

The Key of Pi Kappa Delta

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Welcome to LaCrosse and the 75th Anniversary of Pi Kappa Delta.

March 18, through March 21, 1987 Pi Kappa Delta will celebrate the 35th Biennial National Convention and Tournament. The organization has been active for 75 years providing recognition of debaters and individual contest speakers and leadership in forensic pedagogy.

Nominees For President Elect Are Bartanen, Cole, and Littlefield.

The election of the President-Elect is scheduled for the second business meeting Thursday, March, 19 at 9:30 a.m. The Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta designates that three members of the National Council are nominees for the office of President-Elect.

The candidates have provided statements to inform you about their philosophy and objectives. These statements were originally printed in the Winter edition of the Journal.

Michael Bartanen

Michael Bartanen, Ph.D., is Director of Forensics at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. Dr. Bartanen holds the rank of Associate Professor.

I have been a member of PKD since 1970. As a competitor, I achieved the degree of Highest Distinction in Debate and won a gold medal at the 1973 Convention and Tournament. I have served PKD as a Province Governor, National Council Member, Convention Program Planner, and Representative to the National Debate and Discussion Topic Selection Committee.

"Accept the challenge of the times," would be my theme as President-Elect of Pi Kappa Delta. PKD ought to be an active participant in strengthening intercollegiate forensics and the many forensics programs which belong to and believe in PKD. As PKD and intercollegiate forensics begin to close in on the turn of a new century, we must take stock of how the activity might be improved. We need to strengthen local chapters and help them find ways of improving their financial standing. We need to help justify the existence of forensics programs by monitoring and promoting the educational benefits that students receive from the activity. We as a fraternity of people committed to sound communication practices, need to be an active and visible force in the forensics world to promote changes in the activity which will overcome some of the real and perceived weaknesses of forensics. Pi Kappa Delta is now considerably more vital and active than it has been in some time. We need to look at our current position not as a "peak," but as a "plateau" from which we can maintain an activity that our children will be anxious and proud to participate in.

Terry Cole

Terry Cole, Ph.D. is Director of Debate and Forensics at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Dr. Cole holds the rank of Professor.

I am honored to present myself as a candidate for President-Elect. Having been an active member of PKD since 1963 when I was inducted as a student at Cal State Fresno, I have deep affection for and dedication to PKD and all that it represents. Accordingly, I offer myself as a candidate on the basis of my service to the fraternity, my leadership abilities, and my vision of what Pi Kappa Delta is and where it is going.

I am currently completing my third term as a member of your National Council, having served five years as Chairperson of Charter and Standards. During my tenure I have had the privilege of overseeing the installation of forty-two new, alumni, and reaffiliated charters into PKD, a

record of which I am most proud. I was the primary program planner for PKD programs at the SCA conventions in 1985 and 1986 and will continue that responsibility in 1987. I have attended every National Convention since 1975 and served as co-host of the 1981 Convention in Gatlinburg. I have held office as Lieutenant Governor and Governor of the Province of the Southeast. I hold the degree of Special Distinction in the Order of Instruction.

I am currently the President of the Carolina Speech Association and the Executive Secretary of the Carolinas Forensics Association and in various interest groups of the Southern Speech Communication Association. Leadership, however, is more than holding an office. It means a willingness to make decisions, to expedite business, and most importantly, to listen and seek wise counsel in the process of making decisions. In seeking the office of President-Elect, I am making a commitment to the membership of PKD to this mode of leadership.

Finally, I would offer my vision of Pi Kappa Delta for your consideration. A major reason for my commitment is my firm belief in its objectives and goals. The PKD tradition seeks to represent all forensic interests within a context of educationally sound, competitively oriented, student-focused organization broad both in terms of forensics interests and geographical representation and I am committed to strengthening PKD in these terms. Furthermore, I am committed to democratic organization; "The art of persuasion, beautiful and just" must be practiced in our deliberation and requires that we seek the voice of all in decision making.

Accordingly, in seeking the honor of the office of President-Elect, I am affirming my commitment to those traditions and values which have made Pi Kappa Delta what it is and for those necessary initiatives to assure its future growth and viability as an organization.

Robert Littlefield

Robert S. Littlefield, Ph.D. is Associate Director of Forensics and Chair of the Department of Speech Communication, Mass Communication, and Theatre at North Dakota State University. Dr. Littlefield holds the rank of Assistant Professor.

As a candidate for the office of President-Elect, I ask for your support at the 1987 National Convention and Tournament. There are several qualities that would enable me to serve the organization well over the next six years. Initially, I have been actively involved in all phases of the fraternity during my tenure on the National Council. Serving as National Tournament Director for two Conventions has been my major responsibility. In this area, responding to suggestions from the Evaluation Committee, significant revisions have been made with regard to the updating of rules, printing, and modifications of schedule, routinization of tournament operations, and formalization of tab room procedures. The tournament at Fayetteville was regarded as a tremendous success. Being President-Elect of PKD means being a knowledgeable and capable manager and leader. I can meet this requirement of the office.

Another dimension of leadership is PKD involvement in a national network of forensic organizations to promote the organization. The Second Developmental Conference on Forensics called for the creation of such a network called the Council of Forensic Organizations. Two leaders from each organization serve on this council. Serving as secretary-treasurer for two terms and having been recently reelected for a third term, I have established myself as a spokesperson for PKD. In addition, I hold memberships in national, regional and state/local speech-related associations. Visibility is important for a leader of PKD. In addition, through my scholarship, I have advanced PKD. The studies I have conducted have used PKD as a model. By promoting the practices of PKD, our organization can serve as a model for forensic educators. Being President-Elect of PKD means having a network with other forensic

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leaders and promoting the images of PKD as a leader in the forensic community. I can meet this requirement of the office.

Another, more practical dimension is having support from your home institution. Obviously, being President-elect and President takes time, resources, and commitment. This translates into travel funds and release time. As President-Elect and President I would have the flexibility and support to attend meetings and represent the organization. As a leader of PKD, I would have the support of my department and Dean to fulfill my responsibilities and keep the organization moving forward.

Being elected to the office of President-Elect is not a responsibility to be taken lightly. Being on top of the issues confronting the organization and the individuals involved is important. Being able to work with others and to take their suggestions is another dimension of the job. Caring about the future of PKD is a dimension that rings to the heart of those of us who have been and are striving to make PKD the best it can be. This is the right time and place for me. I am ready and willing to assume the six year commitment to the organization. I humbly ask for your support so that I may follow your wishes and lead the organization into the 1990's.

Meeting Agendas

Business Meeting I, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Opening Ceremony

Roll Call

Necrology Report

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Constitution Revision Committee

Report

Editor's Report

Province Report

Nomination Committee Report

President-Elect Campaign Speeches

Local Arrangements Report

Tournament Director's Report

PKD National Survey

Charter and Standards Report

Announcements

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Business Meeting II, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday

Roll Call

Nomination Committee Report to elect the President-Elect

Nomination Committee Report for National Council Members

Nominations from the floor

Constitutional Revision Committee report and Vote

Nomination Speeches for National Council Members

Tournament Director's Report

Announcements

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Business Meeting III, 9:00 p.m.

Friday

Call to Order

Roll Call

Greetings from Wisconsin State Senator Brian Rude

STA Convention Program Report

1989 Site Selection Report

Nomination Committee Report to elect National Council

Convention Evaluation Committee Report

Convention Resolutions Committee Report

Tournament Report

New Business

Announcements

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE IN BRIEF

Thursday, March 19

12:00 - 5:00 Round 1 of groups A B C
5:30 - 10:00 Rounds 1 2 3 debate

Friday, March 20

8:30 - 1:00 Round 2 of groups A B C
1:30 - 6:00 Rounds 4 5 6 debate

Saturday, March 21

8:30 - 1:00 Round 3 of groups A B C
1:30 - 6:00 Debate Elimination Rounds

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