



Spring 2013

2013 Annual Conference

The preliminary [2013 Draft Agenda](#) is now available. Be sure to visit our website for updated information just posted regarding the 2013 Conference in St. Louis! The meeting will be held September 6-8 at the [Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark](#). Be sure to complete and submit the [Registration Form](#) to the PFA headquarters, and make your hotel reservations soon. You can do so by calling **314-421-1776** (mention code:

PFA) or by using the [online lodging reservation link here](#). It looks like both the Rams and the Cards have home games during our stay so make your hotel reservations early (now). Those who attend PFA regularly know that we often "sell out" so do both these things right away!



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

Sponsorships Available

Several 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. View [available sponsorships](#) here.

Call for Amendments

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



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 June 15 and the forms [posted on awards page of the PFA website](#) must be used to complete the nomination. Nominations must be submitted to the PFA Headquarters (address provided on the nomination forms).

Annual Membership Dues

The PFA Headquarters sent annual dues invoices/renewals in early May. If you have not already renewed, please do so now. Alternatively, you may download a hardcopy **dues invoice** for [fraternal members](#) or for [associate members](#). You can even pay online via our WePay site [online fraternal members](#) or [online associate members](#) - the online payment site also provides opportunity now for you to register for the PFA Annual Conference in September in addition to paying Annual Dues.

Member Services Survey

PFA has seeking feedback via survey developed by the Members Services Committee. Please visit this link for a very [brief survey](#). Your responses by June 1st will assist the PFA in evaluating and meeting the needs of our members.

New Member Ballots

PFA has received applications for membership from two national professional fraternities. In accord with our laws, each group has been evaluated by the PFA Board to meet our membership requirements per Bylaws, Article 1, Section 3. The next step in the process is for fraternal member organizations to vote on each one. It requires a two-thirds favorable vote for election to membership. Please complete and return the [Membership Ballots here](#) to the PFA Headquarters, not later than July 15.

We are fortunate to have interest in membership for the first time in many years – particularly from organizations with a long and rich history. In each case, the organizations sought out the PFA for membership so that they can learn, grow, and develop more fully their own organizations. We hope that you will support them in doing so via your favorable vote on the ballot.

More Ballots!

The PFA Board identified a number of short-comings in our **Constitution & Bylaws** that it felt need to be considered by our members. Over the years, many of these items have been discussed by past boards as well; however, any one of them has not been deemed “important enough” to address. Similarly, there simply has not been enough time on the agenda at the Annual Conference to consider these matters there either. The PFA Board has rolled all of those past issues and concerns into a single document for your consideration at this time. Taken in aggregate, it seems long past time to bring our governing documents up to date. Please view this [multipage document](#) of proposed changes.

In case any one of these changes is of concern to you, the Board can assure you that there is no plan to increase annual dues. (Annual dues have remained constant for decades, but PFA’s financial position is stronger now than it has ever been.) Furthermore, while state law permits the PFA to conduct email ballots where mail ballots are called for, the Board felt it important to lay this question to rest forever by adopting it explicitly into our governing documents. Finally, note that the Membership Ballots noted in the previous article above are being handled via process defined currently in our laws (as opposed to the process that is proposed in these amendments.)

In accord with Constitution, Article VI, and Bylaws, Article XI, please return the [Constitution & Bylaw ballots](#) by July 15 to the PFA Headquarters. It will require $\frac{3}{4}$ favorable vote to adopt each/any proposed amendments/changes.

Fraternal News

[Phi Delta Epsilon](#) Medical Fraternity supports Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals as their International Philanthropy. During the 2012-2013 academic year, chapters of PhiDE raised \$100,000 in support of local children’s hospitals while providing countless hours of service to patients and area facilities.



[Sigma Alpha Iota](#) International Music Fraternity has had a very productive year. CF Peters has published music for the SAI Series of the InterAmerican Music Awards, including choral pieces by Dr. Michael Braz and by Dr. Betty Bertaux. Chamber music for strings will be among the new publications, too. Their website lists these new compositions—www.edition-peters.com. There has been a total of 2,183 new Members-in-Training this year. In addition, 64 new Distinguished Members have been initiated for the 2012-2013 year.

[Theta Tau](#) has completed its best year ever with student membership up 39% over the last two years. A new national website was launched this month. This past March, hundreds of student members, from chapters across the country, gathered over 4 separate weeks (coinciding with their campus spring break), in Florida or California to help Habitat for Humanity build homes. Habitat coordinators note that Theta Tau’s get more done in a week than most of their volunteers do in months. The Theta Tau Educational Foundation’s 2013 Leadership Academy will be held July 25-28, returning to Washington University in St. Louis.

Delta Sigma Pi reactivated three previously closed chapters this year at Savannah State (GA), La Salle (PA), and Babson (MA). In addition, we installed five new chapters at Hawaii-Manoa, South Florida-St. Petersburg, Richmond (VA), Duke (NC), and Washington bringing our total to an all-time high of 210 active chapters.

Alpha Phi Omega is happy to announce the hiring of Nick Antista as their new Director of Chapter Services. Matt comes to APO with a great background in education and technology. As a former school principal and a founder of two start-up technology companies his experience will help APO deliver training and education in a way that meets the needs of today's students. APO is tracking nicely toward its goal of 500 chapters by 2025. Alpha Phi Omega chartered 12 new chapters this school year: St Leo College, Temple, University of the South, Shippensburg University, Kentucky State University, Roosevelt University, Cal Poly Pomona, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, University of Denver, Armstrong Atlantic State University, University of Texas at Arlington, and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

New Tools from [By Bob Harris, CAE](#)

Bob Harris and his Nonprofit Center continue to create new and innovative material to help those of us in the association management world. Most recently, he has developed:

A [Risk Management Outline](#) to review the association risks that board members should be aware of.

The [Board Agenda filter](#) – a new tool to consider if the board agenda has substance or is primarily “reports and updates.”

Those familiar with Bob's work and experience in the association management field already know this manual adds to the already [vast supply of tools](#) he has created to benefit associations – all available from his website [The Nonprofit Center](#).

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