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Joining the Twenty-first Century



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The Prez Says
Yep, it is time that PBM takes a step into the electronic era. Now I am a total dinosaur. My students, assistant, and wonderful secretary all point and laugh when I talk to the computer and can't find the send button. I have problems with velcro, much less attaching electronically. And let's

don't even talk about sending a picture!!!
BUT, it is time for us to go electronic with Phi Beta Mu elections. The Board is working to make that happen. That saves money and the results are almost instant. The process can ensure accountability and information security. So it seems to be a no-brainer. We should move forward

Here is the election process: Every chapter may nominate two members who would be worthy members of the Phi Beta Mu International Board of Directors. THIS IS A WORKING BOARD!!! Yep, there are responsibilities after the meetings. We have several national committees that manage ongoing projects of Phi Beta Mu International. Each Board Member is in charge of one committee and its assigned project. So we need doers, not attention seekers. I said DOERS! That means people who will work to make their annual reports to the Board reflect progress and accomplishment. We need people who will respond to the President's and Executive Secretary's requests and who will assist with content for the Newsletter. You are thinking of a member who fits that description. Nominate that member to your chapter officers and be sure the nominations are submitted to the Executive Secretary. The nomination guide lines are on the web at PHIBETAMU.ORG.

David Lambert is our new executive sec. He is taking Sir. Richard Crain's place. Richard

served this organization longer, better, and with more love than the rest of us combined. However, if we ever had a DOER David is that. He is on the ball, and is making all of us on the board work harder than we are used to. Kudos to him. You can read about him in the article below.

Our International Board is an evolving one. The democratic process is slow and tries our patience, but it does work!!! We have made huge strides, and energetic new board members will take us that much further in our mission to better all bands.

Get the word out and look for the nominee profiles coming via email in a few months. Then when the electronic election materials arrive, VOTE!!!!!!

It is time that we all take a serious look at bettering PBM. We are the practical organization for band directors. With your participation in our cause, we can and we will make a difference for bands in the world. Do your part—nominate those doers in your chapter and **then vote**.



David Lambert
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Executive Secretary

Meet David Lambert

David Lambert served 33 years in music education and retired in 2004 as Director of Fine Arts in Fort Bend ISD, which is immediately southwest of Houston, Tx. He holds degrees from S.F. Austin State University and administrative certification from the University of Houston. His band director days culminated in a nine year tenure as Director of Bands at John Foster Dulles High School (Fort Bend ISD), where he led the band to numerous awards in state and national competitions. Upon his appointment to the Di-

rector of Fine Arts position in 1985, David worked diligently to recruit and hire exemplary teachers. Since that initiative, the school district's bands and orchestras have been awarded three honor performances at the Texas Music Educators Association's conference and have received fifteen Midwest invitations. Mr. Lambert is an active adjudicator, clinician, and consultant. He serves as Executive Secretary for University Interscholastic League Music Region 17 and as president of Texas Music Adjudicators Association. Among other awards, David was presented the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award for Music Administration by the Texas Bandmasters Association and Administrator of the Year awards by both music and educational theater associations. David lives in Missouri City, Tx with Sheryl, his wife of 36 years. They have two sons, Jason who resides in Los Angeles, California and Jonathon, who resides in Austin, Texas.

Greetings from Pi Beta Mu International!

You may have heard that Richard Crain has resigned as Executive Secretary for Phi Beta Mu International. Richard served in that position for over 30 years and has been a great contributor to our fraternity and its success. I am honored to be named as his successor and will do my best to serve the fraternity in this capacity. I do ask your patience while the transfer of records and information are made from Richard's files to mine. We are in the process of changing addresses on the forms, etc. I would ask that all requests for information not be sent to Richard, but instead, forward your requests to your chapter secretary or to:

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I do look forward to serving the state/province chapters and look forward to communicating with you regarding International business. I am making every effort to improve communications with all members but will need your help. It is imperative that each member keep his/her email up to date as that will be the fraternity's primary way of corresponding. Please be sure that your chapter secretary has your current email and chapter secretaries should be sure that I have their current email. I will send information to each chapter secretary, who should in turn disseminate the information to their chapter's membership.

Also, 2009 is an election year. Each Chapter may nominate a candidate for International Vice President (President – Elect) and two board members. Your chapter secretary should have the nomination form. I encourage each chapter to make nominations and return them to me on or before September 15, 2009 which is the current deadline date. We will be voting online this year. No paper ballots will be sent unless requested by an individual member. More information regarding the online voting process will be sent in the near future and brief biographies of the nominees will appear in the Newsletter shortly after the nominating deadline.

I want to stress that each member should respond to all correspondence in which a response is required, check the web site (www.phibetamu.org/) often for updates; and please read the Newsletter that is sent via email and can also be accessed from the web page. Each Newsletter contains updated information and International and local chapter news. I encourage you to write articles of interest to the membership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am here to serve the membership.

Fraternally,



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