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FOREWORD

Greetings from Gamma Sigma Delta! The purpose of this Newsletter is to provide a written record of Gamma Sigma Delta activities during each academic year. This includes the actions of the International Executive Committee and reports from each Chapter. This is the 61st year for publication of this Newsletter which presents an official historical record of the Society’s activities.

This edition of the Newsletter reports, among other items, the various international award winners for 2007. The recipients of those awards are: Outstanding Chapter Award and New Activity Award – University of the Philippines at Los Banos; Most Improved Chapter Award – University of California Davis; the Foundation Scholarship Award – Ms. Kiersten Wise; and the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture – Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland. In addition, the newest categories of chapter recognition have been continued – the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Chapter designations.

The International Officers would like to offer congratulations to all the chapters for their efforts during this year.

The minutes of the 2007 International Executive Committee meeting, held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are also included in this Newsletter.

Your International Officers are a great resource; please feel free to contact any of us for assistance. Each Chapter is highly encouraged to stay in touch with its assigned International Officer.

The 2008 Conclave is planned for June 18 – 20 in Lexington, Kentucky. We are looking forward to meeting delegates from many Chapters and encourage you to attend.

For more information on events, awards, and membership, please visit our web site at www.gammasigmadelta.org.

Susan Campbell
Editor and President-Elect
University of Kentucky

2006-2008 INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS



Back row: (left to right) Mike Brugger, Treasurer; Tom Rost, Past-President; and John Riley, Secretary

Front row: (left to right) Steve Henning, President; Susan Campbell, President-Elect; and Navam Hettiarachchy, Historian

The International Officers of Gamma Sigma Delta are volunteers who are elected at the Biennial Conclave of the Society. There are no paid staff members. The International Secretary's office serves as the contact point for the International Society and, together with the International Treasurer, coordinates the ordering of membership and award certificates, plaques, jewelry, and other items for the local chapters. The International Officers publish an annual newsletter; select the recipients of the Society's awards; review policies; encourage establishment of new chapters; work with existing chapters on program development; and plan and conduct the Biennial Conclave with chapter representatives.

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I wrote this message last year, Gamma Sigma Delta had just completed the celebration of our 100th anniversary at the 2006 Biennial Conclave, hosted by Ohio State University. It was a time to reflect on the longevity of our organization and the accomplishments of the thousands of members who have been initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta during that time. In that message I identified three themes that thread through comments made by past International Officers – friendship, volunteering, and professional accomplishment. I believed then and believe now that these common themes explain the success that this organization has enjoyed over the last 100 plus years.

As we enter our second century as an Honor Society, we face a world that is rapidly changing. Colleges of Agriculture have evolved dramatically, with academic programs, faculty, and students having less connection to “traditional” agricultural and forestry disciplines and more focus on science and technology breakthroughs that create new opportunities for using our natural resources to produce food, fiber, medicine, energy, and clothing in ways that improve our lives and protect our environment.

Our challenge in this new century is to convince our students and colleagues that honor societies and service organizations have value to them beyond the recognition of their professional and academic accomplishments. Gamma Sigma Delta, in addition to other honor societies and service organizations, offers members a means to contribute to society in a meaningful way by shining a light on the path of careers in our evolving disciplines, recruiting the best and brightest to our applied fields, and providing learning opportunities to young academics.

Our 2008 Biennial Conclave will be held June 18 - 20 in Lexington, Kentucky, hosted by the University of Kentucky chapter. The Conclave is a great opportunity for chapters to trade ideas on activities that will bring Gamma Sigma Delta closer to the university community and help us all meet this new challenge. I look forward to seeing you in Lexington!

Steve Henning

International President
Louisiana State University

2008 BIENNIAL CONCLAVE

The 51st Gamma Sigma Delta Biennial Conclave is scheduled for June 18 - 20, 2008 in Lexington, Kentucky and will be hosted by the University of Kentucky Chapter. Based on comments from the 2006 Conclave, and to encourage greater attendance, we have condensed the program time and moved to a mid-week date. Please visit the web site shown below to find Conclave information:

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/GammaSigmaDelta/Conclave.htm>

The cut-off date for both Conclave registration and hotel reservations (at the group rate) will be Tuesday, May 20. Gamma Sigma Delta International will pay the registration fee for the Official Delegate from each chapter (one per chapter) and provide a \$250 travel grant to each chapter attending the Conclave.

The International Executive Committee encourages each chapter to send a delegate to the Conclave. The International Constitution of Gamma Sigma Delta requires that a Biennial Conclave be called by the International Executive Committee “...for the purposes of convening the Legislative Council, chapter information exchange, and delegate development.” The Legislative Council includes the members of the International Executive Committee and the Official Delegates of each chapter. The Legislative Council elects officers to the International Executive Committee and transacts the business of the Honor Society.

More than one member may attend from each chapter, but only one chapter member will serve as the Official Delegate for voting purposes. The Conclave is an opportunity for members from the different chapters to share ideas, learn how other chapters are operating, and meet face-to-face with the elected International Officers. The Conclave is an ideal way for chapter officers to learn how Gamma Sigma Delta functions at other universities and gather new ideas for chapter activities.

Please share this announcement with your chapter executive committee and members at-large. We look forward to seeing many of you in Lexington in June!

2006-2007 OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD University of the Philippines at Los Baños

Congratulations to the University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB) chapter for being named winner of the 2006-2007 Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Chapter Award by the International Executive Committee. The UPLB chapter has been one of the most consistently active chapters in Gamma Sigma Delta. It has been among the top five chapters each year over the past four years, and this is the third time the chapter has been selected as the Outstanding Chapter (in addition to 1990 and 1998.)

The newest activity undertaken by the UPLB chapter was a four-part series of seminars titled “Agriculture and the Millennium Development Goals: A Philippine Perspective.” The seminar series is one part of a series of programs to celebrate the chapter’s 50th anniversary.

Recurring chapter activities include monthly business meetings and a general assembly meeting to elect chapter officers and nominate new initiates. The chapter hosts a breakfast reception each spring to honor graduating members and their parents. The chapter also hosts a separate initiation ceremony for new members and officers each spring, including the presentation of awards for the best thesis and dissertation.

The UPLB chapter is a leader among all chapters in the number of new initiates. In 2006-2007, the chapter initiated 207 new members. The chapter also has an extensive awards program, ranging from undergraduate student to professional recognition, totaling 13 awards last year.

The UPLB chapter accomplishes so much by actively involving as many members as possible. It also enjoys strong support from the university administration, many of whom are members and past officers. Congratulations to the officers and members of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños!



International President Steve Henning (center) with University of Philippines at Los Baños chapter officers during their 50th anniversary celebration



**OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD
Previous Recipients**

Year	Chapter(s)
2006	Louisiana
2005	Kentucky & Louisiana
2004	Kentucky
2003	Kentucky & Louisiana
2002	Kentucky & Louisiana
2001	Kentucky
2000	Kentucky & Louisiana
1999	Kentucky
1998	Philippines
1997	Missouri
1996	Louisiana
1995	Louisiana
1994	Arkansas & Colorado
1993	Tennessee
1992	Louisiana
1991	Louisiana
1990	Philippines
1989	Louisiana
1988	Ohio
1987	Arkansas
1986	Ohio
1985	Maryland-National Capital
1984	Ohio
1983	Nebraska
1982	Louisiana
1981	Colorado
1980	Arkansas
1979	North Carolina State
1978	Ohio
1977	Kansas
1976	Alabama-Auburn

**2006-2007 CHAPTER RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Gold, Silver, and Bronze Chapters**

Competition for the Outstanding Chapter Award increases each year as chapters become more active and submit their annual reports to the International Secretary. The International Executive Committee voted in 2005 to expand the Chapter Recognition Program to reflect the accomplishments of our chapters. In addition to naming the Outstanding Chapter and Most Improved Chapter, the Executive Committee recognizes an additional fifteen chapters at the Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels. For 2006-2007, those chapters are:

Gold Chapters

North Carolina A&T State University
University of Kentucky
Louisiana State University
University of Tennessee
University of California – Davis

Silver Chapters

Iowa State University
Mississippi State University
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Nebraska
University of Arkansas

Bronze Chapters

Pennsylvania State University
North Carolina State University
West Virginia University
Kansas State University
University of Florida

Congratulations to each of the officers and members of these chapters!

2006-2007 MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER AWARD **University of California – Davis**

In 2005, the International Executive Committee voted to expand the chapter recognition program by selecting the Most Improved Chapter. This award is based on year-to-year activities, as evaluated from the annual chapter reports submitted each May. The International Executive Committee is pleased to announce our first recipient of this award - the University of California – Davis Chapter.

The UC-Davis chapter is a recent addition to the Gamma Sigma Delta family. The chapter's first officer team was officially installed in November 2000. The chapter, which was not among the top 16 chapters in 2006, was selected as a Gold Chapter in 2007. A major change for the Davis chapter was the decision to extend membership invitations to the top two percent of students who have junior standing in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and College of Biological Sciences.

Congratulations to the University of California – Davis!



UC Davis chapter initiates, scholarship recipients, and officers at their Fall 2007 banquet

2006-2007 NEW ACTIVITY AWARD **University of the Philippines at Los Baños**

The University of the Philippines at Los Baños was selected by the International Executive Committee as the recipient of the 2006-2007 New Activity Award. The chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary in Gamma Sigma Delta during 2007. As part of that celebration, the chapter presented a four-part series of seminars titled “Agriculture and the Millennium Development Goals: A Philippine Perspective.” The individual seminars included the following topics:

- “Agriculture and Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger,” with Prof. Solita C. Monsod, of the UP School of Economics
- “Agriculture and Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women,” Dr. Thelma R. Paris of the International Rice Research Institute
- “Agriculture and Ensuring Environmental Sustainability,” with Dr. Percy Sajise, Regional Director for Asia Pacific Oceania Office of Bioversity
- “Agriculture and Developing a Global Partnership for Development”, with Dr. William G. Padolina, Director for International Cooperation of the International Rice Research Institute

Congratulations to the officers and members of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños chapter!

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

NEW ACTIVITY AWARD Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2006	Colorado State
2005	Tuskegee
2004	Louisiana
2003	Langston
2002	Mississippi State
2001	Honduras
2000	Kentucky
1999	Arkansas
1998	Not presented
1997	Cornell
1996	Texas A&M-College Station
1995	Arkansas & Pennsylvania
1994	Not presented
1993	Tennessee
1992	Louisiana
1991	Tennessee
1990	University of California-Riverside
1989	Ohio



The 2006-2007 recipient of the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Scholarship is Ms. Kiersten Wise, a Ph.D. candidate in Plant Pathology at North Dakota State University (NDSU). During her academic career, Kiersten has participated in a wide range of professional development and service activities.

Kiersten has contributed to three journal submissions that have been published or accepted for publication. She has also contributed to four commodity group magazine articles and made three presentations at professional meetings. She received the 2005 Graduate Student Teaching Award in the College of Agriculture and has served as President of her department's Graduate Student Association. These, along with other accomplishments, led to her selection by the NDSU chapter as the 2007 Distinguished Graduate Student in Agriculture.

The International Foundation Scholarship Award was created in 2006 to recognize the academic accomplishments and leadership contributions of undergraduate and graduate student members of Gamma Sigma Delta. The \$500 scholarship is funded through the International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation. A call for nominations for the 2008 scholarship will be sent to chapters in the spring.

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT
IN AGRICULTURE AWARD**



DR. STANLEY E. GILLILAND

2007

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN
AGRICULTURE AWARD**

**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE**

Professor Stanley E. Gilliland began his career as an undergraduate student at Oklahoma State University (OSU) washing dishes in a dairy microbiology laboratory in 1959. He has come a long way since then to become a world leader in dairy food microbiology. We now add to a long list of recognitions by presenting him the 2007 Gamma Sigma Delta, The Honor Society of Agriculture, Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award.

Professor Gilliland received his BS and MS degrees from OSU and a PhD from North Carolina State University (NCSU) in 1966. He was a member of the food science faculty at NCSU from 1965 to 1976. In 1976, he joined the faculty of the Department of Animal Science at OSU, where he is currently a Regents Professor and holds the Sitlington Endowed Chair in Food Microbiology. He has published over 100 peer reviewed papers and book chapters, has presented well over 100 papers at national and international meetings, and has received many millions of dollars in extramural funds for his research projects.

He has been recognized widely for his excellent teaching, and many undergraduate students, graduate students, and young faculty have benefited from his wise council and mentoring. Currently he is the faculty coordinator for the food science teaching program. He is now the committee chairman for nine graduate students, and has trained well over 100 graduate students in his laboratory. Over his tenure, Dr. Gilliland is credited with helping launch the careers of many young scientists who now lead their fields in many aspects of animal and food science. One former student spells this out quite clearly:

“I attribute my success to Dr. Gilliland’s teaching, mentoring and research vision. I would not be where I am today without the guidance he provided me during my graduate school career.”

Along the way, Dr. Gilliland has been the recipient of many awards and acknowledgements, only a few of which are listed here:

- Alpha Zeta Outstanding Professor Award in Agriculture, 1978
- Chairman, Food Microbiology Division of the American Society of Microbiology, 1984
- Sigma Xi Research Award, 1987
- Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, 1987
- Elmo Baumann Award, Outstanding Faculty Member in Agriculture, 1988
- Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award, 1989
- President of the American Dairy Science Association, 1991

- President of the National Federation of American Societies of Food Animal Scientists, 1993
- Chairman, Board of Trustees of the American Dairy Science Foundation, 1997
- Fellow of the American Dairy Science Association, 1998
- OSU Eminent Faculty Award, 2001
- Award of Honor, American Dairy Science Association, 2003
- OSU Inventor Recognition Award, 2005

Dr. Gilliland's contributions to agricultural research are extensive. His nomination letter provides the best description of his accomplishments and is quoted here:

“Dr. Gilliland is extremely knowledgeable in many areas of foods and microbiology and has established an illustrious national and international reputation for research in the areas of dairy foods and food microbiology. His research has focused on enhancing human health through probiotics and in their development for beef cattle to improve food safety by reducing *E. coli* O157:H7 in fed slaughter cattle. A probiotic culture developed in his laboratory is currently considered by animal scientists as the “flagship” for pre-harvest control of this pathogen in beef cattle.

He is recognized as a world-wide authority on the beneficial uses of lactobacilli as dietary adjuncts. Dr. Gilliland's research has led to the identification and development of new strains of *Lactobacillus acidophilus* to improve health for individuals who are lactose intolerant and to reduce levels of serum cholesterol in humans. The commercial development of several new products originated from his research. Cultures of lactobacilli he developed for use as probiotics in feedlot cattle improve growth, feed efficiency, and food safety. His cultures are commercially used in the USA and Europe in human food products and in livestock feed. Dr. Gilliland's research has also enhanced food safety and the control of *E. coli* O157:H7 in refrigerated foods. Dr. Gilliland's commercially licensed cultures generated the largest single source of all royalty income at OSU during the past two years.”

Congratulations to Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland, winner of the 2007 Gamma Sigma Delta, Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE AWARD Previous Recipients

2006	Dr. L. Dale VanVleck, Nebraska, Animal Science
2005	Dr. Will Carpenter, Mississippi, Weed Science
2004	Dr. Charles Hess, California, Environmental Horticulture
2003	Dr. Gail L. Cramer, Louisiana, Agricultural Economics
2002	Dr. Donald C Thill, Idaho, Weed Science
2001	Dr. Lowell Moser, Nebraska, Agronomy
2000	No Award
1999	Dr. R. Wayne Skaggs, North Carolina, Bio. & Ag. Engineering
1998	Dr. Chester L. Foy, Virginia, Plant Physiology
1997	Dr. Herbert W. Ockerman, Ohio, Animal Science
1996	Dr. Fuller W. Bazer, Texas, Veterinary Medicine
1995	Dr. Dermot P. Coyne, Nebraska, Horticulture
1994	Dr. David G. Topel, Iowa, Administration
1993	Dr. Daniel Y. C. Fung, Kansas, Food Science
1992	Dr. Simón E. Malo, EAP, Administration
1991	Dr. Clarence Ammerman, Florida, Animal Science
1990	Dr. Gordon Dickerson, Nebraska, Animal Breeding/Genetics
1989	Dr. Robert A. Godke, Louisiana, Animal Science
1988	Dr. James N. Moore, Arkansas, Horticulture
1987	Dr. Stanley A. Barber, Indiana, Soil Chemistry
1986	Dr. Robert H. Harms, Florida, Poultry Science
1985	Dr. John R. Campbell, Illinois, Administration
1984	Dr. John D. Axtell, Indiana, Sorghum Breeding
1983	Dr. Willard L. Lindsay, Colorado, Soil Chemistry
1982	Dr. Dudley D. Culley, Jr. Louisiana, Wildlife Management
1981	Dr. William P. Switzer, Iowa, Swine Diseases
1980	Dr. Bruce J. Zobel, North Carolina, Forest Genetics
1979	Dr. Oscar E. Olson, South Dakota, Biochemistry
1978	Dr. Reuben W. Engel, Virginia, Nutrition
1977	Dr. Charles O. Gardner, Nebraska, Agronomy
1976	Dr. Tony J. Cunha, Cal-Pomona, Animal Science
1975	Dr. Glen S. Pound, Wisconsin, Administration
1974	Dr. Earl O. Heady, Iowa, Economics
1973	Dr. E. T. York, Jr. Florida, Administration
1972	Dr. Glenn W. Burton, Georgia, Plant Breeding
1971	Dr. Leo Dale Newson, Louisiana, Entomology
1970	Dr. William J. Miller, Georgia, Dairy Science
1969	Dr. John W. Schmidt, Nebraska, Agronomy Dr. Virgil A. Johnson, Nebraska, Agronomy
1968	Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn, North Carolina, Administration
1967	Dr. Raymond V. Olson, Kansas, Agronomy
1966	Dr. James D. Johnston, Louisiana, Dairy Science
1965	Dr. Khem M. Shahani, Nebraska, Dairy Technology
1964	Dr. Bernardo G. Capó, Puerto Rico, Soil Chemistry
1963	Dr. John A. Johnson, Kansas, Cereal Chemistry
1962	Dr. Ernest A. Fieger, Louisiana, Ag. Chemistry

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT
IN AGRICULTURE AWARD
Previous Recipients, continued**

1961 Dr. George A. Young, Nebraska, Veterinary Science
1960 Dr. Gertrude Cox, North Carolina, Statistics
1959 Dr. Reginald H. Painter, Kansas, Entomology
1958 Dr. Ernest B. Sears, Missouri, Cytogenetics
1957 Dr. William G. Murray, Iowa, Ag. Economics
1956 Dr. Paul H. Harvey, North Carolina, Plant Breeding
1955 Dr. Charles Willard, Ohio, Crop Science
1954 Dr. Clyde H. Bailey, Minnesota, Biochemistry
1953 Dr. Samuel Brody, Missouri, Animal Physiology
1952 Dean H. H. Kildee, Iowa State, Administration
1951 Dr. Elvin C. Stakeman, Minnesota, Plant Pathology

**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

I. Call to Order. International President Steve Henning called the International Executive Committee of Gamma Sigma Delta meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2007, in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Administration Building on the campus of Louisiana State University. International Officers present were: President Steve Henning, President-Elect Susan Campbell, Secretary John Riley, Treasurer Mike Brugger, Historian Navam Hettiarachchy, and Past President Tom Rost. Henning reviewed the agenda and other activities associated with the meeting.

II. Minutes of 2006 Meeting and 2006 Conclave. Minutes of the 2006 Executive Committee meetings had been circulated for review and comment. MOTION: Brugger moved approval of the June 23-24, 2006 and June 27, 2006 minutes. Rost seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes of the 2006 Conclave were reviewed and will be presented to the 2008 Legislative Council for approval.

III. Officer Reports. The written report of each officer is attached. Discussion and actions included:

Henning noted that he had made a video clip for use during the Honduras chapter banquet. It was suggested that similar video clips be made available to chapters by means of the revised web site.

Riley noted the lack of chapter response to the GSD Brochure. Riley was asked to make the brochure available in PDF format to each of the chapters and to permit its download from the web site if possible. To avoid reprinting the brochure every two years, developing a more “generic” copy was discussed. MOTION: Rost moved that the GSD Brochure be revised to remove time-dated copy in an effort to avoid the two-year printing cycle. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A chapter had asked that GSD supplies include additional jewelry items such as rings and watches. Given the costs of handling such items and the efforts to meet specific size requests of members, the Committee decided it was not prudent to pursue these options.

2006-2007 was an unusual year with regard to expenses for the Society. It was necessary to restock all the certificates used for membership and awards. A new supply of key pins and honor cords was ordered. The GSD brochure was reprinted. The initial contract payment for web site development was made.

The charge for handling costs to the Society of, along with the number of and reasons for chapters ordering replacement certificates were discussed. MOTION: Brugger moved that the cost of ordering replacement certificates be changed to \$0.00 on the GSD Order Form for the next year and to review the impact at the 2008 meeting.

Hettiarachchy reviewed the process she used to develop the article to appear in the 2006 Newsletter in recognition of Marie Lavallard's service to Gamma Sigma Delta. The Treasurer was asked by the Committee to reimburse Hettiarachchy \$100 for the expenses she incurred in transcribing information to develop the article.

IV. Constitution and By-laws Changes. A mail ballot was sent to each chapter president and International Officer on two proposed constitutional changes:

Proposed Amendment #1

Revise Article X, Sec. 1. Revise first sentence to allow lifetime accomplishments instead of just last five years to be considered in awarding the Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture. Revised text as follows:

“The ‘Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture’ shall be made annually to an Honor Society member who has made major contributions to agricultural and related sciences.”

Proposed Amendment #2

Revise Article XII. Revise to permit voting by mail/electronic ballots and requiring a two-thirds of those “voting” response to pass. This makes voting in the Legislative Council and voting by mail/electronic ballots the same in terms of conditions for passage. Revised text as follows:

“This Constitution and By-laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the chapters and Executive Committee voting by a mail/electronic ballot or by a two-thirds vote of the assembled Legislative Council.”

Since balloting on these changes was conducted under the unrevised constitution, a total of 40 affirmative votes was needed for passage. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Society Name Issue. The name of the Society to include “Honor Society of Agriculture” has been a discussion at the 2002 and briefly at the 2006 Conclaves. No changes in name of the Society were recommended. The number of new initiates each year, particularly students, continues to decline. Some chapter officers have communicated that students reject a membership invitation because they feel their major does not fit “agriculture.” To further address this issue, Henning will conduct a survey of universities with agriculture programs to determine each college's primary agriculture program name and the different disciplines in that college.

VI. Chapter Liaisons. No changes in chapter liaison assignments were made for 2007-2008. Officers will continue to work with the same chapters as 2006-2007.

VII. New Chapters/Inactive Chapters. Henning has made contact with Alabama A&M, but there has been no follow up since the initial contact with that university. Henning will continue to pursue. Rost reported that progress is being made with establishing a chapter in Delaware with possible installation during 2007-2008. Rost's work on possible Canadian chapters has proven unproductive since honor societies are not typically a part of those universities' activities. Officers were assigned to make the following contacts for possible chapter expansion:

- Henning: Louisiana Tech, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine
- Rost: Montana, Utah, Alaska
- Brugger and Campbell: New Hampshire
- Hettiarachchy: New Jersey.

Henning will contact the Illinois chapter and Rost will contact the Idaho chapter to determine why there has been no reported initiation for the 2006-2007 period. Both chapters have had annual reports of initiations in the past. Brugger will contact Connecticut to determine the reason for no activity the last several years. All officers were requested to contact their inactive liaison chapters to try to get them active again.

VIII. Web Site. A contract (\$6,500 base) has been signed with West Host to re-do the Society's web page. West Host is also host to our server for the web site. Brugger has taken the lead in developing, in consultation with the ad hoc Web Site Committee (Henning-Chair, Campbell, Brugger, Riley), the detailed plans for the web site and in

assigning priority of work. Work on the web site began June 25 and is expected to be completed in six months. Work will be done in modules and then integrated into the old system. All modules will be tested by Riley and Brugger before being introduced to the live system. Some work, especially the order form, is expected to be completed before September so that it can be used by the chapters this fall. By the end of the work, the site is expected to be more functional and have a more attractive user interface.

One issue of discussion was the use of the database of names. Since about 2002, names have been entered as first name/last name. Prior to that time, names were entered last name/first name and in all caps. This means that users have to look more thoroughly through a search list generated to make sure both possible entry forms are checked. There appears to be no way for all entries to conform to one style without re-entering all names by hand. Brugger will work with the new web designers to determine the best way the search process should work and what information needs to be included in the instructions for conducting a search.

IX. Scoring Chapter Reports. Issue had been raised about the process of scoring chapter reports for awards in the category of “Number of New Members.” The committee reviewed the report of the ad hoc committee that looked at this issue during the 2006 Conclave. A number of alternatives was discussed and checked on how each might affect the rankings of chapters. MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the “Number of New Members” category be scored on a 10 point scale or one point for each five members up to a maximum of 50 members. Chapters with more than 50 new initiates would receive 10 points in the category. Motion passed.

Beginning with the 2007-2008 reports, the “New Chapter Activity” will have a point total of 0-5 as a means of counting the number of new activities. A column on the score sheet will be added to award 0-5 points for the quality of those new activities. The current columns for “Number of Activities” and for “Quality of Activities” will be used to evaluate only continuing activities.

It was decided to try a uniform scoring for all categories that are objective or simply require a count to determine number of points. Rost and Campbell agreed to do that on next year’s reports. All officers will score the qualitative sections.

The Chapter Report form will be revised under “Activities” to reflect “New Activities” and “Continuing Activities.” A fuller list of types of activities will be incorporated into the narrative for completing this section.

X. Awards Selection.

Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award. MOTION: Brugger moved that Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland be awarded the 2007 Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award. Rost seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Gilliland was nominated by the Oklahoma State Chapter and will be notified of the award by Henning. Hettiarachchy will present the award. Rost will prepare the award presentation brochure and the write-up for the Newsletter. Riley will order the plaque.

Outstanding Chapter Awards. Twenty-five Chapter Reports were reviewed for the 2006-2007 chapter awards. There was no penalty for reports received after the stated due date.

Outstanding Chapter - University of the Philippines at Los Baños

Gold Award Chapters

North Carolina A&T State University
University of Kentucky
Louisiana State University
University of Tennessee
University of California-Davis

Silver Award Chapters

Iowa State University
Mississippi State University
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Nebraska
University of Arkansas

Bronze Award Chapters

Penn State University
North Carolina State University
West Virginia University
Kansas State University
University of Florida

Henning will notify all chapter winners and present the Outstanding Chapter Award. Riley will order plaque and prepare certificates. Henning will prepare the articles for the Newsletter.

It was suggested that a PowerPoint presentation be developed and made available to the chapters through the web site, if possible, to aid in the recruitment of members. Henning and Campbell will work on that presentation.

Most Improved Chapter Award. MOTION: Riley moved that the University of California-Davis Chapter be awarded the 2006-2007 Most Improved Chapter Award. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Henning will notify the winning chapter and prepare the write-up for the Newsletter. Riley will order the plaque. Rost will present the plaque since a national officer is already at that chapter.

New Chapter Activity Award. MOTION: Brugger moved that the Philippines Chapter be named the New Chapter Activity Award winner. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Henning will notify the chapter and present the award at the same time as the Outstanding Chapter Award. Henning will write the article for the Newsletter. Riley will order the plaque.

- XI. Anniversary Chapters.** The following chapters celebrate 50 or 75 year anniversaries during 2007-2008: University of Philippines – 50 years, University of Puerto Rico – 75 years, University of Arizona – 50 years, South Dakota State University – 50 years. Henning will present the plaque to the Philippines Chapter during the Outstanding Chapter Award ceremony. The other chapters will be contacted as to planned activities in celebration of the anniversary year. Plaques will be sent as appropriate. Travel to the Puerto Rico Chapter in recognition of the 75th year will be determined by Henning based on response to planned activities. Riley will order plaques.
- XII. Chapter Enrichment Grants.** No Chapter Enrichment Grants were made for 2006-2007. For 2007-2008, Enrichment Grant proposals will be solicited beginning August 15 with announcements sent to both the president and secretary of each chapter. Proposals are to be submitted to Hettiarachchy by November 1 with a decision made by the Executive Committee by November 30. \$2,500 will be made available to support the grants with no more than \$750 to a single chapter.
- XIII. 2008 Conclave.** The evaluations of the 2006 Conclave were reviewed. Several suggested the Conclave be shortened. The Executive Committee felt that could be done by tightening up the schedule. There has also been some desire to try a Conclave schedule that did not involve a weekend. After working through several scenarios, the Committee plans to begin the 2008 Conclave on a Wednesday evening and conclude by noon on Friday. Pending confirmation with the host University of Kentucky chapter, the 2008 Conclave will be scheduled for June 18-20, 2008, in Lexington, Kentucky. The 2008 Executive Committee meeting will precede the conclave on June 17-18, 2008 with International Officer arrival on

June 16. Henning will work with Campbell on further planning for both the Conclave and Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION: Riley moved to make an advance payment on Conclave expenses of \$1,000 to the University of Kentucky Chapter. Rost seconded the motion. Motion passed. MOTION: Rost moved that the International Society pay the registration fee of the official chapter delegate in attendance and award \$250 to each chapter to support travel of the delegate(s). Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- XIV. 2010 Conclave.** Possible sites for the 2010 Conclave were discussed. Preference is for a site west of the Mississippi. Henning will contact chapters in the fall to solicit a volunteer host. Henning and Campbell will work on obtaining a host site prior to the 2008 Conclave if possible.
- XV. 2007-2008 Budget.** Brugger presented a proposed budget for 2007-2008. (See Treasurer's Report.) There is concern about our declining balance, the number being initiated and the percentage of invitees accepting membership. MOTION: Brugger moved approval of the proposed budget for 2007-2008. Rost seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- XVI. 2008-2010 Nominating Committee.** Tom Rost was appointed chair of the 2008-2010 Nominating Committee. The remainder of the Committee members will be named at the 2008 Conclave.
- XVII. Chapter Constitutions.** The International Officers approved the proposed changes in the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Constitution and By-laws by email. The chapter was notified of that action on April 9, 2007.
- MOTION: Rost moved approval of the revised North Carolina State University Constitution and By-laws. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed. International officers were asked to contact their liaison chapters to remind them that changes in local chapter constitutions had to be approved by the International Executive Committee.
- XVIII.** The International Executive Committee meeting was adjourned on June 22, 2007 at 3:45 p.m.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
INTERNATIONAL GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
FOUNDATION
JUNE 22, 2007
BATON ROUGE, LA**

- I. Call to Order.** President Steve Henning called the Board of Directors meeting of the International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation together at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Administration Building on the Louisiana State University campus. Present were: President Steve Henning, President-Elect Susan Campbell, Secretary John Riley, Treasurer Mike Brugger, Historian Navam Hettiarachchy, and Past President Tom Rost.
- II. Minutes Approved.** MOTION: Brugger moved that the minutes of the previous meeting on June 24, 2006, be approved as distributed. Riley seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- III. 501(c)(3) Status.** A letter was received from the IRS dated June 29, 2006, granting the Foundation 501(c)(3) status.
- IV. Foundation Funding.** Brugger reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement for the Foundation for the 2006-2007 period. He noted that the entry for "other income" represented the transfer of funds that had been temporarily held by the Virginia Tech Foundation.
- Although members of Gamma Sigma Delta will be strongly encouraged to support the Foundation, former President John Hillison suggested that we would most likely need to identify and solicit support from complementary foundations associated with agriculture and related sciences. Once the support has been solicited, directors of that foundation who are members of Gamma Sigma Delta should be contacted. Henning indicated that he would take the lead on this effort and solicit the support of Hillison. Brugger indicated a willingness to help with a contact at the Kellogg Foundation.
- V. Foundation Scholarship.** Six applications were received for the Foundation scholarship. The scholarship was awarded to Kiersten Wise at North Dakota State University.

MOTION: Brugger moved that until additional finances become available, Foundation scholarship applications be limited to juniors and seniors. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed. The application form will be revised to remove the indication of current level of financial support. The Foundation Scholarship Program will also be made a part of the GSD Handbook.

- VI. Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Steven A. Henning - President

- Notified chapters nominating persons for the 2006 DAA award of the selection of Dr. L. Dale Van Vleck as the 2006 recipient of the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award.
- Prepared a short video message for the Zamorano Chapter annual banquet.
- Contacted Dr. Van Vleck and the Nebraska Chapter to arrange presentation of the DAA award. The presentation was made at their annual banquet October 29, 2006, in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Sent letters of congratulations to the Outstanding Chapter recipient (LSU) and those chapters selected for Gold, Silver, and Bronze recognition for 2006.
- Sent a letter of congratulations for receiving the 2006 New Activity Award to the Colorado State University Chapter.
- Sent a copy of the 2005 Newsletter and a copy of 100th anniversary letters to past officers.
- Returned borrowed photos to Dr. Ammerman, along with a copy of the 2005 Newsletter and 100th anniversary letters.
- Worked with International Secretary John Riley and Past President Tom Rost to revise the International brochure.
- Prepared the following Newsletter articles – International President message, Outstanding Chapter Award, Chapter Recognition Program Awards, New Activity Award, the International Foundation Scholarship, and the North Dakota State Chapter installation.
- Chaired the ad hoc committee on website development. While I chaired this committee in name, much of the work accomplished by this committee was due to the efforts of International Treasurer Michael Brugger. John Riley and Susan Sponcil also made valuable suggestions toward improving the current website.
- Prepared materials and conducted a mail ballot of the chapters to amend the International Constitution. The mailed material was followed by two email reminders to the chapters.
- Distributed the announcement soliciting nominations for the 2007 International Foundation Scholarship to chapter secretaries and presidents.
- Contacted liaison chapters to remind them to submit their annual chapter reports and contact me with chapter concerns.
- Followed up on an inquiry about establishing a new chapter at Alabama A&M University. Two faculty members at the university, who have been initiated elsewhere, are interested in establishing a chapter. I emailed the options for establishing a new chapter and suggested the possibility of support from neighboring chapters to help establish their chapter.
- Made arrangements for the 2007 Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee meeting at LSU June 21-22.
- Prepared an agenda and chaired the 2007 meeting of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Board, held following the International Executive Committee meeting.

Susan Campbell - President Elect

- Edited and prepared the Fall 2006 Newsletter. Made arrangements for printing and distribution. Mailed copies to current and immediate past International officers, current chapter presidents and secretaries. Copies will also be made available at the 2008 Conclave.
- Contacted presidents of liaison chapters.
- Began preliminary planning of 2008 Conclave to be hosted by the University of Kentucky.
- Attended International Executive Committee meeting.
- Served on committee for development of web site.
- Presented one of the Silver Chapter awards to the University of Kentucky Chapter at their banquet and initiation ceremony.

John Riley - Secretary

- This was the year for restocking. A new supply of membership certificates (10,000) and award of merit certificates (2,000) were printed. The new chapter award of merit certificate (500) was created and printed. A new supply of key pins (5,000) and honor cords (500) was ordered.
- The GSD brochure was revised and reprinted as is customary every two years. Per Executive Committee decision, however, chapters were asked to request the number of brochures they wanted mailed to them. In the past, each chapter had been sent 110% of the number of persons invited to membership the previous year. This change resulted in 12-14 chapters requesting less than 1,500 brochures as compared to mailing about 7,500 brochures to all the chapters in previous years.
- A new Past President's Plaque has been designed without the gavel that will be made available to chapters at \$60.
- Web page: same story, 27th verse – the web site continues to deteriorate. I worked closely with Mike Brugger to develop guidelines for a new webmaster to recreate our web site. Now that we have committed to a firm to redo the site, I expect to be intimately involved in that process and in testing the new site.
- 160 orders, including 24 orders that were either cancelled or redone, were processed from 37 chapters. Chapters with no activity were: Arizona, Riverside, Connecticut, Florida A&M, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Cornell, Puerto Rico, Clemson, Texas A&M Kingsville, Washington State, and Wisconsin. Both Idaho and Illinois had relatively large initiations in 2005-2006 for their size. Puerto Rico is also new to the list but ordered only one award certificate in 2005-2006.
- Mailed centennial medallions to past international officers and 2006 chapter presidents.

**SECRETARY'S STATISTICAL REPORT 2006-2007
AS OF JUNE 30, 2007**

TABLE 1: CHAPTER ACTIVITY						
Item	2004-2005		2005-2006		2006-2007	
	No. Chapters	No.	No. Chapters	No.	No. Chapters	No.
Student Initiates	37	1508	39	1589	37	1352
Faculty Initiates	30	151	F-27;S-11	133/22	F-26;S-10	93/22
Alumni Initiates	7	27	9	20	9	33
Honorary Initiates	3	6	2	2	3	3
Award Certificate	24	286	21	283	24	235
Past President Plaque	25	26	24	25	19	21
Key Pins - Boxed	3	26 ^a	4	11	4	34
Greek Pin	2	3	na			
Greek Tie Tack/Lapel	1	1	na			
Rec. Tie Tack/Lapel	0	0	na			
Clasp Tie Tack/Lapel	3	3	2	7	2	3
Brochures	6	1200	4	900	3	300
Honor Cords	7	147 ^b	14	367 ^a	13	279
Large Banner	0	2 ^d	0	1 ^d	0	0
Podium Banner	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clip Art	1	1	1	1	1	1
Casting	0	0	2	4 ^e	0	0
Name Tags	9	90	8	109	4	58
Handbook	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newsletter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corrections	5	7	7	10	0	0
Replacements	3	6 ^c	7	9	6	7

^aIncludes 4 sold at conclave . ^bIncludes 10 individual orders. ^cIncludes 1 direct request for replacement.
^dNew Charters. ^eIncludes 2 sold at Conclave

**TABLE 2: CHAPTER INITIATES, GSD AWARD
CERTIFICATES, CHAPTER REPORTS, DAA, 2006-2007
ACTIVITY AS OF JUNE 30, 2007**

	Student Initiates			Faculty Initiates		Alumni/ Honorary Initiates		Total	Award Cert.	Chap Rprt/ DAA
	Jrs	Srs	Grad	Fac	Stf	Alum	Hon			
	Alabama-Auburn	0	10	18	0	0	0			
Alabama-Tuskegee	0	0	6	2	2	2	0	12	0	R
Arizona								0		
Arkansas	5	7	20	6	1	0	0	39	0	R
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5	7	5	1	0	2	0	20	18	R*
California-Davis	16	0	2	18	0	7	1	44	1	R
California-Pomona	11	22	10	1	0	0	0	44	4	
California-Riverside								0		
Colorado State	0	14	9	1	0	0	0	24	5	R
Connecticut								0		
Florida	17	9	55	11	0	0	0	92	0	R
Florida A&M								0		
Georgia	0	10	31	2	0	0	0	43	14	R
Hawaii	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Honduras (EAP)	0	29	0	3	0	0	0	32	3	R
Idaho								0		
Illinois								0		
Indiana-Purdue	11	16	31	1	0	0	0	59	15	R
Iowa State	22	14	36	0	0	1	0	73	8	R
Kansas State	0	24	4	5	0	0	0	33	89	R
Kentucky	0	16	20	2	4	0	0	42	5	R, D
Western Kentucky	0	7	3	0	1	1	0	12	0	
Louisiana State	2	1	23	3	0	0	1	30	0	R*
Maryland	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	8	5	
Michigan State								0		
Minnesota								0		
Mississippi State	0	17	15	5	2	2		41	0	R
Missouri								0		

**TABLE 2, continued: CHAPTER INITIATES, GSD AWARD
CERTIFICATES, CHAPTER REPORTS, DAA, 2006-2007
ACTIVITY AS OF JUNE 30, 2007**

	Student Initiates			Faculty Initiates		Alumni/ Honorary Initiates		Total	Award Cert.	Chap Rprt/ DAA
	Jrs	Srs	Grad	Fac	Stf	Alum	Hon			
Nebraska	0	19	8	2	1	1	0	31	5	R
Nevada								0		
New Mexico State	0	0	8	3	3	0	0	14	0	
New York-Cornell								0		
North Carolina A&T	7	17	13	1	0	0	1	39	7	R*
North Carolina State	1	9	36	4	0	3	0	53	2	R
North Dakota State	0	1	13	4	6	0	0	24	4	R
Ohio State	29	1	16	0	0	0	0	46	6	
Oklahoma-Langston	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Oklahoma State	0	14	23	2	0	0	0	39	6	R, D
Oregon State	3	7	13	0	0	0	0	23	2	R
Penn State	4	11	10	1	0	0	0	26	7	R
Philippines	0	160	28	4	0	14	0	206	0	R
Puerto Rico								0		
South Carolina-Clemson								0		
South Dakota State	0	12	4	0	0	0	0	16	0	
Tennessee	0	16	48	5	1	0	0	70	2	R
Texas A&M	25	37	38	0	1	0	0	101	0	
Texas A&M-Kingsville								0		
Texas Tech	0	30	33	1	0	0	0	64	0	
Virginia Tech	5	13	12	0	0	0	0	30	4	
Washington State								0		
West Virginia	0	9	12	3	0	0	0	24	8	R
Wisconsin								0		
Wyoming	0	14	5	0	0	0	0	19	0	R
TOTAL	163	578	611	93	22	33	3	1503	235	
2005-2006	164	707	733	133	22	20	2	1781	283	

R - Chapter Report; R* - Late Chapter Report; D - Dist. Achievement in Ag Nominee

Mike Brugger - Treasurer

- Worked with past Treasurer to transfer funds and records.
- Set up bank accounts for Gamma Sigma Delta International and Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.
- Set up accounting system Gamma Sigma Delta International and Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.
- Handled financial transactions of Gamma Sigma Delta International and Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.
- Corresponded with chapter representatives as needed.
- Provided leadership on the Web Redesign Committee.
- Served as contact person for the West Host Web redesign team.
- Attended the 2007 Executive Committee meeting on June 21 and 22, 2007.

**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JULY 1, 2006 to JUNE 30, 2007**

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
ASSETS		
Cash, Savings, and Investments	\$97,852.96	\$80,151.78
Checking 603652378 (M&F Bank)	22,120.77	-
CD 0029785634 (AmSouth Bank)	30,239.86	-
CD 5980697703 (AmSouth Bank)	0	-
CD 0053316142 (AmSouth Bank)	20,270.58	-
CD 0053316150 (AmSouth Bank)	20,000.00	-
Checking 983137269 (National City)		17,556.01
CD 8620480141 (National City) (5.12%)		21,334.93
CD 7360467496 (National City) (4.16%)		5,136.47
CD 3995465919 (National City) (5.16%)		25,870.82
CD 2675516383 (National City) (5.15%)		10,253.55
Virginia Tech Foundation	5,000.00	-
GSD International Foundation (National City) Now separate account from Virginia Tech Foundation		\$5,325.00
Undeposited Checks	221.75	-
Other Assets	\$ 6,227.24	\$15,075.93
Inventory	\$ 6,127.24	\$13,575.93
Accounts Receivable	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 104,080.20</u>	<u>\$95,227.71</u>
LIABILITIES		
Chapter Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$(30.00)
Other Accounts Payable	\$ (8,033.71)	\$(1,234.04)
Total Liabilities	\$ (8,033.71)	\$(1,264.04)
NET ASSETS (Fund Balance)	\$ 96,046.49	\$93,963.67

Statement of Activities

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
REVENUES		
Contributions, Gifts, and Grants	\$ -	\$ -
Membership Dues and Assessments	\$ 23,796.75	\$ 19,484.35
Interest	\$ 1,585.02	\$ 1,082.15
Gross Sales of Inventory	\$ 4,285.00	\$ 2,700.00
Other Revenue	\$ -	
Total Gross Revenue	\$ 29,666.77	\$ 23,266.50
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ (6,827.17)	\$ (3,064.90)
Total Net Revenue	\$ 22,839.60	\$ 20,201.60
EXPENSES		
Grants and Awards	\$ 10,220.00	\$ 2,250.61
Payments to Independent Contractors	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,769.66
Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping	\$ 2,124.18	\$ 519.66
Other Expenses	\$ 15,531.33	\$ 18,134.81
Total Expenses	\$ 31,375.51	\$ 24,674.74
REVENUES MINUS EXPENSES	\$ (8,535.91)	\$ (4,473.14)

Navam Hettiarachchy – Historian

- I am the new Historian from July 1, 2006. I received four boxes of files from Dr. Mary Marchant (previous Historian). The contents labeled on the boxes are as follows: Box #1-History Book, Newsletters, Ex. Comm. Meetings, Hand books, Articles of incorporation; Box #2-2000 Outstanding Chapter Award, 1989-2000 New Activity award 1956-1999 DAA (DSA), 1954-2000 Conclaves, Box #3-Chapter files, Alabama to Mississippi State; Box #4-Chapter files, Missouri to Wyoming. Mary and Steve Henning (President) have been very helpful during my transition period as the International Historian, and I like to recognize and show appreciation to these two individuals.
- Ms. Marie Louise Froehlich Lavallard was the Gamma Sigma Delta International Historian from 1976-1992. Ms. Lavallard died April 3, 2006, at her home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. I prepared an article on her contributions to be featured in the Fall 2006 Newsletter.
- Seven Gamma Sigma Delta Chapters received Chapter Enrichment Grants (CEG) for the year July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006:
 - 1) Colorado State University, \$375;
 - 2) University of Wyoming, \$250
 - 3) North Carolina A&T State University, \$375
 - 4) North Dakota State University, \$750
 - 5) University of Kentucky, \$250;
 - 6) University of Nebraska, \$250
 - 7) University of Philippines, \$250

Reports on Chapter Enrichment Grants were due on May 15, 2007, to the International Historian. Six reports were received from Chapter Enrichment Grant recipients 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Thomas L. Rost - Past President

- Helped plan and then presided at the 100th Anniversary Conclave at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH - June 22-27, 2006.
- Wrote the brochure for the 2006 Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture recipient, Professor Dale Van Vleck, from the University of Nebraska.
- Corresponded extensively with Professors Tom Evans and William Ritter at the University of Delaware. They are currently working on starting a chapter.
- Corresponded with Professor Clifton Peters at Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS, about starting a new chapter.
- Corresponded with Professor Emeritus Don Snyder, Utah State University, about re-establishing an active chapter but without success.
- Presented a 100th Anniversary Award to the Iowa State University Chapter, Ames, IA, April 3, 2007.

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