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Message from the President

Gina Jensen - Webster University

JOIN US AT THE NCT – MARCH 15-18, 2012

Greetings!

I hope that everyone is having a good year! It is hard to believe that it is almost time for the NCT. **I hope that you are planning to attend March 15-18.** I know that Bill Cue, Sarah Collins, and the Metropolitan Community College at Longview crew have been working hard in preparation for our arrival.

As you may remember, Kansas City is easily accessed by planes, trains and automobiles. Not only is KC easy to get to, but the food is an added incentive. I'm looking forward to KC BBQ myself. **Hopefully, by now you have made your hotel reservations. However, if you still need to make them be sure to contact the Sheraton Overland Park (in the Kansas side of Kansas City) by 5:00 February 20th before they release the block.** Rooms are a flat rate of $89.00 and can be found under the "Pi Kappa Delta" block. The hotel can be contacted directly at 1-913-234-2100. We plan to have a grab and go available to make eating convenient for everyone. In addition to having internet in the lobby area, the Sheraton has opted to offer **free internet to all guest rooms**.

Further, since Pi Kappa Delta is helping to promote public forum on the college level, **we have added a four round Public Forum open debate division.** Since PKD received a grant to help support public forum, we have decided, for this tournament only, to underwrite the fees for two teams from each school to compete in the event. Judging fees and obligations will be assessed as they would be for other team debate divisions. The division will be scheduled concurrently with Reader's Theatre rounds to allow for students in Student Congress to cross-enter into Public Forum. Please visit the PKD website, www.pikappadelta.com, or the tournament entry site at www.forensicstournament.net for the revised invitation and a link to the public forum website. The topic will be announced February 10th. The revised invitation should be posted very shortly.

Finally, I wanted to remind you about our new credit points system. Chapters need only be current on their fees and have paid their individual memberships to begin participating. While our new credit points system is optional, it allows members to track the success of their students, gives them a way to bill their program to their administrators, and offers a chance to measure competitiveness against other chapters. We are offering any student who competed in the 2010-2011 school year an opportunity to collect their credit points for that year. We are also offering coaches and alumni a chance to have points grandfathered in based on years of service. Further, any student who comes to your program having competed in high school beginning with AY 2010-2011 can keep 10% of their NFL points. Forms for these services can be found on the website.

Hopefully, by now you have experienced some of the unseasonably warm weather that we have all been experiencing. Well no matter what the temperature, we plan to heat up competition at the NCT. I hope to see you there!

Gina Jensen

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President-Elect's Report

Jeffrey Stoppenhagen - Boise State University/Weiser High School

Over the past three weekends, I have had the opportunity to host, attend and work for both high school and collegiate forensics tournaments. As we continue, as an organization, to build bridges between students active in NFL, our collegiate programs in Pi Kappa Delta, as well as our affiliate members, it came to my attention that there are multiple ways for each of us to help lay the groundwork and foundation of that bridge that will strengthen our organization into the next century. I'd like to share with you my insights and hope that you take some time to reflect on how you, individually, can contribute to our success as an organization.

Hosting a high school tournament early this year with almost 600 participants is a large undertaking, to say the least! Managing entries, assembling tab staff, lining up the facilities and the other hundreds of details had me flashing back to Portland, 2011! Great memories, but lots of work! As I opened the tournament with an address to the students, coaches and judges, I used the platform to let the students know about Pi Kappa Delta and the opportunities that the participants would have to continue their association with forensics once they left their high school programs. For some of them, they might be fortunate enough to go to a school that has a PKD member chapter program already. For others, it might mean having the opportunity to associate with us through the general membership and to get involved on their campus through service work or scholarship. In multiple ways, I asked the students to think about how they, after high school, might continue to influence the forensics community through their actions, no matter format that may take.

Today, as a way to continue to make us relevant, I ask each of you reading this to **ponder what you might do to keep us vibrant**. As a high school coach, I work with my team to get them active in NFL, helping them achieve new degrees and levels of recognition as they continue to improve their craft. We also give back to our community through a service project so that the students understand that being a good citizen takes many forms and one of the best is to be visible in our community! In this way, I hope to instill in them a desire to better themselves and look upon their association with forensics and the NFL as a source of pride.

Similarly, I ask the same of my collegiate team members at Boise State University. Besides working towards competitive excellence, I work to impart the desire to give back to the community they came from, namely, high school programs. For us, there is no better way than to serve as judges at high school competitions. For most of our team, they can point to one judge, one educator or an influence on their forensics life that made a difference for them and now is the time to "pay it forward". At every opportunity presented to us as a team or individually, we are proud to share the story of Pi Kappa Delta and to inform these students of the opportunities ahead of them once they graduate. For us, one of the greatest ways, as alums, to give back to our high schools or colleges is through volunteering to judge at a tournament or to support the program financially. When high school students see some of their former team members

at Boise State serving as competition critics, it reinforces with everyone that just because we aren't competing doesn't mean we can't influence our programs!

After having the privilege of serving as the Assistant Director of the program at Boise State for the past fifteen years, I can look back on my time with the students that have gone through our program and take pride in the fact that many of them are coaches themselves, or are there at a drop of the hat when we call on them to help us when we host tournaments or ask them to travel with us act as judges. No matter the format they give back to us, it provides a teachable moment about what it means to be part of an organization that promotes service, scholarship and camaraderie through competition.

I ask each of you to take some time this New Year to reflect on what you, as an individual, as well as the programs you are associated with, can do to continue to strengthen the ties that bind our two organizations. After all, we need each other. And it's more than degrees attained and trophies won. Don't get me wrong, those are great things and should be celebrated and recognized. My charge to all of you, as well as to myself as I continue to serve our organization, is to work with my colleagues and communities to find new and exciting ways to continue to build a bridge that will stand the test of time. When that happens, I believe we can each look back on our association with forensics and Pi Kappa Delta with a sense of pride in all we have accomplished.

So, let's take a look in the communities we live in and find a high school program that could use our help, give them a little shot in the arm, lend a hand and that someone outside their four walls believes in what they are trying to accomplish. After all, I think that is the best type of advertising we can do for our organization. The opportunities are out there; let's go find them!

Best regards,

Jeff

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National Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Michael Bartanen, Ph. D. – Pacific Lutheran University

The monthly financial report of the organization is posted on the PKD website. That provides a monthly accounting of the revenues and expenses of the organization. We are at the beginning of transitioning to a new revenue model for Pi Kappa Delta. This new revenue model bases our revenue on individual and affiliate memberships as well as grants. The underlying principle is our belief that the value of keeping down registration expenses for our Convention and NCT outweighs the value of using those events as our primary means of generating revenue. To make this model work, we need to generate new memberships, not only from our *legacy* chapters, but from other, non-traditional sources, such as NFL alumni and individuals who choose to affiliate with us. **We need your help!** Please, chapter sponsors, get your memberships entered either on-line or submitted on paper to the National Office.

Please also consider the possibility of becoming an **Affiliate member.** An affiliate membership, a new status for PKD, indicates your support for the values of the Honorary as we engage in a wide range of programs to strengthen all aspects of intercollegiate and interscholastic forensics. **You can be both a regular and affiliate member**, **but you need not have been a regular member to join as an affiliate member.** Affiliate membership also provides additional support in our efforts to generate corporate sponsorships and grants.

As always, the National Office, under the capable work of Lisa Vossekuil, stands ready to assist with memberships, chapter dues, purchasing of Honor Cords and other PKD merchandise, and to answer any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
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Immediate Past-President's Report

Phillip Voight, Ph. D. – Gustavus Adolphus College

-Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Census-

Do you have speech and debate experience? We thought so. Please stand up and be counted by completing our National Forensic Census. The survey will take only 10 minutes to complete, and you can follow the link by visiting the Pi Kappa Delta website homepage, or by following this link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PKDnationalforensiccensus

-Upcoming Events-

2013 Tournament Celebration:
Planning for the 2013 tournament is well under way. If you would like to be a part of the Centennial Planning Committee, please contact Sandy Alspach, Gina Jensen or Phillip Voight.

2012 Service Opportunity in India:
Details about PKD's upcoming service learning opportunity in Bangalore, India will be announced immediately following the NCT. Anyone interested in traveling to Bangalore next summer is invited to read the advance publicity materials on the PKD website or by following this link:

http://www.pikappadelta.com/docs/Bangalore_Debate_Society_Press_Release.pdf

-Pi Kappa Delta NCA Call for Submissions-

The call for the Orlando NCA has been posted on NCA's Submission Central. **PKD would particularly welcome a paper or panel submissions focusing on the use of PKD's new Credit Point System as a program assessment tool, or as the basis for creating a model assessment document.**

Submissions Close: Thu, 3/29 2012 3:00 AM EDT

Pi Kappa Delta supports comprehensive approaches to forensics pedagogy and practice. We support a broad diversity of speech and debate events, forms and formats and we work to nurture the institutional and financial capacity of the entire community. We invite submissions for the 98th Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida that focus on any aspect of forensics pedagogy, practice, or strategic planning. Submissions may employ any standard research methodology, including: rhetorical, historical, empirical, performative, or human science methods. Pi Kappa Delta particularly welcomes submissions that reflect on the organization's 100th Anniversary, or on the NCA Convention theme, "Celebrate COMMunity." Abstracts will be considered, but completed papers will be granted special consideration. Awards may be presented for the Top Paper, the Top Paper Session and the Top Student Paper submitted. (Student papers should be clearly marked "Student Submission," but should otherwise conform to blind review guidelines.)

Pi Kappa Delta will accept Individual Papers, Paper Sessions and Panel Discussions. All submissions must be completed via NCA's Submission Central. E-mailed or mailed submissions will not be considered. Please refer to the step-by-step "How to Submit" instructions provided in the Convention Resource Library at www.natcom.org/conventionresources.

General Requirements for Submissions:

Individual Papers: Individual papers must be no longer than 30 pages in length, must include an abstract, and must be uploaded into NCA Submission Central. Papers must be stripped of any identifying information. (Instructions on how to prepare a blind copy are provided in the Convention Resource Library).

Paper Sessions: Paper session submissions must include a title, session description, rationale for acceptance (that outlines the disciplinary importance of the proposed session) a title and abstract for each paper presentation and contact information for each author/presenter involved. A Session Chair is required. In addition, the submission should include a rationale for acceptance that outlines the disciplinary importance of the proposed session.

Panel Discussion: Panel discussion submissions must include a title, panel description, rationale for acceptance (that outlines the disciplinary importance of the proposed panel) and a list of panelists and their affiliations. Completed paper or abstract, as well as contact information for each author/presenter involved should also be submitted. A Session Chair is required.

The deadline for submission is Wednesday March 28, 2012 at 11:59 pm Pacific Time.

For more information, please contact the Pi Kappa Delta NCA Conference Planner: Phillip Voight, Gustavus Adolphus College, 507-933-7369, pvoight@gac.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Historian's Report

Susan Millsap, Ph. D. – Otterbein University

Nominations for Awards

I have been busy gathering historical pictures and artifacts for display at the Centennial Tournament. Dan West and I are working on the update to Norton's The History of Pi Kappa Delta which will be available at the Centennial. Pi Kappa Delta likes to recognize outstanding contributors to the forensic community and beyond. With that in mind, please consider nominating someone for a PKD award.

Pi Kappa Delta is proud to recognize leaders in intercollegiate forensics annually at the NCA Convention. We would like your help in identifying those forensics leaders. Here is the list of the awards we can give to deserving candidates at the November 2012 NCA Convention in Chicago. Deadline for nominations for these awards is June 1, 2012.

E. R. Nichols	For Outstanding Contributions to Furtherance of the Forensics Discipline; also, recognized as the PKD Outstanding Teaching Award
L. E. Norton	For Outstanding Scholarship (in forensics)
John Shields	For Outstanding Contributions to Pi Kappa Delta (must be a member of Pi Kappa Delta)
Bob Derryberry	For Outstanding New Forensics Educator

You can find the list of past recipients at the pikappadelta.com website under "Coaches Awards".

Please send your nomination(s) to:

Phillip Voight
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800 West College Ave
St. Peter, MN 56082

Looking ahead to our Centennial celebration in March of 2013, the National Council awards committee invites you to submit nominations for the following awards. Nominations for the National Convention/Tournament awards are due by January 15 2013.

Carolyn Keefe	For Outstanding Alumni (must be a member of Pi Kappa Delta)
R. David Ray	For Outstanding New PKD Chapter
Golden Gavel	For Outstanding Contributions to PKD

The Order of Attainment - was established in 2007 to honor the societal contributions of Pi Kappa Delta Alumni. These contributions may be global, national or local in scope and reflect the role of forensics and Pi Kappa Delta in building life-long citizens. Is there an alumnus of your Chapter that deserves recognition for how they have used the art of persuasion in their careers?

Please send your nomination(s) to:

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Professional Development Report

David Bailey, Ph.D. – Southwest Baptist University

The holidays are over. Children are back in school. College students (no doubt to the relief of their parents) have long since headed back to their respective campuses and the thoughts of professional forensics educators have turned toward two of the things we love most: competition and education.

At this very busy time of the year we in Pi Kappa Delta are anxiously looking forward to this year's National Comprehensive Tournament to be held at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas March 15-18. I was a senior in college at the first NCT back in 2000. For me, the first NCT was the final competitive experience of my collegiate career. I have been pleased to see how vibrant this event has become in the ensuing years. As an organization PKD has always prided itself on its inclusiveness, yet the NCT affords us a unique opportunity to reach out to programs that may not attend our bi-annual tournament and convention. In this era when forensics programs are under ever-increasing pressure to demonstrate how they meet their competitive and educational objectives, the chance to participate in a truly comprehensive national tournament experience—particularly one as comprehensive and inclusive as the NCT—is truly a blessing.

As I prepare my own students for this busy season of learning through competition one concept keeps coming to mind—opportunity. Opportunity is a precious—and all-too-often—rare thing. Many of us feel overwhelmed by opportunity. Opportunity means more work for us to try and fit into the crush of our already busy lives. Nevertheless, opportunities are valuable chances for us to learn and grow. With this concept in mind, I want to take a moment to mention just one particularly valuable opportunity available to students in programs that choose to participate at the NCT. This year's On-Line Student

Scholarship Event provides our students with a chance to showcase their talents as speakers and writers.

Students who are active in intercollegiate forensics are, of course, afforded many opportunities to hone their performance and communication skills. Those of us involved in the activity are well-acquainted with the fact that good speaking springs from good writing. However, those not well-acquainted with speech and debate—such as graduate schools and potential employers—may not be as well aware of this as we are. The Student Scholarship Event is a rare opportunity for students to combine the excellent academic work that many of them are already doing with their love of forensics competition. Students who wish to compete in this event should write a speech about a research project that they have undertaken be it descriptive, scientific, or historical-critical in nature; then write, deliver, video record, and submit to YouTube a speech about their research project. Students may submit their papers to the tournament director Scott Jensen at jensensc@webster.edu and then send the link of their uploaded YouTube video to the same address. Papers must be submitted no later than March 1, 2012 and the YouTube video links no later than March 5, 2012. A full description of this event may be found in the NCT invitation at:
http://www.pikappadelta.com/docs/2012_NCT_Invitation.pdf.

As opportunities go, this event is simply wonderful. What better way to allow students to demonstrate that their academic prowess is not confined to forensics competition alone? As a fellow forensics educator, I urge you to encourage your students to seize this opportunity. Graduate schools and potential employers may not be able to hear a student deliver a platform speech or see them participate in a competitive debate; but the chance to have a video and written record of a piece of scholarship undertaken will undoubtedly be an important piece of a student's professional portfolio.

Naturally, this opportunity involves a few additional steps. Nevertheless, it may produce for the students who choose to take advantage of it an invaluable chance to showcase the excellent work they already do.

My Best!
David Bailey

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Province Coordinator's Report

Tomeka Robinson, Ph. D. - Marietta College

As outlined in the last edition of the Key and during the NCA business meeting, my primary goals are to improve our technological outreach, figure out innovative ways in which we can become more environmentally friendly as an organization and to work with some of my colleagues on Public Relations and Marketing ventures. All of these ventures are making some great progress, but they cannot be accomplished without the support of our membership.

The first project is that of hosting Pi Kappa Delta webinars. These have been discussed quite extensively and we are ready to go. But we need people who are willing to facilitate webinars. If you are willing to be a host, please let me know, even if you are not sure how all of the technology works. Email me at tomeka.robinson@marietta.edu, if you have any interest in being a part of this exciting enterprise.

The second project that I am working on is getting a mobile application ready for the NCT. This application will be downloadable and will include the schedule for the NCT and any updates during the tournament. After the NCT, this application will also allow for users to receive periodic updates from Pi Kappa Delta throughout the year. Our students are more connected than ever, so let's use that connectivity to continue spreading the messages of our organization.

The last thing that we have been working on is continuing our exploration into the possibility of creating digital tournament software. I have been testing multiple existing online platforms with my team to figure out what works and what doesn't work on these systems. It is my hope that we have a system running by the Centennial that can meet all of the needs of our membership and doesn't have the same kinks as other online platforms.

It is my aim to continue working on each of these projects and find even more ways to serve the membership of Pi Kappa Delta. If you are interested in working on any of these endeavors, please do not hesitate to let me know. Together, we can continue Pi Kappa Delta's mission for centuries to come.

Cordially,
Tomeka Robinson

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Charter and Standards Report

Ryan Louis – Ottawa University

As Pi Kappa Delta progresses into our second century, what interests me most right now is how communication patterns and experiences continue to move forward, too. Most assuredly, I am working to match this tendency with progressive initiatives. The new point system is a an example of how—as an organization—we are employing new technologies to provide myriad services to the membership. In addition to points, we have plans to process data more efficiently (databases and updates at the national office), create wonderful learning opportunities (webinars, service projects) and connect people faster than ever before (social media participation and multiple platforms for information dissemination).

PLEASE visit the website and begin to enter your points – for your competitors as well as yourselves.

As our first century comes to a close, I look forward to the new and exciting ways in which the core values of Pi Kappa Delta are expressed and shared.

Sincerely,
Ryan Louis

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Student Representative's Report

Sean Kohloff, Central Michigan University & Adam Schneider, Webster University

Service Project Proposal

In the words of renowned environmentalist David Suzuki, “It's time we stopped ignoring the environment. Let's not let another election go by without making this a high priority.” Although it might not seem obvious, during the course of a forensics season a lot of products created from renewable resources are not properly disposed of. The amount of paper used by a team yearly is often in the thousands, or even tens of thousands, every year. Now, I am not saying that we should just all stop using paper. However, I do think that as an organization, we should look towards promoting sustainability. One of the beliefs of Pi Kappa Delta is that we should give back to our world using the skill we learn as a benefit of being a member. We students of Pi Kappa Delta should look at what we can do to highlight what this organization stands for. In this regard, I would like to start a service project with the goal of helping minimize our impact on the environment. On that note, my proposal is simple: we should offset the amount of paper our teams use in a year by planting new trees in our own communities. For every ream of paper that is used, roughly 6% of a tree is cut down. This means that for every tree that is felled to turn into paper products about seventeen reams of paper are made as a result. Showing that our organization can go out and make a difference in the community is always beneficial. Some students I heard from earlier this year were slightly disappointed that many of their professors and fellow students thought they were just leaving on the weekends to “give speeches” when this community of forensics means so much more to them. The beauty of this project is that schools could plant in their own communities and draw attention to themselves and Pi Kappa Delta . Then, PKD chapters could present their universities with a clear outline of what the group does while helping beautify their local environment one tree at a time. Upon the beginning of a new season, and then subsequently throughout the year, chapters should take note on how many reams of paper they use throughout the course of one whole season of forensics. Even though 6% for a ream does not sound like much, believe me it will pile up faster than you think. This recording should occur until February 13th one month before the PKD centennial. That way all of Pi Kappa Delta can appreciate what we have done together.

Contact Information

Last October, I drafted a letter that contained a series of questions. The letter was mainly to introduce myself, but it also contained a series of questions. Some of the questions were just geared towards getting some information on my constituents, like “how long have you been a member of PKD”, “Why is the art of persuasion important to you”, etc., and the rest were aimed at finding what aspects of PKD students think are working fine and what areas need our attention. I had quite a few responses, but I always appreciate hearing from

students to find out what it is you would like to see this organization pursue. I will include all of my contact information for anyone who would like to reach me. Feel free to contact me at any time, and good luck with the rest of your season!

Warm Regards,
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Editor's Report

Nina-Jo Moore, Ph. D. - Appalachian State University

I am sure most of you have noticed, we are "catching up" with *THE FORENSIC*. I have finished editing two issues in the last 6 weeks – and am well into the last one before we catch up. That one should be done forthwith – I am hoping within the next couple of weeks.

That leads me to our Summer 2012 issue (97:2) – it will be edited by our guest editor, Dr. Josh Compton from Dartmouth College. His "Call for Submissions" follows this report.

In addition, I am still looking for submissions – we have a few other issues that must also go to print prior to my tenure as editor ending in 2013 – so PLEASE, if you have presented a paper and believe it can be worked into an article, let me

know! Send me your submissions to the contact address below! I would LOVE to have them!

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GUEST EDITOR – Dr. Josh Compton, Dartmouth College

Call for Submissions:
Special Issue of *The Forensic* – "Forensics and the Net Generation"

"Generations, like people, have personalities, and Millennials — the American teens and twenty-somethings who are making the passage into adulthood at the start of a new millennium — have begun to forge theirs: confident, self-expressive, liberal, upbeat and open to change." -PEW Research Center

An upcoming special issue of *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta* will explore how intercollegiate forensics offers unique opportunities and challenges for the Net Generation. Josh Compton of Dartmouth College will serve as Guest Editor of this special issue.

How do students of the Net Generation view and do forensics? How do Millennials approach public address, argumentation, and performance? How can

coaching strategies best meet learning styles? How might Generation Next change forensics?

Possible submission topics could include considerations of forensics, the Net Generation, and:
Digital learning
Competition
Collaboration
Diversity
Argumentation styles
Civic engagement
Active learning
Coaching strategies

We welcome submissions from coaches, professors, scholars, forensics alumni, and graduate/undergraduate students. Submissions will undergo peer review. All works must be original and not under review by other publishers. Submissions should conform to APA (6th edition) guidelines. E-mail submissions to the guest editor (josh.compton@dartmouth.edu) in Word format with no specialized internal formatting. Include "The Forensic – Special Issue" in the subject line. Manuscripts should not exceed 25 double-spaced, typed pages, not including tables and/or references. The title page should include the title, author(s), and correspondence information (mailing address, email address, and telephone number). The second page should include an abstract of between 75 and 100 words. The text of the manuscript (including title) should begin on the next page, with no reference to the author(s), and with remaining pages numbered consecutively. Avoid self-identification in the text of the manuscript. Notes and references should be typed and double-spaced on the pages following the text of the manuscript.

Deadline: April 1, 2012