

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Province V Vice Satrap Officer Report

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Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 2007



Brothers and the Executive Committee of Province V,

This past year has proceeded at an extraordinarily rapid rate! The few short months since Midyear in Buffalo have flown by. As the Vice Satrap, my role is to lead the Chapters of the Province in the chosen philanthropy by facilitating communications and coordinating chapters and charities, as much as possible from afar. In the 2006-07 academic year, our Province V Philanthropy Project was once again “Pediatrics”, as it was during the 2005-06 year.

As my term ends, I can report that this past year has nearly been a carbon copy of the 2005-06 year, in terms of philanthropy in our province. We had 100% of our active collegiate chapters establishing a philanthropy contact person with me back in September 2006, and since that time, six of the twelve contact persons submitted an update of their chapter’s philanthropic activities during the academic year. Thank you to all of our collegiates for establishing a contact person! Five of these six reports utilized the new “Summary of Service Form”, which the informal “Philanthropy Communications Committee” and myself co-created last fall. This reporting rate is nearly identical to the 2005-06 year.

As far as I know, information about our Philanthropy Project and how to report philanthropy reached all the chapters in the province via the lone newsletter that I authored last fall. The lack of communications is disappointing but does not seem out of line with recent province history. I cannot explain why the reporting rate was only 50% among our contact persons.

That being said and judging by the six reports I received, the pediatrics philanthropy project enjoyed some nice successes this year. All six chapters were involved in a pediatrics charity in some manner, along with providing countless hours of other professional and community service. **I am quite proud of all of hard work and dedication to service by the brothers of our Province! You truly deserve a standing ovation!** I am also confident that more pediatric philanthropic activities from the other six chapters who did not report to me will come to light at Assembly during the chapter reports. However, it will be hard to evaluate those chapters for the Vice Satrap Awards, compared to those who did submit fully detailed philanthropy reports prior to Assembly.

As we do annually, it is again time to evaluate our options for our Province Philanthropy Project for the upcoming 2007-08 academic year. Pediatrics has been our project for the last two years, but it may be time to “re-energize” ourselves by picking a new project, but that decision is up to you and our delegates. Please find an enclosed, separate document, which outlines three possible proposals for our philanthropy projects. Everyone is welcome to bring up additional ideas for the project during our discussion on this in the “New Business” section of the meeting, and presentations of any proposals are welcome. During the discussion in “New Business”, I will be asking the entire Assembly for their input and eventually a motion for a vote on our next philanthropic project. Please come ready to discuss this, as your feedback will be essential.

My other activities as Vice Satrap during this past year included being invited to participate in a chapter visit to Beta Lambda at the University of Toledo last November. I felt the meeting was highly constructive, as Grand Ritualist Andrew Frasco and myself had an opportunity to sit down and have an in-depth conversation with the chapter, its officers, and their G.C.D. We were able to answer many questions and some offer advice, and they were highly responsive. The meeting was very positive, and I certainly would like to thank Eric Geyer, Dr. Steven Peseckis, and the entire Beta Lambda Chapter for their hospitality and their dedication to their chapter and fraternity.

Finally, no discussion of the past year would be complete without mentioning my unforeseen appointment as the International Webmaster of Kappa Psi early last fall. That appointment severely impacted numerous areas of my life, not the least of which was my duties as Vice Satrap. The amount of inherited problems that I continue to address on a daily basis and have had to address over the last nine months have been overwhelming. I do regret that I was unable to spend more time in my role as Vice Satrap, which is why I will not be seeking election to any new office at this meeting. A great amount of progress has been made with our international website. The following is a short list of the improvements:

Overhauled the appearance of the entire website, created an easier-to-use website log-in password system for the website which protects information from spammers, added two new website databases to more reliably store and organize contact information and content and which allows multiple people to administer and edit the online content on the website, added a new and functioning chat room, re-added the deleted message board, improved all the online submission forms, overhauled all the PDF versions of the various forms, set up subdomains for every chapter which point to the chapter’s website if one exists, enabled a system-wide spam filter on the KY e-mail system to greatly reduce the spam in the all the KY e-mail accounts, created a new user-friendly log-in page for the chapter e-mail accounts which greatly reduces the likelihood of inputting the wrong username and significantly improves access to the accounts, addressed the numerous national e-mail mailing list delivery problems by creating a new “International Group” on Google Groups and eliminating the old problematic mailing list, moved the website from our lousy overseas website hosting provider to a much more reliable hosting provider with 100-times

more server space at one-third of the cost, and acquired the kappapsi.org domain name for the fraternity from another greek organization which previously owned it.

I strongly, strongly, strongly encourage every Chapter to take the completion of a proxy form to our Province very seriously. If our Province has a repeat attendance performance of two years ago in Pittsburgh and our chapters do not proxy our votes, not only is there a great chance you will no longer have a grand officer from this Province, but there is a reasonable possibility that the improvements of the last nine months will be replaced with our previous website, given the current climate that I know exists. Rather than leaving early for lunch on Saturday and accidentally missing the notary public we have available for you, **please take a moment instead to complete a proxy form while a notary is easily available.** It will only take effect if your chapter does not attend the 53rd G.C.C. in Boston this August. **If you do attend, the proxy is completely null and void, and you will have your own votes to cast.** Completing a proxy simply ensures that your chapter has some representation in your absence, and I am asking you to please take the time to do so.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Assembly!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Burkin', written in a cursive style.

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