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NEWSLETTER

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2018 GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT - KEITH BEARDEN (ALPHA TX)



I hope this newsletter finds everyone excited over preparing, judging or just attending concert band events. During this time of the year, I like many of you are in many band rooms. Bands are in all phases of preparation due to the different spring contest dates. I find one thing in common with all great bands --- an *effective* warm-up routine. An effective warm-up routine emphasizes tone quality, breath building techniques, matching attacks, releases, balance, blend, articulation, dynamics and technique. "Not so great bands", whiz through the warm-up as though it were a necessary evil, often laced with wrong notes and an inconsistent approach to performance fundamentals. Hopefully as you visit bands this spring, you will find time

to discuss the importance of good warm-up routines to the director. The "contest tunes" will sound better as a result!

Midwest 2017 was fantastic as always and attendance was at an all-time high for our Phi Beta Mu International events. We had representatives from the new Arizona and Brazil chapters! Remember, if you are in Phi Beta Mu, YOU are a part of Phi Beta Mu International! For years, I attended Midwest not realizing I was supposed to go to these events. For some reason, I thought, PBMI was a different organization! Phi Beta Mu International is your organization and works to serve you and promote the ideals of the fraternity on an international basis. During my tenure as your international president, one of my goals has been to put more meaning into the word, "international". ---

We continue to make strides in that area with the development of the International Assistance Fund (IAF) which was established by the board this past December. The description of the IAF is listed on the website, along with application criteria. The board voted to set aside \$2000.00 per year in support of international band programs. Maximum grants of \$500.00 are available to any

Phi Beta Mu member who is helping an international band with supplies, instruments, etc. Our first recipient was Mr. Andre Oliveira of the new Beta Zeta Chapter in Brazil.

Congratulations to our colleagues who were recognized at Midwest --- Dr. Jerry Junkin, our outstanding bandmaster and Dr. Dennis Fisher, our outstanding contributor. Our newest honorees are recognized in this newsletter. As always, their speeches at the awards breakfast were inspirational and uplifting.

Also, at our awards breakfast, the Plano East Senior Band program (Plano, Texas) under the direction of Mr. Evelio Villarreal, was named winner of the Col. Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction. Mr. Villarreal was present to accept the prestigious award.

Rotating off the board this year was Cathy Williams (Arkansas) and Rodney Bennett (Texas). We thank them for the work at the international level over the years and wish them the best in the future. We welcome Julia Reynolds (Arkansas) and Gary Wells (Texas) for their election to the international board. I look forward to working with this amazing group of board members this year! A very

special thanks goes to executive secretary David Lambert and to newsletter editor, Mike Townsend --- thank you guys for all you do on behalf of all members of Phi Beta Mu!

I wish you a fantastic and musical spring!

Life, Love, Music,
Keith Bearden

PHIBETAMU NEWS & COMMUNICATION

Welcome to the PhiBetaMu International Newsletter "Spring 2018" edition.

- We will continue with the 3 edition format. (Spring/Summer/Fall)
- All Chapters ARE NOT required to submit content for every edition. However, Please Please Please get involved and DO SUBMIT something each year.
- PhiBetaMu International Newsletters are archived and can be accessed at www.phibetamu.org. I promise to be more diligent this year and to get more of the "newsletters from the past" into digital form and included in the archive.
- Remember you will only get out of PhiBetaMu that of what you expect. Have a great year!

Mike Townsend

EARL D. IRONS PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION – PAUL WOROSELLO

Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction
2017 Recipient - **Plano East Senior
High School, Plano Texas.**



Pictured l-r: Keith Bearden, PhiBetaMu International President; Evelio Villarreal, Director of Plano East Senior High School Band.

One band was selected as recipient of the

Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction in the second year of the award. Congratulations to: Plano East Senior High School Plano, TX - **Evelio Villarreal**, Director.

This outstanding band program was recognized and celebrated during the Midwest Clinic in Chicago [Dec. 20-23, 2017] at the **PhiBetaMu Awards Breakfast**.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2018 Award. The Phi Beta Mu Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction is open to all high school band programs. Director must have been at that program for at least the previous five years.

Any Phi Beta Mu member may nominate one program. The initial nomination occurs in confidence with the Director unaware of the nomination, just as a poten-

tial member is nominated for membership to a state/province chapter.

Bands may be nominated at any time up to April 30 of the current academic year.

Note: The earlier the nomination is received, the more time the nominated program has to assemble all the material.

The name of nominated program, director and contact information is sent to Paul Worosello: (worosell@swbell.net) who, within a week, will notify director of the nomination by sending a letter of congratulations and information on how to proceed. Bands are under no obligation to act upon the nomination.

For more information visit the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction on the PhiBetaMu website at www.phibetamu.org [Note; members must log in first.]

PHIBETAMU WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS - [TERM 2018-2020]

Julia Reynolds
Arkansas, USA - Portfolio:
Outstanding Contributor



Julia is Executive Sec./Treasurer of the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Assn. where she coordinates regional and state instrumental music interscholastic events. She is a clinician, guest conductor, and adjudicator throughout Arkansas and surrounding states.

Julia holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Hender-

son State University and a Master of Arts in Brass Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa. She also teaches studio brass, plays horn in the River Valley Brass Quintet, and serves as the instrumental coordinator at First Baptist in Russellville.

Professional affiliations include PhiBetaMu-Omicron Chapter, the Arkansas Bandmasters Association, the Arkansas School Band & Orchestra Association, and the National Band Association.

In 1984 she received the ASBDA-Stanbury Outstanding Young Band Director Award. In 1997 the Arkansas Bandmasters Association named her Bandmaster of the Year. Strathmore's Worldwide recognized Julia as a Woman of Excellence and honored her as the Professional of the Year for 2017 in recognition of excellence, dedication, & success in Education/Music Programs.

Gary Wells
Texas, USA - Portfolio:
Constitution and By-Laws



Gary is a native of Atlanta, Texas, and holds degrees in Music Education from Texas A & M Commerce and Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. His teaching career of 33 years was spent primarily in Hope, Arkansas, and Hamshire-Fannett ISD, Hamshire, Texas, from which he retired. While teaching at Hope High School he served as

President of the Arkansas Bandmasters Association, was an officer in the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association, and received the ASBDA National Medalist Stanbury Award.

From 2001 until 2018 Gary served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu. He conducts the Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble, a select group of handbell ringers from the Beaumont area. Gary is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and in 2013 was inducted into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame

Gary and his wife, Judy, have two children. Alex is the band director at Port Neches-Groves High School and a member of Alpha Chapter. Beth works in the medical field in Nashville, Tennessee and he has two granddaughters, Annika and Lorelei.

PRESENTATIONS TO OUTSTANDING BANDMASTER AND CONTRIBUTOR



Dennis is co-author of *Teaching Music Through Performance in Beginning Band, Volume 2*. He is also recording and editing producer of the *Teaching Music through Performance in Band* series CD's, and editor of the Master Conductor DVD series.

Outstanding Bandmaster, Jerry Junkin, Director of Bands University of Texas was presented with his plaque by Committee Chairperson Barbara Lambrecht for his fabulous work with bands from all parts of the globe. He is recognized as one of the world's most highly



Outstanding Contributor to Bands, Dennis Fisher, Director of the North Texas Symphonic Band was presented with his plaque by Committee Chairperson Cathy Williams for his exemplary service to the band community. Mr. Fisher gave an inspiring address to the membership attending the awards breakfast and received a standing ovation. He was deeply honored to be selected as the Phi Beta Mu 2017 Outstanding Contributor to Bands.



(l-r) Cathy Williams, Dennis Fisher, Jerry Junkin, Barbara Lambrecht

regarded wind conductors. Jerry spends his summers in residence at the Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan.

Jerry Junkin gave an excellent address to the membership at the awards breakfast and received a standing ovation.

He is very humbled to be selected as the PhiBetaMu 2017 Outstanding Bandmaster.

Go to www.phibetamu.org for more information on the Outstanding Award Winners.

MU CHAPTER REPORT - LINDA FOX-MILLER (Mu/OHIO)



MU Chapter met for our annual meeting on February 10, at the Ohio Music Education Association Convention in Columbus. 110 members were present for our breakfast meeting at 7:15 a.m. Members inducted were: Tom Deep, Jeffrey Gershman, Jesse Leyva, Karen Martin, Brandt Payne, and Ryan Smith. We also welcomed two transfer members; Jeremy Ewing - CO & Christopher Nickker - WV.

Two of our members passed

this past year; Mark Kelly from Bowling Green (BGSU) and Gary Tirey from Bexley (Otterbein College). Memorials were presented for both of our brothers.

MU Chapter now has an active web page and we will be adding the option of paying dues to the web page through PayPal for the convenience of our membership.

Our Golf Outing has been set for June 11, at the Apple Val-

ley Golf Course in Howard, Ohio. The hope is to double the number of golfers with our return to an annual event.

The 60th Anniversary of the MU Chapter will be in 2019. A composition is being written by Jack Stamp in commemoration of our anniversary. Our composition will be premiered at the 2019 OMEA Convention in Cleveland. A CD is also being produced highlighting the compositions commissioned by MU Chapter.

ALPHA CHAPTER AT TMEA - GARY WELLS (TX)

The Alpha Chapter slate of officers for the next two years will be: Steven Moore - President, Evelio Villarreal - Vice President, Scott Coulson - Sec./Treasurer.



Steven Moore ---- Scott Coulson

Alpha Chapter member Kenny Capshaw from El Paso was recognized by the Presi-



dent of TBA Chico Portillo as the Bandmaster of the Year for 2018. His formal presentation will be this summer at the TBA Convention in San Antonio.

Alpha Chapter will be furnishing two clinics at the TBA convention as well as a Reading Band for new music.



Alpha member of 50 years -- Bill Woods



Alpha inducted 23 new members into its chapter. They are: Missy Allen, Reagan Brumley, Levi Chavis, Michael Dick, Steven Dojahn, Stacey Dunn, Jorge Garcia, Paul Heuer, Pam Hyatt, Chris Lambrecht, Tim Linley, Joey Lucita, Shawn McAnear, Chris McLellan, Reese Nagai, Cody Newman, Emerico Perez III, Rod Rodriguez, Shane Shinsato, Juan Sosa, Thomas Turpin, Jed Weeks, and Christopher Yee.

RODNEY BENNETT & CATHY WILLIAMS RECEIVE RECOGNITION



Keith Bearden presents Rodney Bennett (l) and Cathy Williams (r) each with a plaque in recognition of their long term service on the Board of Directors.

Rodney was Chair of the Constitution Committee and Cathy was Chair of the Outstanding Contributor to Bands Committee. Your work and dedication to Phi Beta Mu International is greatly appreciated.



LAMBDA CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING JAN.26,2018 - TOM POSHAK (MO)

The Lambda Chapter (Missouri) held its annual business meeting/luncheon on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort as part of the 80th Missouri Music Educators Conference/Clinic. 137 members and guests were in attendance. Highlights include:



Col. Thomas Palmatier, Conductor of the 2018 All-State Band who briefly addressed the group.



Jeff Conner/Chris Castellanos, members of the Boston Brass,

spoke about their group and answered questions from the membership.



Mary Elizabeth Bradley, widow of former member Leon Bradley, spoke to the group about Leon and the Scholarship Foundation that has been established in his name.



Jim Cunningham from Wentzville Holt High School was presented with the Charles Emmons Outstanding Band

Director Award.

Performance certificates were presented to director's whose bands performed at the 2018 conference.

The director's whose bands participated in national events in 2017 were recognized.

Composers Composition Contest to be held in 2019 was made.

Lambda Chapter inducted four new members: Jayson Moll, Orick R-XI / Chris Sacco, Ava, / Sarah Sacco, Ava / Aaron Stewart, Lebanon.



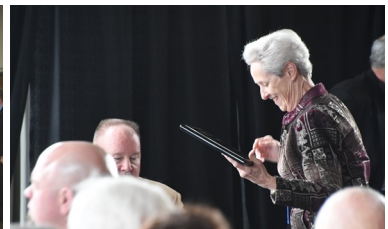
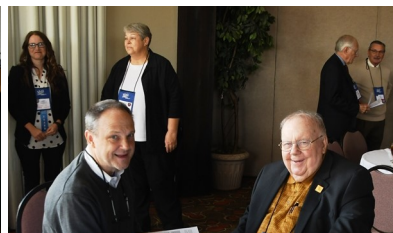
(l-r) Lori Hutton, Sarah Sacco, Chris Sacco, Cathy Coonis, Julie Capps, Jayson Moll

Two new board members, John Wilson and Chris Auchley, were introduced.

The official announcement of the Claude T. Smith Young

The induction ceremony was led by charter member C. Herbert Duncan.

MORE PICTURES FROM MMEA - ROBERT CESARIO



2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING – DAVID LAMBERT

Meeting was called to order at 8:00AM with 72 in attendance representing 15 chapters.



Following the invocation **President Keith Bearden** gave opening remarks:

“One year ago, I gave my first president’s address to this General Assembly. I was in awe then and am still in awe serving as your president. This is my 38th year attending Midwest. It has been my honor to learn under the presidencies of Mann, Ragsdale, Willson, Bowhay, and Worosello. Each had a vision and a particular style of leadership. I cherish the opportunities I’ve had to grow under their leadership.

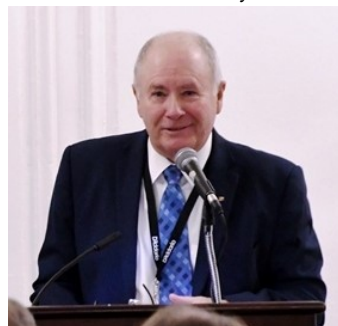
My main point last year was that we “**promise and swear**” a lot. And, that is important to our fraternity in holding to the goals and truths of PhiBetaMu. I’d like to replace that thought this year with “**seek and help**” (although we continue to promise and swear!). There are so many opportunities around us, if we just look around. There are limitless opportunities to mentor, honor, and encourage our colleagues. PhiBetaMu was born for these reasons.

I’ve been fortunate to see bands on four continents and learn of their desire to improve, yet many don’t have the resources. I’ve learned how a simple suitcase full of breathing devices, reeds, mallets, valve oil and drumheads can bring tears to the eyes of the recipients. It’s easy for us to relax in our world of “plenty” without realizing how fortunate we really are. We must not only continue to mentor, honor, and encourage our local colleagues, but also find ways as PhiBetaMu International, to reach out to our brothers and sisters across international borders.

The United States is the role model for bands everywhere. What an excellent opportunity we have members of Phi Beta Mu to organize and begin spreading our wealth of knowledge and expertise to those struggling in countries around the world. Those old uniforms hidden away in storage closets can be the catalyst for community pride and support. The surplus of used instruments we have can be the gift of encouragement to band directors challenged by the lack of instruments. I challenge each of you to “look around” and find ways to enact your oath of membership, whether across town or across borders.

Finally, thank you, members of our board, for your work and dedication to your office. To Cathy Williams and Rodney Bennett, who have honorably completed their terms of office, a very special thank you! Cathy has set the precedent in chairing the outstanding contributor committee and Rodney has been diligent in maintaining/updating our constitution and bylaws.

I want to welcome our newly elected board members Julia Reynolds of Arkansas and Gary Wells of Texas to our meeting today. They will now take the oath of office. I have visited with both and they have accepted new roles on the board. Julia will be our new chair of the outstanding contributor committee. Gary Wells will be the new chair of the constitution and by-laws committee. Thank you for your willingness to serve our fraternity.



Thank each of you for your attendance today and remember, our awards breakfast immediately follows this meeting in the Waldorf room.”

Executive Secretary, David Lambert administered the Oath and proceeded to present the Secretary/Treasure’s report. He informed the assembly that there were several chapters in arrears but that he

expected those to be resolved soon. He told the membership that all the financial statements from 2009 - 2017 can be found on the PBM website under “forms and documents.”

Mr. Lambert further said that the various chapters awarded thirteen Outstanding Bandmasters Awards, four Outstanding Contributor to Bands Awards and seven Outstanding Band Student Awards.

Old Business:

Arizona Chapter Update: President Keith Bearden and event board member Keith Rudolph installed KZ on Saturday, February 4, 2017 during the Arizona Music Educators Association conference in Mesa, Arizona. Twenty-five members were pinned and presented membership certificates.

Brazil Chapter Update: Beta Zeta had Nine charter members and one honorary member were inducted on February 26, 2016 in São Paulo, Brazil. He welcomed a member from Beta Zeta, Leandro Pascui.

President Bearden awarded plaques to Cathy Williams and Rodney Bennett in recognition for their service on the PBM International Board.

The **Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction** report was presented by Keith Bearden on the behalf of Immediate Past President Paul Worosello.

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - CONTINUED



Past President Paul Worosello

The evaluation committee chose one winner this year; the Plano East Senior High, Texas, Evelio Villarreal, director.

Mr. Villarreal was recognized in the audience by President Bearden. This program will be honored at the Awards Breakfast on December 21.

Outstanding Bandmaster Committee report was presented by Barbara Lambrecht.



She told the membership that the 2017 winner is Jerry Junkin of Austin, Texas. (University of Texas), and that he would receive his award at the Awards Breakfast following the General Assembly meeting. She also announced

that Richard Blatti, Director of Bands, Ohio State University is the winner of the 2018 Outstanding Bandmasters award.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report was



presented by Rodney Bennett.

2017 has been a very quiet year for the constitution committee. There have been no revisions to the constitution by amendment or board recommendation.

I would like to thank the committee members of Dr. Larry Archambo, Retired Director of Bands from Midwestern St. University, Wichita Falls, TX (Alpha Chapter) and Marilyn Bennett, Associate Band Director, Olney ISD, Olney, TX (Alpha Chapter). Their input and expertise are greatly appreciated as well input from the PhiBetaMu International Board when we began the revision process in 2010 and completed the revision in 2015.

Outstanding Contributor to Bands Committee report was given by Cathy Williams. The 2017 recipient is Dennis



Fischer (North Texas State University). He, too, will receive his award at the Awards Breakfast. She also announced the 2018 winner is Robert W. Smith.

The Special Projects and Objectives Committee report was given by Dwayne Sagen. He said that he hoped



by sharing these projects of individual chapters that others might find something that could be used in their chapter.

ETA Chapter, Tennessee, continues to nominate and choose the Tennessee All State Band Conductors performing at their TMEA Convention.

GAMMA Chapter, Indiana, has several ongoing projects

such as: Mentoring to young band directors and Podium Exchanges, where members trade a rehearsal with each other's band. The Chapter is working to increase participation in both projects. They took a good step forward in mentoring this year and are hoping for effective results in both projects in the future.

KAPPA ZETA Chapter, Arizona, has been pinned and officially re-installed as a Chapter of Phi Beta Mu as of February 4, 2017. To quote International President Keith Bearden, "The new PhiBetaMu Chapter is pinned and ready to hit the ground running. It will be a very healthy chapter with strong leadership. Thanks to Keith Rudolph (Gamma) for laying the groundwork with Ray Laffin (Gamma, now residing in Arizona). We had a good visit and look forward to wonderful things in Arizona!"

MU ALPHA Chapter, Alberta, Canada, continues to support their membership as they take older or repaired instruments to band programs in other parts of the world.

This year MuAlpha will be piloting a new program which is in the form of three grants awarded to applicants in the Northern, Central, and Southern parts of Alberta. These grants are designed to help fund new projects which do not receive regular funding from other sources. Each project must be sponsored by a

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - CONTINUED

MuAlpha member and is open to all school and community bands in Alberta.

NU Chapter, Pennsylvania, continues to support and fund the NU Chapter Scholarship awarded every year to a music education major. The NU Chapter has finished the work to commission a Jazz Band arrangement that they hope will be premiered at the All State Jazz Concert next year.

Public Relations Report:

Travis J Weller



BAND OUTREACH: Per suggestions from several PBM Board Members, I have contacted Gary Guthman. His efforts in Poland to establish a community/youth wind band have stalled, and his plans have been placed on hold.

I have successfully contacted Donald Quintero in Alajuela, Costa Rica. He is an assistant with the Alajuela Concert Band and the director of the Sinem Alajuela Youth Wind Ensemble. Their two biggest needs at this point are repertoire and basic supplies. Their main need at this point is for

music and basic supplies (e.g. reeds, oil, sticks, drum heads)

Currently, we are pursuing contacts in several other countries, but emails and messages have not yet been returned.

CHAPTER PROFILE update: Delta Chapter submitted their profile report and it has been forwarded to the webmaster for inclusion on the website. A synopsis of their report includes that the first meeting was in Vicksburg in 1957. Although there was no listing of Charter members, a total of 20 people was recorded. Officers listed at 1958 meeting were: President - J.H. Rennick, Vice President - Ernest Boling, Sec/Treasurer - Joe Price, Board member - Malcolm Flowers, Board member - Kelly Love.

REPERTOIRE STUDY: In October, PBM Members were invited to participate in a poll on repertoire for High School and Middle School Bands via the PBM Facebook page. As our fraternity promotes a deeper appreciation for quality wind band literature, it was compelling to provide an opportunity to members to participate. Members were invited to submit their email address for a digital copy of the findings.

FUTURE PROJECT GOALS:

- Increase connecting members and share valuable advocacy information through the PBM Facebook page.
- Continue collection of chapter profile reports.
- Initiate support programs for community & youth bands in the world through the coordinated efforts of PhiBetaMu International Members.

Extension-Special Projects Report:

Elva Kaye Lance



Extension:

The Kappa Zeta Chapter in Arizona was reinstated at Arizona Music Educators Association Conference on February 4, 2017 with twenty-five members pinned. Records indicate that the chapter was in existence from 1965-1992. Thank you Keith Rudolph and Raymond Laffin for your outstanding work in reestablishing this chapter.

Sheryl Bowhay is working with Peter Kline Scharrs in the Netherlands on the possibility of establishing a chapter. Preliminary discussions with Brent Ghiglione concerning the possibility of establishing a chapter in Saskatchewan have begun. Elva Kaye Lance has begun communication with Italian band directors concerning their potential interest about establishing a chapter in Italy.

Special Projects:

In keeping with our discussion last year concerning our interest in the possibility of providing assistance for resources and or supplies to struggling band programs around the world, I have been in communication

with musicians in Italy about the possibility of aiding town bands in one of the areas suffering the most damage during the recent earthquakes.

Accumoli - in Rieti Province - in the area near Spoleto & Norcia. **Petriolo** - in the Marche - The local town bands, having lost everything, are still trying to piece back together an existence.

Commission Report:

Jay Watkins



Jay reminded the assembly that the 2017 commission "The Wings of Mercury" by William Owens which was presented & performed at TMEA by the Mineola Middle School Band.

PhiBetaMu International has currently two commission projects under way.

- David R. Holsinger has been contacted and has agreed to do the 5A commission for performance in 2019. This will be a consortium involving any chapter wishing to participate in the funding of the commission. More information is to follow.
- Michael J. Miller has agreed to provide a commission piece, "Cosmic Expedition" to PBM for before it is published by Carl Fischer. This work will, hopefully, be performed at Midwest 2018.

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - CONCLUDED

Newsletter Report:

Mike Townsend



Mike indicated that we will continue with the three issues per year format.

- January/February (Spring) "What happened at Midwest"
- May/June (Summer) "End of school year issue"
- October/November (Fall) "Midwest Preview"

Mike said, "if chapters don't have to have a report in every issue". However, he wants to encourage participation (Articles/photographs, etc.). "If they wish to be represented in the newsletter, it is their choice."

He plans to continue to "republish articles from past newsletters" and to digitally archive PBM Newsletters.

Website/Social Media Report: Sheryl Bowhay

Website: The website continues to be a reliable and consistent vehicle for PhiBetaMu communication. It also proves to be an excellent resource for the International Board by providing:

- storage of records, documents and archives
- resource page for International Board members
- a vehicle for communication

- re: ongoing programs, events and news
- efficient execution of the annual board elections
- membership directory

All board members are encouraged to update content throughout the year.

Membership data that is not current continues to be an issue. We need to continue to mentor chapters & individuals and encourage them to enter and to update email addresses in the database.

"I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to the Gomez Team (Derek and Marnie) for their professionalism, passion



and expertise. They are amazing to work with and are doing a great job for PBM!" She added that the website team is working to make it friendlier on mobile devices.

Facebook Group:

370 current members! Many interesting posts from Beta Zeta, Brazil and requests to participate in a repertoire study are some of the items that are of interest and garner responses.

I challenge each of you to view

the PBM Facebook page as another tool to engage our membership. It is more interactive and personal. It creates the opportunity to have a dialogue with our members and direct them to the website for more information.

Our newsletter, the website and Facebook are fostering a dialogue with our members which in turn helps us create more meaningful relationships and connections with the membership.

Please consider how YOU might strive to connect and engage our members to the fraternity and each other.

Your suggestions and ideas are always welcomed!

New Business:

Pay Pal/Single Page Reporting

Sheryl Bowhay introduced the idea of chapter dues being paid through Pay Pal and editing the online forms so they would have the required information. Any other information could be deleted. These forms could be completed online and submitted electronically or mailed (Postage) at the discretion of the chapter secretary. David Lambert proposed that the priority mail and express mail charges be increased to better reflect the actual costs of sending credential orders when priority or express mail is requested by the chapter secretary. Sheryl Bowhay and David Lambert will edit the forms and have them posted for easy access by the chapter secretaries. Gary Wells from Alpha

Chapter indicate that Alpha Chapter uses Pay Pal without a problem. Sheryl will look into the cost of setting up a Pay Pal account and get back to the board.

Review of Irons Award Application Process

It was approved that the Application for the Irons Award would be reviewed and see if it can be edited for brevity and still maintain the information that is necessary to evaluate the program being nominated.

Phi Beta Mu's Role in International Assistance

Recently individual chapters, and to some degree members of the International chapter, have tried to help band programs in other countries who may need instruments, supplies, uniforms, etc. When providing such items, it can be difficult getting said items to the user. Larger items a very difficult due to the cost of shipping. The board has proposed and approved to set aside \$2000 each year to be dispersed to assist chapters in getting items shipped to programs in need. Once a process is developed, information on how to access this money will be available for chapters to request.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Editor: The Complete President's Address, Committee Reports, AGM Minutes and Financial Report are available in "members only" section of the PBM Website www.phibetamu.org

PICTURES AT MIDWEST 2017 - BOB CESARIO & MIKE TOWNSEND

