the possibility of rewriting the statement to better encompass the Society's stance. A motion was presented and seconded to defer the question to the Senate. This motion was voted on and failed.

A motion was raised to amend the statement to read the following:

Resolved, Phi Beta Kappa delegates gathered in Denver, Colorado for the society's 44th Triennial Council recommend against arming our campuses. Instead we call for policies and programs that can help our campuses to remain peaceful havens for free inquiry, intellectual discovery and creative exploration.

This motion was voted on and was approved by acclamation.

Discussion on the main motion to pass the resolution continued as a discussion on arming the law enforcement officers on campus and the definition of legitimate law enforcement. Several amendments were debated and voted on without passing. A motion to call all the questions passed with a two-thirds majority. A motion to accept the resolution as the sentiment of the 44th Triennial Council was presented and approved with a two-thirds majority.

55. President Soule opened the floor for additional business before concluding the session. Hearing none, she then made some remarks as outgoing President. She thanked the delegates of the Council for their attention and patience through important business of the Society, and for their dedication to the ideals of Phi Beta Kappa. She commented on the energy and leadership in the profound transformation of the Society during her term as President, and thanked the national office staff for their hard work.

She then asked the new President to come forward and accept the gavel.

57. President Berheide addressed the Council and expressed her appreciation to Past-President Soule for her service to the Society and her leadership during the Triennial Council Meeting. President Berheide spoke with enthusiasm about continuing the transformation of Phi Beta Kappa as a strong and important voice in the national conversations on higher education. She stated her commitment

to strengthen the relationships between the chapters and associations and the national office to ensure the strength and vibrancy of the Society.

58. President Berheide announced that the 45th Triennial Council would be held August 2-4, 2018 in Boston, Massachusetts. After reminding the delegates of the Council reception and banquet that evening, she adjourned the third plenary session at 4:20 p.m.



## TRIENNIAL COUNCIL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### Session 1 Options:

#### Chapters

##### ***Emails & Websites & Hashtags, Oh My! Digital Marketing for Chapters***

Many chapters struggle with visibility, especially in the digital realm. You will leave this session knowing how to elevate your chapter's online brand, and to write effectively for online platforms. Phi Beta Kappa staff and a digital marketing specialist will present best practices and specific tools to help you engage your audience.

##### ***Getting to Yes: How to Maximize your Chapter's Acceptance Rate***

It's hard to capture the attention of busy juniors and seniors. How can you ensure that your ΦBK invitation (and the honor behind it) will be enthusiastically received? This session will focus on methods to increase acceptance rates through invitation outreach practices and will offer advice on managing the follow-up that is often required to seal the deal.

#### Associations

##### ***Give Them What They Want: Association Programming Ideas***

From networking events for young professionals to enriching cultural programs, there are plenty of creative ways to engage your members. Secretary John Churchill will moderate a panel of association leaders as they discuss their most successful programs to help you find what will work for your association!

##### ***Need Some R & R? Strategies for Member Recruitment and Retention***

The Phi Beta Kappa Society has over 500,000 members – so you have over 500,000 potential recruits! An expert will guide you through the process of recruiting and retaining members.

### Session 1 Options:

#### Chapters

##### ***Phi Beta Who? Raising Phi Beta Kappa's Profile on Campus***

Reach your members before they're members. Promoting Phi Beta Kappa on campus throughout the year makes students more aware of the honor when they receive your chapter's invitation. ΦBK Senator George Greenia will share innovative ideas and examples of successful programs.

### ***Chapter Rx: Boosting Long Term Health on Campus***

As members of the nation's oldest academic honor society, we know it's important to think long-term. Director of Chapter and Association Relations Ann McCulloch will discuss strategies to ensure chapter sustainability and to strengthen your ΦBK team on campus.

### **Associations**

#### ***Emails & Websites & Hashtags, Oh My! Digital Marketing for Associations***

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#### ***Want Mile High Returns? Make Your Fundraising More Appealing***

Association programs aren't free. Phi Beta Kappa fundraising consultants Daniller + Company will help you workshop appeal letters through an interactive analysis of existing association letters and emails. They will also present best practices for outreach and fundraising.

## COUNCIL VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURES

The Phi Beta Kappa Society held three lectures by Visiting Scholars over the course of the Council to showcase the Visiting Scholars Program.

On Thursday, October 8, 2015, Penelope J. Boston, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, gave a talk entitled, *The Planet Within: Caves from Earth to Mars and Beyond*. Her research focus includes geomicrobiology and astrobiology in extreme environments (caves, mines, deserts, high latitudes and altitudes); human life support in space and planetary environments; and robotics for exploration and science in extreme Earth and extraterrestrial environments. Author of over 160 technical and popular publications and editor of four volumes, she is writing a popular book and an academic work on the astrobiology of the subsurface environment.

On the morning Friday, October 9, 2015, John Comaroff, the Hugh K. Foster Professor of African and African American Studies and of Anthropology at Harvard University, and Jean Comaroff, the Alfred North Whitehead Professor of African and African American Studies and Anthropology and Oppenheimer Research Fellow at Harvard University, delivered their lecture, *Ethnicity, Inc: Identity in a Neoliberal World*. Jean Comaroff's research, primarily conducted in southern Africa, has centered on the making and unmaking of colonial society, the nature of the postcolony, and the late modern world as viewed from the Global South. John Comaroff's current research in South Africa is on crime, policing, and the workings of the state, on democracy and difference, and on postcolonial politics.

On the afternoon of Friday, October 9, 2015, Augusta Read Thomas, University Professor of Composition at the University of Chicago, delivered her lecture *The Art of Composing*. Augusta Read Thomas is University Professor of Composition at the University of Chicago and was Mead Composer-in-Residence with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from 1997 through 2006. She was on the faculty at the Eastman School of Music and Wyatt Professor of Music at Northwestern; she also has taught at Tanglewood and the Aspen Music Festival. A fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, she is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is the recipient of awards from the Siemens, Koussevitzky, and Guggenheim Foundations.

## COUNCIL BANQUET

October 10, 2015

The 44th Triennial Council banquet was held the evening of Saturday, October 10 in the Confluence Ballroom at the Westin Denver Downtown.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Chairman William “Bro” Adams addressed the Council delegates.

William Adams is the tenth chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Adams, president of Colby College in Waterville, Maine from 2000 until his retirement on June 30, 2014, is a committed advocate for liberal arts education and brings to the Endowment a long record of leadership in higher education and the humanities.

In his address, Chairman Adams honored Phi Beta Kappa as one of the founding institutions of the NEH, and reflected on the quality of the partnership since. He also spoke about his vision for the future of higher education, and the need for organizations like Phi Beta Kappa to continue initiatives to advocate for the liberal arts and sciences.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Chair Carol O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Following introductions of all in attendance, the minutes of the 43rd Triennial Council, New England District meeting were approved.

Chair O'Donnell gave an update on the New England district. No new associations or chapters have been chartered since the last triennial. Although there was some initial planning for a district event, a final date and location were not established. We hope to have at least one event in the next 3 years, preferably in the greater Boston area or central Massachusetts. The event at Mt. Holyoke during the previous triennium was very successful so we would love to continue the tradition. The executive officers visited some association and chapter events.

Chair O'Donnell asked the nominees for the Senate and Vice Presidency to stand and say a few words of introduction. Esther Jones of Clark University spoke of her interest in advancing the cause of liberal education and about conversations on how to get administrations more involved. George Levesque of Yale said a few words about Linda Greenhouse's role as a current Senator. Lynn Pasquerella of Mt. Holyoke spoke of the transformative power of liberal education and articulating and demonstrating the value of a liberal education.

### **Association updates:**

Katie Strunk reported the Boston Association has worked to expand their media presence with a webpage and on Facebook. They are using MailChimp for email communications. The association has over 200 on the mailing list and is working to recruit new members. Some people attend events but don't join. They are growing and holding more activities, currently a couple of activities per month, but it is a hard area because there is so much to choose from.

Senate President Soule reported the Northern New England Association is currently in a steady place with 30 – 40 attendees at events. They hold an event every 6 months. They would like more members.

Tom Valleau reported the Maine Association has existed for about 10 years. The association is solvent with revenues exceeding expenses by a small margin. They award academic achievement awards to a high school junior in all 140 high schools in the state of Maine. Recruiting new members has been a big issue. They would like to see younger members. Providing a means for networking would be beneficial for younger members. They currently hold two events per year. They have been using WildApricot membership management software, which Tom highly recommends.

### **Chapter Updates:**

Chair O'Donnell encouraged delegates to share any good news and to address challenges their chapters are facing. Specifically, we are aware of challenges regarding faculty/staff participation and induction rates. We would welcome ideas for addressing challenges. Several delegates shared comments about their

initiatives and challenges.

Joel Relihan, Wheaton College, spoke about an endowment Wheaton has for students going on the graduate school. They have been conducting annual fund solicitations from members and now have a co-chair who works in advancement and knows how to ask for money.

Anne McCants, MIT, described the MIT chapter as a slightly odd chapter. Many students have no idea what PBK is. The students are enrolled in an Engineering degree or joint engineering with A&S degree. They receive solicitations from many honor societies. Many of the students are international students. Historically, they have found it difficult to induct students who receive invitations. When they sent letters to parents, their induction rate went from 60% to 85-90%.

Nathaniel Lew, St. Michael's College, stated being a tiny campus has made them successful. They inform all students in person! The President's office pays for fees for all inductees. They have a 100% acceptance rate. They have held a hugely successful ice cream social after students are informed and before collecting signatures. Ten – twelve faculty usually attend. They have 5 junior inductees on campus every year helping with planning. They are trying to get more events. Nathaniel suggested getting to know the director of the honors program. They make a presentation to first year honors students! Get to the freshman!

Eddie Hull, University of Massachusetts Amherst, spoke of a long history and tradition of social justice, which has had an interesting side effect on honorary societies – PBK is viewed as elitist. Eddie invited others to share thoughts on how they can have reasonable conversations on this phenomenon. Lynn Pasquerella offered to talk with him and share ideas including working together to celebrate each other's inductions!

George Markowsky, University of Maine, mentioned they send colorful postcards to the students.

Eddie Hall asked about a brochure translated to 3-minute video, including famous people who say a few words about Phi Beta Kappa, shared online and via social media

Chair O'Donnell mentioned post office technology using QR codes on a postcard that can play a video on a smart phone when scanned.

Esther Jones, Clark University, mentioned they have social justice minded students some of whom say PBK is elitist. Clark has attempted to do more to raise awareness at the sophomore level including a Sophomore prize with faculty nominations of students who show early promise. In collaboration with the Dean of Student Academic Success and Retention all honor societies host a reception together as an opportunity to learn about the societies. They also have a fairly robust website with student videos posted annually. Students who are inducted

into PBK are doing amazing, interesting work. They also highlight chapter events such as Visiting Scholar.

George Markowsky distinguished elitism from birth as opposed to elitism through hard work. Students being honored for achievements is not elitism, it's a goal.

Steve Miller, Williams College, talked about the chapter's 150th anniversary celebration which included guest speakers from Phi Beta Kappa and other organizations with a focus on "Why Liberal Arts". He would be happy to share information on the Why Liberal Arts campaign. They have tried to increase membership down to juniors. Some have expressed concern there will be too much emphasis on grades. They are also connecting with associations and will pay membership dues for the first year.

Lynn Pasquerella mentioned the National office has video resources available! She also mentioned that Mt. Holyoke goes beyond GPA and allows faculty to nominate seniors who have written the best senior thesis.

Secretary/Treasurer's report:

Chair O'Donnell reported the Executive committee met as they could over past 3 years to share updates about chapters and associations in our geographic areas and about Phi Beta Kappa nationally. They did initial planning for a district event.

The checking account balance is \$2,351.73.

### **Senate Update:**

District Senator Howard Segal provided the senate update. He gave an endorsement for Esther Jones as Senator-at-Large and plug for Lynn Pasquerella as Vice President. We are blessed to have such representation of New England on national leadership in Joe Gordon, Kate Soule, Don Wyatt, and hopefully Lynn.

The Committee on Chapters has an increased emphasis on addressing challenges chapters are facing. Senator Segal doesn't think New England has the challenges of other regions.

The Visiting Scholars program is entering its 60th year. The National Arts and Science Initiative launched in December, 2013 and will be continuing indefinitely. On December 5th The National Arts and Science Initiative will be releasing the Arts & Sciences are Key toolkit which will contain easy to use resources.

Joe Gordon provided the Committee of Qualifications update. All chapters up for vote are excellent candidates. They include Oregon State, University of Houston, and Mercer University. They are very different kinds of institutions, but all seem to be strong PBK institutions. The New England district has many chapters, which may be why we have so much officer representation.

**Election of New England District officers:**

The current officers are

Chair - Carol O'Donnell, Maine Association

Vice Chair - Lavinda Dhingra, Bates. Served through August, 2015, not interested in continuing.

Secretary/Treasurer - Katherine Olmstead, University of Maine, would like to step down.

**Other Executive Committee members include**

District Senator Howard Segal

Past District Senator Don Wyatt

Past Chair Kate Soule

Emeritus Joseph Gordon

At-large member Molly Stapleton

**Slate presented:**

Carol O'Donnell for Chair

Molly Stapleton for Secretary/Treasurer

Chair O'Donnell entertained nominations for Vice Chair. Joe Gordon nominated George Markowsky, University of Maine. George made a few comments of introduction.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

Chair O'Donnell provided information about Molly's service to Phi Beta Kappa.

Vote: all in favor, no opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Donnell, District Chair

**In attendance:**

Margaret Bruzelis, Smith College

Jennifer Claydon, Fairfield University

Deborah Cornman, University of Connecticut

Barbara Craig, College of the Holy Cross

Nolan Flynn, Wellesley College

Joseph Gordon, Yale University and past Senate President

Deborah Guber, University of Vermont

Matthew Harrington, Tufts University

Jeffrey Henderson, Boston University

Eddie Hull, University of Massachusetts

Esther Jones, Clark University

Martha (Matty) Leighton, University of New Hampshire

George Levesque, Yale University

Nathaniel Lew, Saint Michael's College

George Markowsky, University of Maine



Anne McCants, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Steven Miller, Williams College  
Clare O'Connor, Boston College  
Sue O'Dell, Bowdoin College  
Carol O'Donnell, New England District Chair  
Lynn Pasquerella, Mount Holyoke College and Senator-at-Large  
Peter Quimby, The Governor's Academy and Senator-at-Large  
Richard Rambuss, Brown University  
Joel Relihan, Wheaton College  
Howard Segal, University of Maine and New England District Senator  
Kate Soule, Dartmouth College and Senate President  
Katie Strunk, Boston Association  
Tom Valleau, Greater Maine Association  
Travis Williams, University of Rhode Island  
Don Wyatt, Middlebury College and past New England District Senator

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

The meeting of the Middle Atlantic District, held at the Westin Hotel in Denver, Colorado, was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer, Vera L. Junkers at 3:31 p.m. on October 8, 2015. Delegates from at least 29 chapters and three associations were present.

Welcoming remarks included explanations that the outgoing District president was unable to attend, and that Vice-President Joseph W. Koterski's flight had been unexpectedly delayed, thus preventing him from chairing the meeting as had been planned. Everyone was reminded to sign the attendance sheets.

The minutes of the 2012 District Meeting were accepted as circulated. When asked how many had attended the previous Triennial Council, about half of those present raised their hands.

Professor Junkers presented her Treasurer's Report. Close to half of our constituency had paid dues for the 2012-2015 triennium. Expenses for the 2012 Symposium were actually greater than those shown in the report, but contributions by the national office, the New York Association, and Tau Chapter at Fordham University—where the Symposium had been held—covered the difference. A closing balance of \$2972.26 as of October 5, 2015 indicated the healthy state of the account. The report was unanimously accepted.

The District Update and Report of Activities included a brief account of the very well-attended District Symposium that had taken place on October 17, 2012 at the Lincoln Center campus of Fordham University in New York City. Professor

Junkers stated that the Executive Committee hopes to organize a symposium in the 2015-2018 triennium and welcomes suggestions for themes and topics. Professor Douglas Norton explained that our District has a history of presenting such events. Professor Andrew Masich asked if the idea of a webinar format had been discussed.

District Senator Theopolis Fair presented a report on Senate activities. He expressed thanks to the group as this was his last Triennial. Highlights: the Committee on Qualifications, having received applications from 26 institutions in the 2012-2015 period, had to reduce that number to the three that were up for election; the number of Visiting Scholars was cut back due to the budget, but with hopes of an increase; National Arts & Sciences Initiative established Key of Excellence Awards, reviewed recipients of awards, released toolkit in 2014; PBK, joining other organizations, observed NEH's 50th anniversary with celebrations that included a two-day symposium at Loyola Maryland University. Professor Junkers thanked Senator Fair for his many years of devoted service to the District.

On the subject of the election of District officers, Professor Junkers, reporting for the Nominating Committee of the District, stated that no additional nominations had been received through the mail, and welcomed nominations from the floor. In the absence of such further nominations, the motion to vote acceptance of the proposed slate was carried without dissent. The officers and Representatives elected are as follows: President: Joseph W. Koterski (Fordham University), Vice-President: Douglas E. Norton (Villanova University), Secretary-Treasurer: Vera L. Junkers (Dominican Academy; Hunter College), Representative for Upper New York: Lloyd D. Raines (Scarsdale/Westchester Association), Representative for Metropolitan New York: Amy Balija (Fordham University), Representative for Pennsylvania/Delaware: Joseph G. Poluka (Delaware Valley Association).

Candidates for national office were introduced. As required, there were two nominees for the office of District Senator: Douglas Norton and Vera Junkers, both current members of the Executive Committee of the District. Nominees for other positions introduced themselves from the floor: for Senator-at-large: Amy Mulnix, David Paris, Andrew Masich, Jean Howard (Senator running for reelection), and Catherine Berheide, nominee for President of Phi Beta Kappa. Professor Berheide explained how critically important it is to have a variety of representatives and that the broader the reach, the better. Glenn Holland stated that geographical diversity is as important as professional diversity.

In the absence of new business, and following an expression of thanks to all assembled, the motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vera L. Junkers  
Secretary-Treasurer

## SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Chair Catherine M. Griggs called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed delegates. As noted in the Secretary-Treasurer's report, a sufficient number of active member groups constituted a quorum. A list of those present is appended to these minutes.

Printed copies of the Minutes from the District Meeting at the 43rd Triennial Council were available. Upon motion and second, they were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Secretary-Treasurer George Pruden gave the following report:

“There are 52 chapters in our district, and seven of those have been added at the last four Triennial Councils: Eckerd College and Roanoke College in 2003, Clemson University and Washington College (MD) in 2006, Elon University and James Madison University in 2009, and George Mason University in 2012. Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, is being recommended for a chapter this time, and, if approved, will give us 53. And, as was the case after the previous four Triennials, the South Atlantic District can claim once again both the oldest and the newest chapters.

“There are 14 associations in our district, eight of which, or 57%, are represented here today. And with delegates from 43 of 52 chapters – 83% – we have “a majority of active member groups” that our Bylaws specify as a quorum. “The balance in our treasury is \$202.83, which is \$151 less than I reported at our district meeting in 2012. That amount was a grant to the Richmond Association. If we receive a stipend from the Society – and we may hear something about that during the Report from the Senate later in this meeting – we could resume our program of small grants to chapters and association.”

The Chair presented the following report on activities in the Florida Sub-district during the 2012-2015 triennium:

“On October 12-14, 2012 Eckerd College hosted the first Florida-wide meeting of chapters and associations. Delegates from Stetson University, University of Florida, Florida State University, the University of Miami, and the Tampa Bay and Sarasota Alumni Associations attended.

“This collaboration grew out of shared concerns of Florida colleges and universities, both public and private. At the 43rd Triennial Council in Palm Beach in early August, 2012, the Florida delegates from chapters and associations collaborated and proposed a resolution that Phi Beta Kappa support the liberal arts in Florida and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott and his Blue Ribbon Commission on Education. Dean Lloyd Chapin headed the

Eckerd Delegation and was a sponsor of this resolution. He hosted the meeting, which included a dinner meeting for the delegates and the Zeta chapter on October 13. It also included a lunch on a boat as we toured Boca Ciega Bay and discussed pressing Phi Beta Kappa business.” The Chair called on the Chair of the Nominating Committee, George Pruden, who named the other members, Catherine Griggs and David Zoellner, and presented the slate of officers for the 2015-2018 triennium:

Chair: Catherine M. Griggs (Eckerd College, FL)

Vice Chair: David Morrow (Morehouse College, GA)

Secretary-Treasurer: George B. Pruden (Coastal Georgia-Carolina Association)

District Board Members –

Angela Draheim (St. Mary’s College of Maryland)

Lynn Laufenberg (Sweet Briar College, VA)

Darlene May (Wake Forest University, NC)

Alan Stolzenberg (West Virginia University)

Phillip Troutman (The George Washington University, DC)

David Zoellner (Low Country Association, SC)

The Chair called for nominees from the floor, as provided in our Bylaws, but there were none. On motion and second to elect those presented, a unanimous voice vote approved the motion. It was noted that these officers come from the District of Columbia and all states in our district.

Two Senators, Paul Lukacs (Loyola University of Maryland) and George Greenia (College of William and Mary), reported on the work of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and Senate. Senator Lukacs spoke about the Society’s National Arts and Sciences Initiative, making it a “real player” on the national scene in support of the arts and sciences and getting recognized as a model of excellence. Senator Greenia added that the Society’s collaboration with other organizations has made it the strongest voice in this effort in the District of Columbia and nationally. Phi Beta Kappa helped establish the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. When asked if the Senate had allocated stipends to districts as it had before, he said that it had not been brought up, but that the Society has sufficient funds and will be receptive to requests.

Three of our District’s members are candidates for national office in Phi Beta Kappa, each of whom gave a short self-introduction: Senator Paul Lukacs is a candidate for Vice President; Susan Carlisle, a CPA and member and past officer of the Metro Atlanta Association, is a candidate for Senator at Large; and Alan Stolzenberg, a chemistry professor at West Virginia University as well as a chapter officer and secretary of the Faculty Senate, and a member of the Society’s Committee on Qualifications, is also a candidate for Senator at Large.

Under New Business, a wide-ranging discussion covered a number of

subjects, most of which related to increasing awareness of Phi Beta Kappa and, consequently, the number who accept an invitation to join.. Andrew Oros (Washington College) asked for a show of hands to see how many chapters receive institutional support; about a dozen delegates raised hands. Ronaleen R. Roha, Associate Secretary of the Society, noted that 175 delegates are first-time attendees at this triennial council. Kris Alpi (North Carolina State University) asked for a show of hands to see how many in this district meeting are attending a triennial council for the first time; a large majority so indicated. Ms Alpi then noted that students who are the first one in their families to attend a higher-education institution need to be aware of Phi Beta Kappa so they will accept if invited to join. Eleanor King (Howard University) suggested that high school students need to be made aware of the importance of arts and sciences and Phi Beta Kappa; once they become college freshmen, it is too late. Catherine Griggs suggested that each inductee be encouraged to invite a faculty member, even if not Phi Beta Kappa, to the induction ceremony. She also suggested that honorary memberships be used strategically to spread the word and gain support.

Susan Carlisle said that the Metro Atlanta Association holds a reception for the high school students who are selected for their annual book awards and their parents.

David Zoellner said that the Lowcountry (South Carolina) Association awards scholarships to high school students.

The Chair recognized the team from Mercer University and wished them success in gaining a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:14 in order to give delegates time before the next event to meet and speak with each other.

Respectfully submitted,  
George B. Pruden, Secretary-Treasurer

National and District Officers present:

Ronaleen R. Roha .....Associate Phi Beta Kappa Secretary  
 George Grennia .....Senator at Large, College of William & Mary  
 Paul Lukacs.....Senator at Large, Loyola University of Maryland  
 Catherine M. Griggs..... District Chair  
 George B. Pruden ..... District Secretary-Treasurer, Coastal Georgia-  
 Carolina Association

Delegates (by chapter or association):

Agnes Scott College..... Ali Carter  
 American University ..... Donald Williamson

Clemson University.....	Jens Holley
College of William & Mary .....	Matthew Allar
Duke University.....	Betsy Alden
Eckerd College .....	Julienne Empric
Elon University .....	Karen Yokley
Emory University .....	Thomas Lancaster
Emory University .....	Niall Slater, Past President, Phi Beta Kappa
Florida State University .....	Jeremiah Fisher
Florida International University.....	Joyce Peterson
Furman University .....	Mary Fairbairn
George Washington University.....	Phillip Troutman
George Mason University.....	Peter Stearns
Georgetown University.....	Linn Deavers
Georgetown University.....	Douglas McCabe
Goucher College .....	Milena Rodban
Hampden-Sydney College.....	David Gibson
Hollins University.....	Caren Diefenderfer
Howard University .....	Eleanor King
Howard University .....	Jeanne Maddox Tougara
James Madison University.....	Susan Halsell
Johns Hopkins University .....	Jim Fry
Lowcountry (SC) Association.....	David Zoellner
Loyola University, Maryland .....	Kathleen Forni
Mary Baldwin College .....	Mary Cole
McDaniel College .....	Jim Lightner, Past Chair, South Atlantic District
McDaniel College .....	Corey Wronski-Mayersak
Middle Georgia Association .....	David Davis
Morehouse College.....	Mansa King
Morehouse College.....	David Morrow
North Carolina State University .....	Kris Alpi
North East Florida Association .....	Jack Bettman
Randolph-Macon College .....	Mark Malin
Richmond Association.....	Wayne Powell
Sarasota-Manatee Association.....	Elizabeth Cassell
Spelman College .....	Selena McLaurin
St. Mary's College of Maryland.....	Angela Draheim
Stetson University.....	Grady Ballenger
Stetson University.....	Melinda Hall
Sweet Briar College .....	Lynn Laufenberg
Tampa Bay Association .....	Norine Noonan
Trinity University, Washington DC .....	Mary Etienne
University of Florida .....	Shifra Armon
University of Georgia .....	Hugh Ruppensburg
University of Mary Washington .....	Elizabeth Heitsch
University of North Carolina, Greensboro .....	Mark Schumacher

University of Richmond .....	Lewis Barnett
University of South Carolina .....	Eric Holt
University of Virginia.....	Donna Hearn
Virginia Polytechnic Inst. & State Univ. ....	Kirby Deater-Deckard
Wake Forest University.....	Darlene May
Washington College, Maryland .....	Andrew Oros
Washington D.C. Area Association.....	Elizabeth Marshall
Washington D.C. Area Association.....	Pat Cascio

## EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

### **Call to Order**

David Burkam, District Chair and University of Michigan Delegate called the meeting of the East Central District of Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), held during the 44th Triennial Council shortly after 3:30PM on Thursday, 8 October, 2015 in Lawrence A, The Westin, Denver Downton, Colorado.

### **Welcome and Introduction of Delegates**

Chair Burkam welcomed the attendees, particularly those for whom this was their first Triennial, then asked for introductions.

35 Delegates attended:

- Anders (Andy) Thune, Wittenberg University
- Sally Neal, Butler University
- Charles Moreau, Albion College
- Judi Strauss-Lipkin, Chicago Association
- Jules Gleicher, Rockford University
- John Ashton, PBK Chicago Area Association Vice President
- Ron Gorny, University of Chicago
- Joseph Fugate, Kalamazoo College
- Sassafras Havilar, Southwestern Michigan Association
- Jan Tobochnik, Kalamazoo College
- Suzie Park, PBK Association of East Central Illinois
- Celeste Furtner, Purdue University
- Anne Hupert, Loyola University, Chicago
- Ann Bragg, Marietta College
- Whitney Womack Smith, Miami University, Ohio
- Erin Lamb, Hiram College
- Mary Ellen Jenkins, Ohio State University
- Mark Criley, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington
- Kristina Wirtz, Western Michigan University
- Debra Ames, Valparaiso University
- Meredith Shoop, Cleveland Association
- Kari Kalve, Earlham College

Matthew Zierler, Michigan State University  
Terri Greenslade, Indiana University  
Dan Rogers, Wabash College  
Pam Camerra-Rowe, Kenyon College, Ohio  
Margaret Robinson, Case Western Reserve University  
Sarah Kretz McDowell, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois  
Chris Nazelli, Wayne State  
Jeff Zalar, University of Cincinnati  
Matthew Dowd, University of Notre Dame  
Valerie Hotchkiss, University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign  
Andrew McNitt, East Central District Senator, PBK Association of East Central Illinois  
David Burkam, District Chair, University of Michigan  
Amy Jones Richardson, District Vice Chair, Indiana Association  
Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe, District Secretary, Northwestern University

Secretary Pardoe requested that everyone sign in on paper in addition the oral introductions.

### **Minutes approval**

Chair Burkam reminded everyone that the last Triennial's dominant issue surrounded what Michigan State would do with a dearth of qualified candidates. The Michigan State delegate reported no problems with number of qualified candidates.

Senator Andrew McNitt moved to accept the minutes.

Multiple members seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously by hands raised in favor.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chair Burkam reported that the district would be electing new senator with the vote held the following day and thanked district representatives for their involvement in the process.

The previous triennial's district meeting focused on clarification from PBK national with regard to admissions requirements. The last meeting noted a lack of clarity last time. The discussion focused on how help ourselves with our respective institution's processes. Chair Burkam contacted all associations and chapters to ask if they were interested in assembling collective best practices. He received no responses, period. Thus, Chair Burkam wished to talk about communications again. How can we improve communications between triennials? Such internal district communication is different from turning to the national organization for assistance. The Chair sees merit to having discussion honestly among ourselves. Although the District made no official headway over the last triennium, Chair Burkam wished to plant seed again and monitor process



at this meeting. How can we help each other? This point appears on the agenda under 7A for new business, but Chair Burkam considered it old business as well. How difficult is it to meet the clarified standards?

Chair Burkam concluded that the District had sent its Senate nominations to the national organization and started to move towards inter-Triennial communication.

### **Remarks by current District Senator, Andrew McNitt**

#### 1) Achievement in the Liberal Arts and Sciences

PBK operates upon a currency of prestige and functions substantively as an accreditation organization. A Phi Beta Kappa report looks like accreditation report. The organization shape education not only by voting on the three institutions that received the committee's approval for a chapter but also by reviewing the 26 institutions that applied to house chapters. The process and feedback provides leverage to universities as they seek change. PBK reviewed of credentials and conducted site visits for the proposed new members. Soto Mayor nearly threw out. Scholarly performance, book, book award.

#### 2) Defends the Liberal Arts and Sciences

The liberal arts and sciences are under attack for economic, ideological, and philistine reasons. PBK launched its national initiative for arts and sciences and the Key of Excellence award. PBK defends programs in states where the governor is jumping up and down on universities. PBK uses the currency of prestige and money in Wisconsin and Florida with festivals. PBK offers tools for use with institution or state governments. PBK is sponsoring a conference with Academic Deans catching a wave with regard to energy and liberal arts in Milwaukee in 2016.

#### 3) Tries to Enrich the Liberal Arts and Sciences

The Visiting Scholar program has achieved financial success and recovery from recession, sponsoring over 100 speeches. Members of program are here from that group. Visiting scholars largely travel to smaller schools, give talks over three days, and deliver a public lecture. Next year 110 are scheduled. The American Scholar publication provided an engaging and interesting publication with good articles.

Chair Burkam: reference to return to militancy. Last time one of schools under consideration pulled because concern re unsavory incident on campus – reminder of larger values of PBK. Stick nose foot out that PBK stands up for things beyond academic excellence.

## **Introduction of Candidates for National Office**

Vice Chair Richardson: Pending vote on the East Central District Senator as Andrew McNitt's term has concluded. Confirmation from the floor that candidate Christine Cano is absent, because she is recuperating from hip surgery. Introduced in absentia Christine Cano from Case Western Reserve. Christine Cano's biography appears in the handbook. Andrew McNitt's biography is also in the handbook.

Andrew McNitt holds all his degrees from Michigan State University. He has taught at Eastern Illinois University all but one year of career. He is interested in the continued opportunity to defend liberal arts and sciences among PBK's 500K members. McNitt considers PBK to be more than an honors society.

Margaret Robinson, Case Western Reserve, Alpha of Ohio heralded Christine Cano's extraordinary commitment to liberal arts as a scholar of French literature and Proust. Cano served at Case Western Reserve on the Faculty senate. She received her PhD from Yale. She taught at Bates then Case Western Reserve University from 1997. She has been nominated for awards in mentoring and excellence in teaching. Serves as chapter secretary.

Fugate: Reminds group of Senator at large candidate from Kalamazoo, Jan Tobochnik, a physicist. Enjoined everyone to consider tomorrow's election. District members present - Jan, Suzie Park, and Anne Hubert - are candidates for at large seats.

Ann Hupert, Loyola University, Chicago received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and her graduate degree from the University of Chicago as a mathematician. She has served as the Executive Secretary at Loyola University since 1995. She believes strongly in and is committed to the liberal arts. She engages in the process of reaching out to those who don't know their value. Hupert was a first generation college student. She served as association president during the three triennials it took to get the chapter at Loyola. We "worked butts off" and made space in the association for a liaison. Anne is not the liaison; Patty Ray is PBK's honoring president of Loyola, who is getting a distinguished service award.

Suzie Park is in the English Department at Eastern Illinois University, which is one hour south of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has served as president of the PBK alumni association of East Central Illinois for eight years and remains excited by the role. She is involved with teaching, research, and service. She is trying to get the committee involved with fall lectures, which are standing room only. They hold big events on campus once a year. She seeks more ideas for alumni to interest them in joining. If not in cosmopolitan area, PBK initiates are clueless about the organization, but greater engagement would be

fantastic for younger folks.

Senator McNitt testified that Park does an excellent job attracting speakers to a small, rural place. The lectures offered the best visuals he had ever seen.

Park wanted to be graphic designer. She is excited to have proposed grant package to NEH humanities in public square initiative. They are trying to sell death to larger community and to make conversations about dying and right to die movement more mainstream. Who better to talk about dying in age of health than humanities scholars?

Jan Tobachnik received his BA in physics from Amherst College and his PhD from Cornell University. He is entering his 31st year at Kalamazoo College. Tobachnik's merits include his status as a first generation college student and his strong belief in liberal arts. He serves as editor of the American Journal of Physics, a journal that talks about the educational and cultural aspect of physics – the history of physics as well as technical facets. There is only one similar physics journal in Europe, which tries to tie research focus to teaching focus. Tobachnik worries the reason for attacks on liberal arts is too much focus on just research or just teaching. We need to find the ability to express importance of both, which he has demonstrated in own field. The Association of Physics Teachers owns the journal. High profile researchers used to be active. This is not the case anymore and shows the split and narrow specialization in academia. He wants to see more public scholars like the visiting scholars for Phi Beta Kappa. He supports more activities that generate interest in liberal arts and sciences not just among students and faculty but among the population at large.

Jules Gleicher, Rockford University: At the Fourth Triennial he assumed the position of district senator was of and for the district. Made him wonder why other folks were able to vote in elections for those in districts other than their own. He never does so.

Burkam: District Senators only vote.

Chair Burkam: The ballot is electronic. Don't let the paper ballot confuse you. You will enter voter id. Delegates will be provided guides with information indicating for whom you can vote. The paper ballot serves merely as reminder. Burkam will verify these instructions with John Churchill. Although the District staff nominates candidates, everyone votes for Senators. Delegates can vote across district lines. This is meant to ensure no one ends up without any representation. Does the group wish to propose a resolution? If a strong feeling exists that the voting mechanism ought to change, then we should force PBK national to entertain notion. We would be the voting group for this district.

Gleicher questions how a District Senator thinks of him/herself. Are they to represent the District or the whole?

Valerie Hotchkiss, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, says she only talks about Illinois as an At-Large Senator.

Burkam: This discussion is for PBK at large and suited to the plenary session. We need to move to new business. If the third plenary is too late to discuss the matter, those concerned should raise the issue before the vote.

Staff brought to senate as constitutional issue.

Burkam: Senate has to vote on it.

Gleicher doesn't want to change the rules but to know how to behave within rules.

Burkam: We must move on

Hotchkiss encourages East Central delegates to vote for Susie, Jan, and Ann.

Burkam notes we have a responsibility for new business, which is old in this case.

## 7. New Business

A) Discussion of How Chapters Have Accommodated the Clarified Requirements from the 2012 Triennial

Chair Burkam: Much anxiety and concern was expressed at the previous Triennial as to whether colleges would have enough candidates under the clarified rules.

Now is the time to share experiences.

Matthew Dowd, Notre Dame: What was it?

Burkam: Foreign language and math posed the problems. Some school had no requirement for calculus and above. PBK is not interested in college algebra and math for poets. Concern expressed from some institutions about the folks they had inducted.

Hupert: Math is defined as axiomatic methods not computational or numeracy courses. Math for poets is okay if done "right."

Burkam: Local chapters can interpret which courses meet the standards. Those were the two clarifications of long standing requirements that had been "mushy." Two years of same language? One of each? Folks were scared. Has the fear dissipated? Do things work? What's working?

Dan Rogers, Wabash College: The concern and fear didn't materialize. One or

two students had issues. He talked to students to clarify standards.

Hupert: A foreign language doesn't meet the standard. It needs to be intermediate level for PBK. Some classes do not meet the math requirement. Loyola experienced a drop in numbers due to the foreign language requirement. Hupert put word out at length. The chapter enforced standards and in 2015 looked at each transcript. Far fewer students met the requirement. Chapter yield went from 50 to 85 percent. There had been 100 offers per year among 15K students. Now they made 24 offers, but 21 of 24 accepted. They struggle with resident member participation, but they could reach out individually when they had larger numbers.

Burkam: Are we okay with this?

Hupert: At large, yes. One English professor is enraged. Another asked who would have met the standards. The two mathematicians in the chapter are the only ones, because they had language. The humanists couldn't meet the standard. The chapter also includes a couple scientists without language.

Burkam: Thanks those who commented as asks for others.

Jules Gleicher, Rockford University: Not a problem at all, because they already applied those standards. He wonders whether good students who are lacking these courses should be ruled out entirely. Their chapter asked to get clarification whether the stipulation is sine quo non or merely things to consider with regard to election. They have the answer now. The broader question of what should be case is raised elsewhere. If they make requirements clear to students at the outset, and the students choose not to take language; then they made a choice, and most choose against.

Hotchkiss: Does anyone list requirements on a website?

Hupert overheard that at Lafayette they do not publicize requirements, because they want folks committed to liberal arts not to a credential. Hupert is not endorsing this.

Kristina Wirtz, Western Michigan: We have such different chapters - elite public or private college versus second tier state schools. A secret society poses a whole different issue. Students can't try to beat a test, because they have no knowledge that there is a test. We struggle to increase visibility. Discussion of the old and new stipulations helps draw attention to PBK. We already exceeded the old stipulations. We have an annual renewal ritual, which rehashes why we do this. We have the problem of so many thousands of students to look at, and we have two people look at each transcript. There are always judgment calls, but it is useful to hash out what's important.

## B) Discussion of Any New Concerns

Chair Burkam wanted to open new concerns and issues but asks if we can bypass, because we need to hold an election of officers for the next three years.

## C) Election of District Officers for the next Triennial

Vice Chair declares the election a straightforward matter. Elizabeth's served as Secretary for the first time last Triennial. Last Triennial was the Vice Chair's first term as well. If interested in helping to move district forward, self-nominations or nominations of someone else welcomed.

Chair Burkam re-nominated for the role and accepts.

Chair Burkam unanimously reelected.

Call for nomination for the Vice Chair.

Re-nomination of the current Vice Chair from Jules Gleicher, Rockford University delegate. Richardson is willing to serve but would love it if someone else is willing.

Amy Jones Richardson unanimously reelected.

Call for nominations for a Secretary. Anne Hupert, Loyola University, Chicago nominated the incumbent with a second from Senator McNitt.

Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe re-elected unanimously.

Chair Burkam issued a two minute warning.

Ohio Wesleyan: Reminds the assembly that the process a while back was to have officers progress through roles. The Secretary became the Vice Chair then Chair. Margaret Robinson, Case Western Reserve: Christine Cano asked her to convey greetings to the delegation.

Chair Burkam: We have no time for the discussion of new business. Please provide valid email address and contacts, if you are the ones to contact. After the Triennial, the Chair will email everyone and solicit comments from those who didn't get a chance to voice a new concern, but concern waning. Email before Christmas and feel free to offer suggestions. He does not propose lots of meetings and travel but how wants to think about how we can help ourselves between Triennials. What help might we need from each other? What other issues exist? Even if we only offer electronic support, it would constitute progress.

Valerie Hotchkiss, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, inquired if we have a list serve.

The Vice Chair and Chair received lots of bounce backs from email. If you are not the right person, when they send email please respond and redirect it if needed. Hotchkiss suggested University of Illinois Urbana Champaign subscription list

serve as a model. Vice Chair Richardson notes we constitute one large geographic region, but smaller groups within shouting distance of each other that want to get together can use a list serve to contact each other.

### **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe, Northwestern University  
East Central District Secretary

## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

The meeting of the North Central District was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room at the Westin Denver Hotel on October 9, 2015.

In attendance were the following officers:

District Chair: Calvin Van Niewaal

District Secretary: Judith Lynn Sebesta

District Senator: Michael Gauger

In attendance were the following Representatives of Chapters and Associations:

Beloit College: Robert LaFleur

Carleton College: Lawrence Archbold

Coe College: Nancy Hayes, Wendy Dunn

College of Saint Benedict-Saint John's University: Clark Cotton

Cornell College: David Yamanishi

Creighton University: Palma Strand, Jeffrey Hause

Grinnell College: Cornelia Ellen Mease

Gustavus Adolphus College: Elizabeth Jenner

Hamline University: Arthur Guetter

Iowa State University: Veronica Dark

Kansas State University: Laura Kanost, Ruth Ann Wefall

Macalester College: Louisa Bradtmiller

Marquette University: Katherine Milco

Omaha Nebraska Association: Jenni L. Schlossman  
Saint Catherine University: Jolene Johnson  
Saint Olaf College: Steven McKelvey  
Twin Cities Association: Barry Lawson  
University of Iowa: Jennifer Bertrand  
University of Kansas: Laura Mielke  
University of Minnesota: Meaghan Stein  
University of Missouri: Julie Melnyk, Mike Peiffer  
University of North Dakota: Gerri Dunnigan  
University of South Dakota: Kathleen McElhinney  
University of Wisconsin, Madison: Alison Rice  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee: Aims McGuinness  
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri: Vince Sherry

Cal Van Niewaal introduced himself as chair and circulated the minutes of the last meeting and an attendance sheet, asking each person to introduce him/herself and tell of their affiliation. He asked for approval of the minutes of our past meeting. With the correction of the correct spelling of Hamline, the minutes were approved.

The chair referred the members to the treasurer's report on the reverse of the minutes. He clarified that the one expenditure out of the money given to our District (and others) was to the chapter of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to purchase a banner. He commented that our District has been relatively inactive in spending the remaining money. We did establish a Speaker's Bureau, with PBK members of some chapters offering to make presentations with travel/lodging expenses paid out of the District money, but we had no requests. One problem that the District has is that while the Washington office lists the "official contact" for each association and chapter, the information is not always current. The District officers sent out information on the Speaker's Bureau and calls for applications to use the District money two or three times during the past Triennium. Some representatives present indicated that to their knowledge these calls were not presented to their chapters or associations.

Next on the agenda was the election of District Officers. In regard to District Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, four people put their names forth: Catherine Milco, Marquette University; Barry Lawson, Twin Cities Association; Robert LaFleur, Beloit College; Judith Lynn Sebesta, current Secretary, University of South Dakota. Elected were Robert La Fleur, Chair; Barry Lawson, Treasurer; Judith Lynn Sebesta, Secretary. Catherine Milco was elected unofficial "Vice Chair". Vote was by acclamation.



District Senator Michael Gauger gave a brief report on the Senate activities during the last Triennium: For the first time since the economic turmoil of 2008, the Visiting Scholar program is back to full strength, with 13 scholars making 100+ visits during the past year, and over the Triennium, more than 18 scholars making 285 visits. The Arts and Sciences Initiative presented a Key of Excellence award to the Wisconsin Science Festival. Senator Gauger believes this Initiative needs to do more and have its goals clarified and endeavor to have more association involvement and participation. He urged that association members that have contacts with elected officials and other officers in higher educational institutions to speak against certain proposals for higher education, i.e., ending tenure for professors. He encouraged talking during this Council meeting with other Senators and especially members of the Executive Committee, which makes proposals to the Senate. He urged those present to support, at the Saturday plenary session, the resolution proposed by Senator Robert Koons and James Stone. He concluded by thanking the District for allowing him to work for us during the past six years. Chair Van Niewaal thanked him for his service.

Chair Van Niewaal then turned to the election of North Central District Senator, explaining that the Districts nominate two candidates, but the whole Council votes on them. He asked Secretary Sebesta to explain our District's nominating procedure. She stated that a solicitation for those interested in serving on the nominating committee was sent out to each chapter and association. The committee did have representatives from both chapters and associations. The committee approved the call for nominations that was sent out to all North Central chapters and associations; this mentioned the Society's concern and need for a broader representation from non-academics, associations, and diversity. The slate ended with two nominations, Calvin Van Niewaal and Ruth Ann Wefald. Both spoke briefly about their backgrounds in higher education, their interest in liberal education and their involvement in Phi Beta Kappa.

Next on the agenda was Old Business, specifically the District Fund. This money was given three Triennia ago to all Districts to assist them to promote greater involvement between chapters and associations. The chair asked what would be the best use of this money. Barry Lawson spoke of the difficulties that the Twin Cities association had in getting word out that it exists to the 9,000 potential PBK members. The contact information he has received from the national office indicates that a small fraction of these have provided e-mail addresses, and many of these are not current. Arthur Guetter pointed out that most inductees see their induction as an end in itself, something that enhances their c.v. We need to convince them of the value of association membership and that this membership should be mentioned at inductions. Chair Van Niewaal suggested that something on associations could be put into the induction packets; a brochure could be drafted and printed using District funds. Louisa Bradtmiller suggested using the money to offset induction fees or use it to make an award to a student in a

chapter. Other suggestions were to use the money to make a video (or use some other medium attractive to students) to make them more aware of PBK and associations; hire someone, perhaps a student as a service learning project, to design a website that is attractive to students; have young PBK alums especially professionals speak on why PBK is valuable; emphasize to the national office that they should be more pro-active in helping us promote associations and continued activity in PBK after graduation. The new District Officers will take these suggestions under consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lynn Sebesta, Secretary

## SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Chair Marc Lochbaum called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed delegates.

The minutes from the district meeting at the 2012 Triennial Council were approved as distributed.

Secretary Joyce Pulich reported that the district has a bank account with a balance of \$2,499.67.

Marc summarized ideas to use the money that were proposed at the 2012 district meeting including producing a newsletter or organizing a small gathering. He noted that one option would be to split the funds among the district chapters and associations.

District Senator Susan Hagen gave a 2012-2015 report. Her final term will end in 2018 at the next triennial. She encouraged chapters and associations to submit annual reports. She said the South Central District had the lowest reporting record in 2014. Those who did not file 2014 reports should still do so in a PDF format. The 2015 report will be entirely electronic. Susan explained that the Senate supports the addition of three new chapters at the University of Houston, Mercer University and Oregon State University. Delegates will vote on this later in the triennial. Susan reminded delegates of the National Arts and Sciences Initiative and the availability of resources and tool kits from the national office. She offered to assist associations and chapters with this effort.

Marc introduced the district candidates for national Senator at Large positions.

Jeffrey Kovac from the University of Tennessee and Robert Miller from Oklahoma State University spoke to the delegates. Marc mentioned that Robert Koons from the University of Texas is also running for a Senator at Large position. Marc and some delegates presented ideas about how to build the district bank account and possible ways to spend the money. Proposed fundraising initiatives included producing and selling a cookbook; producing a CD of professors reading favorite poems; or creating and selling t-shirts to raise awareness of Phi Beta Kappa. Proposed ideas for spending the money included providing student scholarships to cover the \$65 installation fee; developing fundraising materials; or hosting a town and gown event on the National Arts and Sciences Initiative. After extended discussion, James Stoner from Louisiana State University made a motion that the district delegates create a committee of three volunteers to solicit proposals for five \$500 grants to use up the funds. The committee members' associations and chapters would not be eligible to apply for the grants. Joyce Pulich from the Greater Austin Alumni Association seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Marc asked for volunteers to staff the committee. James Stoner agreed to chair the group; Alice Young from the West Texas-Eastern New Mexico Association and Joyce Pulich agreed to serve. The committee will provide a report to district chapters and associations on how the funds were spent.

The last item of business was the election of district officers. No delegates expressed interest in serving as officers. Since Marc and Joyce were willing to serve another term as chair and secretary respectively, they were elected by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Pulich, Secretary

## WESTERN DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Linda Willenberg, at 3:30 p.m. on October 8, 2015. Those present, as indicated on the attendance sheets, were:

Susan Atlas, University of New Mexico  
William Beardsley, University of Puget Sound  
Jacklinn Bennett, University of Idaho  
Anna S. Blount, Southern California Association, Western District Secretary  
Gloria E. Blumanhourst, Colorado State University  
Todd Breyfogle, Aspen Institute, Denver Association, Senator  
Wendee Brunish, Los Alamos Association  
Nancy Cook, Montana Association

John H. Churchill, Secretary Phi Beta Kappa Society  
Stephen Davis, Claremont McKenna College  
Andrea Dobson, Whitman College  
Mary Kay Duggan, University of California, Berkeley  
Dierdre Frontczak, Northern California Association  
Bette Napoli Harris, Southern California Association, Chair of the Conference of  
Association Delegates  
Zev Handel, University of Washington  
Kevin D. Hatfield, University of Oregon  
Jennifer Helgren, University of the Pacific  
Hon. Margaret M. Houghton, University of Arizona  
Joseph Janes, University of Washington  
Dalton Krauss, Scripps College  
Katheryn A. Lehman, Senator, Arizona State University  
Ted Lindeman, Colorado College  
Richard McKirahan, Pomona College  
Eric W. Nye, University of Wyoming  
Karen Olsen, University of California, Davis  
Roy J. Peterson, University of Colorado  
Patricia Rettig, Colorado State University  
David Sacks, Reed College  
Daniel Sheehan, University of San Diego  
Todd P. Silverstein, Willamette University  
Margit J. Smith, San Diego Association  
Donald G. Sullivan, University of Denver  
Sharon L. Underdahl, University of California, Los Angeles  
Alice White, Colorado Association  
Linda Willenberg, Puget Sound Association, Western District Chair  
Phyllis Becker Williams, Puget Sound Association  
Lesley Wright, University of Hawaii  
Kathleen Woodward, University of Washington

### **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Linda Willenberg, chair of the Western District. After a brief introduction and welcome, Anna Blount, secretary, was introduced and thanked by Chair Willenberg. Chair Willenberg also recognized Bette Napoli Harris and Katheryn Lehman for their contributions to Phi Beta Kappa and the Western District in particular. Chair Willenberg then asked that each member introduce him or herself and state his or her affiliation. The Chair recognized Secretary John Churchill who spoke on behalf of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He welcomed members of the Western District and thanked them for their commitment to and support for the goals of the Society. He briefly explained that the Society was introducing a National Arts and Sciences Initiative which would be the focus of this Triennial.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of August 2, 2012, as published in the Council Bulletin of the Forty-Third Triennial Council, and as made available online and in hard copy at this meeting, were approved upon motion of Bette Harris, seconded by Kate Lehman.

## **Western District Reports**

Chair Willenberg presented an update on news from the Western District. There are openings for nine Phi Beta Kappa Senator-At-Large positions. Todd Silverstein from Willamette University is one of the candidates for the At Large positions. Ann-Marie Anderson and Eric Nye are candidates for the position of Western District Senator. Elections for these positions will take place during the Triennial Council meetings. Chair Willenberg then thanked the members of the Western District nominating committee who were: William Beardsley, Chair, Carol D. Frost, David Rigsby, Gloria Blumanhourst, Michael Arias and Jacqueline Sabanos. Tara Williams is the representative from Oregon State University at Corvallis.

Concerns were raised regarding the District's website which has not been updated. Suggestions were made to communicate electronically and use the National Office as a resource. Volunteers are needed to assist the new Western District Chair for the District's Newsletter.

Chair Willenberg called for nominations and elections for District Officers for the next Triennial. Ann-Marie Anderson was elected by unanimous vote for the position of Chair. Katherine Lehman nominated Anna Blount for Western District Secretary. Todd Silverstein seconded the motion and Anna Blount was elected.

Senator Katheryn Lehman presented the Western District Senator report with summaries of the major accomplishments for the 2012-2015 Triennium. The Society has launched the National Arts & Sciences Initiative to strengthen arts and sciences advocacy efforts in December 2013. The goals are to demonstrate how an arts and sciences education creates opportunity, drives ingenuity and innovation while making a strong investment in America. The Initiative also established the Key of Excellence Awards which is a series of events designed to showcase innovative programs that feature the range and relevance of the arts and sciences to the communities of policymakers, business leaders and PBK members. There is a \$10,000.00 cash prize. Senator Lehman announced the recipients for the Key of Excellence Award for 2014-2015. The winners were: Project Humanities, Arizona State University; The Massachusetts Cultural Council; The Wisconsin Science Festival; The Washington (State) Consortium for the Liberal Arts; The office of Civic and Community Engagement; the University of Miami (Florida); and Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life.

Additionally, Senator Lehman reported that the Initiative released the web-based Arts and Sciences Are Key toolkit on December 5, 2015. This toolkit (toolkit.pbk.org) will provide easy-to-use resources to insure that members and other supporters have a compelling case to make to elected officials for the public value of arts and sciences education.

Senator Lehman reported that the Society also hopes to improve coordination and communication among chapters and constituencies and to improve operating processes for chapter and associations. She stated that the Senate met annually. The Executive Committee, led by President Soule and Vice President White Berheide, met quarterly. Twenty-six institutions applied for chapter status to the Committee on Qualifications during the 2012-2015 Triennium. The Committee visited five institutions and recommended three. The Senate concurred that the University of Houston, Mercer University and Oregon State University be awarded chapters. The Council will vote at the second plenary session on Friday afternoon whether or not to grant these institutions chapters.

Senator Lehman spoke about the Visiting Scholar Program as it enters its 60th year this fall. During this Triennium, more than three dozen Visiting Scholars made 285 visits.

She informed members that since 2004, Phi Beta Kappa has partnered with the American Conference of Academic Deans to provide biennial conferences on topics of interest to provosts, academic deans and other with curricular responsibility. The next joint ACAD/PBK conference will be held in Milwaukee June 23-25, 2016. The conference title is “Catching the Wave: Energy and Renewal in Liberal Arts Education.”

Lastly, Senator Lehman stated that Phi Beta Kappa joined the American Council of Learned Societies, the Council of Graduate School and the National Humanities Alliance in order to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities. On September 25 and 26, PBK partnered with Loyola University Maryland to host a symposium commemorating this anniversary entitled “Democracy and the Humanities”. She concluded that the Society is very energized to pursue their agenda for the future.

Chair Willenberg asked if there were any questions on Senator Lehman’s report. As there were none, she proceeded to the next agenda item.

Discussion topic

Chair Willenberg introduced and led discussions on “How to Enhance the Recognition of Phi Beta Kappa”. She asked that members present their views and suggestions as this has been an on-going concern for the Society over the past several Triennials.

Eric Nye of the University of Wyoming stressed the importance of the Humanities program on college campuses and that the Society should continue to advocate for the Humanities.

Chair Willenberg then addressed the issue of the lack of awareness by many recent immigrants to the history of the Society and the honor bestowed by its membership. She felt that this has impacted the number of students who would be interested in accepting membership into Phi Beta Kappa. Chair Willenberg then asked for suggestions to reach out to potential candidates for Phi Beta Kappa.

Louise Underdahl of UCLA stated that when people feel that an organization touches their lives on a personal level, they show more interest in that organization. Phi Beta Kappa graduates need to demonstrate that they care about other students. They could serve as tutors. Alice White of the Colorado Association stated that information about Phi Beta Kappa should be disseminated in high schools. Many students are unaware of how this award could help them in the future. Todd Silverstein of Willamette pointed out that his university gets close to 100% of their candidates accepting membership into Phi Beta Kappa. Most large schools only get about a 50% acceptance rate. He suggested that a PBK chapter on campus inform Department Chairs and a student's Academic Advisor to get their input. Parents should also be notified about the opportunities that membership in Phi Beta Kappa provides. A letter should be sent home if the student has a 4 point GPA with 75% of the classes taken in the Liberal Arts. Additionally, Todd Silverstein recommended that the mailing should include sophomores who have an achieved a 3.8 GPA.

Dierdre Frontczak from the Northern California Association suggested that many students, who were currently in Junior College Honor's programs, could qualify later. Phi Beta Kappa should reach out to these students. Kathleen Woodward from the University of Washington pointed out that almost one half of high school graduates go to Community College. Phi Beta Kappa should develop pathways for these students as they transition to four year colleges and universities.

Bette Napoli-Harris from the Southern California Association stated that her Association gives a monetary award to six outstanding seniors from two inner-city schools at their Senior Awards Night program. As she presents these awards, she briefly explains the history of Phi Beta Kappa and its importance to the Liberal Arts. She encourages the awardees to apply to a school with a PBK chapter.

Joe Janes from the University of Washington stated that the issue of recognition of Phi Beta Kappa was one of a "pipeline" problem. Letters need to be sent



home to parents. Students need to see the award placed on a transcript. More publicity is needed to raise awareness about the values of Phi Beta Kappa and its contributions to American culture. There should be brochures available for departments to disseminate. Members should leverage “what” and “who” we are. He asked where are the “celebrity” Phi Betes such as Sonia Sotomayor, Ashley Judd and Payton Manning. He stressed that we need to cultivate the idea that Phi Beta Kappa is a good idea. The Society should partner with PBS and other organizations that care about learning and the life of the mind. He also expressed concern about an anti-intellectual vein present in American society.

Todd Breyfogle of the Aspen Institute and PBK Senator spoke of his daughter’s personal experience with honor societies such as the Golden Key versus Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Beta Kappa members need to communicate with IB (International Baccalaureate) programs. Phi Beta Kappa should leverage themselves from other honor societies. Faculty members should encourage students to accept membership.

Eric Nye from the University of Wyoming suggested that an endowment be created to help pay offsets for students. Send a news release to the home town of the student who has been initiated into Phi Beta Kappa. The University Press sends the information to the high school counselors who are very pleased to hear about their former students’ successes.

The Honorable Margaret Houghton from the University of Arizona raised the concern over privacy issues and the problem of addressing a student’s moral character, especially in letters of recommendation. Jerry Peterson from the University of Colorado stated that the University has a record of disciplinary actions in their Office of Student Conduct.

Dalton Krauss from Scripps College expressed his concern over fund-raising efforts which were needed to improve the visibility of Phi Beta Kappa on his campus. Speakers were needed. Karen Olson from the University of California, Davis stated that they have had success in raising the awareness of Phi Beta Kappa on campus with their new website which includes a photo gallery of students. However, there has been a problem with foreign faculty who are not familiar with the history of Phi Beta Kappa or its long tradition of promoting the Liberal Arts. Dierdre Frontczak from the Northern California Association suggested that information about Phi Beta Kappa be placed on a revolving screen on campus. Students applying to graduate schools should be reminded of the value of membership in Phi Beta Kappa especially when requesting letters of recommendation. Jacklinn Bennett from the University of Idaho suggested that letters could be mailed to former inductees asking for financial donations to help pay for visiting scholars.



Chair Willenberg closed the discussion and reminded members to be at the buses for the evening program by 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Blount, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

October 8, 2015

The Conference of Association Delegates (COAD) of the Phi Beta Kappa Society met during the Society's 44th Triennial Council on October 8, 2015 in Denver Colorado. Chairman of the COAD, Bette Napoli Harris (Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association in Southern California) called the meeting to order at 2:15 p. m. in the Molly Brown Room in the Westin Hotel. In addition to the Association Delegates, were President Kate Soule (Northern New England Association), Senator Theo Fair (Delaware Valley Association and Middle Atlantic District), Senators Andrew Masich (Pittsburgh Association) and Andrew McNitt (East Central Illinois). From the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Ronaleen Roha, Ann McCulloch, Laura Hartnett, and Anne Tria Wise attended. Judi Strauss-Lipkin, Secretary of the COAD (Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area) kept the minutes.

Those officially in attendance, numbering 22 were:

Phyllis Becker Williams, Puget Sound Association  
Bill Bowman, Kentuckiana Association  
Laura Buenale, Delaware Valley Association  
Herbert Burhenn, Chattanooga Association  
Susan Carlisle, Senate Nominee  
Pat Cascio, DC Area Association  
Elizabeth Cassell, Sarasota-Mantatee Association  
Nancy Cook, Montana Association  
Catherine Jaffe, Prospective Chapter  
Amy Jones Richardson, Indianapolis Association  
Barry Lawson, Twin Cities Association  
Andrew McNitt, East Central District Senator  
Suzie Park, Eastern Illinois Association/Senate Nominee  
Eugenia Powell, Richmond Association  
Ginger Pruden, Coastal Georgia-Carolina Association  
Joyce Pulich, Greater Austin Association  
Jenni Schlossman, Omaha Association  
Meridith Shoop, Cleveland Association  
Margit Smith, San Diego Association  
Judi Strauss-Lipkin, Chicago Association  
Katie Strunk, Boston Association

Harris welcomed the Association Delegates, who were asked to introduce themselves. The delegates running for Senate seats, Andrew McNitt, Suzie Park, and Susan Carlisle identified themselves.

The minutes of the 43rd Triennial Council meeting of the COAD on August 2, 2012 in Palm Beach, Florida were unanimously approved as submitted by MOTION of Linda Wallenberg (Puget Sound) with a SECOND by Andrew Masich (Pittsburgh).

In the Chair's remarks, Harris first thanked the staff of the National Office for their tireless efforts and support, especially Laura Hartnett and Rhianna Quick for their work in coordinating the Triennial and the COAD meeting. She then spoke about the upcoming elections, in response to requests for guidance. She endorsed the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (Article X, Section 4, Committees), as well as the institutions nominated to receive Chapters, noting the exhaustive review by the Committee on Qualifications and approval by the Senate. With regard to candidates running for Senate seats, Harris said this is a personal choice, and recommended studying the biographical information and becoming well informed to select those most qualified. She reminded delegates that the Society encourages diversity and inclusion of Associations, all things being equal, and also reported an immediate and pressing need for Senators with significant experience on the Committee on Qualifications.

Harris asked for a show of hands of those attending their first Triennial, which revealed a large number of first time delegates. She encouraged them to learn, collaborate, network, and attend the breakout sessions, which have been designed to help Associations with membership, fundraising, marketing, social media and technology.

Harris gave a brief retrospective of Triennial Councils in the past when the focus of COAD meetings was lobbying for the Associations' right to vote for Chapters. Since that goal was achieved, she stressed the importance of exercising that right and fully participating during the Plenary Sessions. COAD's current aim is to help Associations improve the way they function, stay active, and relevant. Establishing a relationship with neighboring Chapters strengthens both organizations. She suggested considering attending initiations, providing scholarships, and collaborating on programs when possible.

Harris introduced Ann McCulloch (PBK, Albion College, summa cum laude), the new Director of Chapter and Association Relations, calling her "ideal for the job" with two decades of relevant experience in member service, public affairs, and advocacy.

McCulloch spoke on the State of Associations. She identified Associations that were doing well (#1), average (#2) and in need of assistance (#3) and discussed the new Society Initiative, Charting Excellence, from this Triennial to the next in 2018, which includes:

- The importance of learning for all our lives
- The importance of networking and fellowship.

Common goals for both Associations and Chapters and the PBK Society in this initiative are:

- Streamlined procedures
- Enhanced visibility
- Stronger relationships between the Society, the Chapters and the

### Associations

- Increased participation and involvement
- Increasing involvement in Society programs
- Leadership including transition to younger members
- Communications - electronic and social media.

Senator Theo Fair, Chair of the Senate Committee on Associations discussed the Association awards process for 2015 and added that he would make the announcement of the recipients, one each for a small, mid-size and large Association, during the Third Plenary Session. He also stated that there are 49 Associations, 38 of which are at the Triennial. He reported that about two-thirds of the Associations are okay, while 9-10 could use assistance. More successful Associations:

- Have a website and use Facebook and LinkedIn
- Use Email
- Have a good mix of events with alternate programming
- Sustain leadership and have succession plans.

Senator Fair and McCulloch indicated that the Association Annual Report forms have been delayed for 2015; they will be available on November 1 to be submitted by the end of November.

Anne Tria Wise presented the National Arts and Sciences Initiative of the Society, emphasizing the Keys to Action Week, November 30- December 5, honoring the 239th anniversary of the founding of Phi Beta Kappa. She discussed the Arts and Sciences Toolkit and told members it would be available online on the Phi Beta Kappa Society website, and she hoped Associations would distribute it to their members as well as encourage them to participate on both a local and national level. Wise also mentioned the Phi Beta Kappa Cities of Distinction Initiative, holding week-long events in cities from Nashville to Miami to Seattle, highlighting the importance of a liberal arts and sciences education at the local, college and university, and at the state legislative level.

Election of COAD Officers: Harris conducted the election of officers for the 2015-18 term. There being no nominations from the floor, Judi Strauss-Lipkin was elected as Chair. The position of COAD Secretary had two nominees: Elizabeth Marshall (Washington D. C. Area Association) and Jacques Obayon (New York Association) with Elizabeth Marshall elected.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judi Strauss-Lipkin  
Secretary

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