



Spring 2009



2009 PFA Annual Conference

2009 Conference Planning!

Be sure to visit our website for updates on the 2009 Conference in the weeks just ahead! The meeting will be held September 10-12 at the [Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk](#). Information is also available on the fun and interesting things to do in the bay area from the [Tampa Bay CVB](#).

Sponsorships Available

Many sponsorships have been secured, but you can get additional exposure by sponsoring one of our key events - such as speakers, receptions, etc. The sky is the limit! Please contact the PFA Executive Director to discuss these opportunities.

Call for Amendments

Amendments that you may wish the Annual Conference to consider must be submitted 30 days prior to the meeting opening. Please

contact the PFA Headquarters if there are such amendments you plan to submit or would like considered/discussed.

PFA Award Applications

The PFA seeks to recognize and honor members of your organization through its annual award program. Please make an effort to honor those deserving in your group by nominating them today! Application deadline is April 30 and the forms [posted on awards page of the PFA website](#) must be used to complete the nomination.

PFA Headquarters Move & News



Headquarters

Many of you know that after years of service, Andrew Sagan has given up his role as PFA Executive Director. Effective last January, the PFA Board has hired Michael Abraham of Theta Tau to serve as PFA's executive. Accordingly, PFA has moved to Theta Tau's Central Office in downtown Austin, TX. Abe has years of experience with the PFA serving as President in 2001-02. **Thanks to Andrew for his service to PFA!**

Board Meeting

The PFA Board will hold its Interim Board Meeting in person this spring at the [Hyatt Place Los Colinas](#), April 17-19.

Website

If you have not visited yet, please check out the new PFA website at www.profraternity.org! The site was created by PFA Associate Member [Chapter Communications](#).

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report that **Barbara Schwartz Bromberg** passed away in Cincinnati on January 30. Many of you know Barbara from her presentations to past PFA meetings or from your reliance on her counsel in tax/accounting law matters. The greek world lost a true friend and wise counsel. Barbara, a partner in the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, was a member of Chi Omega and worked with countless greek organizations and umbrella groups in her over three decade long career. In 1995, she was named one of Cincinnati's top attorneys, and in 1996 was recipient of the Cincinnati Bar's Trustees' Award. At the time of her passing, she was preparing for her presentation to the NIC Foundation Institute for Greek Advancement.



Lloyd G. Balfour Fellowships

The Balfour Fellowship program was initiated in 1985 and provides financial assistance to full-time students who are enrolled in accredited graduate or professional schools. The fellowships were established in honor of Lloyd G. Balfour of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Applicants must be initiated members of an NIC, NPC, NALFO, NPHC, or PFA organization who are in good standing.

Awards are based upon scholastic achievement (a minimum of a 3.2 GPA or equivalent is required), campus and community involvement and leadership within one's fraternity/sorority. All applications postmarked by April 15, and can be [completed online](#).

IRS / Form 990 Changes

The Internal Revenue Service has implemented two major changes in reporting of which our Fraternal Members should be aware.

Small, tax exempt organizations with less than \$25,000 in gross receipts are to complete the new form 990-N. This "postcard form" is easily completed and is [available online](#). Nonetheless, penalties accrue for failure to file including potential revocation of exempt status. More information is on [Form 990-N available here](#).

The revised form 990 that most of our organizations complete has been revised by the IRS after a multi-year process to address

“governance” questions that the service thought should be given greater prominence. A [five page white paper](#) on the changes is available at the [IRS website](#). Though we cannot list here all the changes to this form, the new form 990 asks if your organization has policies on the following: Conflict of Interest, Executive Compensation, Whistleblower, Document Retention, and Joint Ventures. Sample policies are available from [ASAE](#) and a number of other online sources. Consider these after consultation with legal/tax counsel.

Fraternal News

[Alpha Phi Omega](#) celebrated its 40th Biennial National Convention this past December in Boston, Massachusetts. Over 2,100 members gathered for four days of Leadership, Friendship and Service. The Fraternity received very positive news coverage in the Boston Globe and on New England Cable News covering their many service projects benefitting the Boston community. Bob London, Executive Director, said the conference services staff at the Sheraton Boston Hotel was one of the best with which he has ever worked.

The [Delta Theta Phi](#) Law Fraternity, International announces a new charter at Charlotte School of Law. The new student senate, named for Richard A. Lord, one of the country's foremost experts on contract law, chartered with more than 50 new members.

The 2009 Leadership Academy for the [Theta Tau](#) Educational Foundation will be held August 6-9 at Washington University in St. Louis. Over 100 student members from across the country are expected for the three day leadership experience.

[Delta Sigma Pi](#) has embarked on an ambitious effort to renovate their headquarters in Oxford, OH. Executive Director Bill Schilling welcomes everyone's participation in the effort. Among the improvements include making the facility (which became DSP's home in 1956) more ADA compliant.

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