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2016-2017 Financial Report

(Category)	(Dollars)	(Percent)
INCOME		
Initiation fees	29,950.00	96.88
Dialogue subscriptions	150.65	0.48
NAC dues	130.00	0.42
Charter fees	500.00	1.62
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	186,417.26	(not included)
Other income	186.00	0.60
Total	217,333.91	100.00
EXPENSES		
Supplies	606.29	2.47
Printing costs	1,230.99	5.02
Postage	2,519.22	10.28
Dialogue printing	18,735.84	76.41
ACHS dues/expenses	789.99	3.22
Website	192.00	0.78
Other expenses	447.00	1.82
Total	24,521.33	100.00

Retained Earnings \$ 192,812.58

We still have no paid staff or employees; all Phi Sigma Tau work is done by volunteers, though as the Society continues to grow, that work continues to increase. We expect that we will need to hire some help in the future, but for now, all work remains voluntary. That means that all income is devoted to Society business. The major expense continues to be our journal, and since we printed three issues last year, that expense is the largest we have ever had. Members of the Executive Council continue to support a print journal (rather than an on-line one), even though that expense is our biggest item and has been so for years. The amounts spent on supplies, postage, and (non-journal) printing constituted about 18% of our expenses for last year, and this is money spent for paper, envelopes, printing, postage, and other supplies. We continue to send an introductory packet to each new member (through the advisors) that contains a certificate, an introductory letter from our President, Lee Rice, and an invitation to join the National Alumni Chapter upon graduation. Though much of our work is done on-line and by email, a number of things still require regular mailing.

The **Annual Report for 2016-17** contains more detailed accountings of income, expenses, chapter activities, and PST projects. Any National Alumni Chapter member who would like to receive the report (available as an Adobe Acrobat email attachment) should contact the Executive Secretary.

Yours cordially,
 David E. Gibson
 Executive Secretary
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News of the Society

Enrollment in Phi Sigma Tau was down a bit during the last school year. Though we fell below 1200 new members for the year for the first time in a couple of years, we did so only slightly (1198). Through the past several years, we have averaged about 1225 new members each year. In addition, we have added between five and seven chapters in recent years, though last year we revoked the charters of eight chapters that had been inactive for several years. Currently, we have 251 chapters that are either active or inactive, and we added a chapter at Southern Utah University this year. We have several inquiries from schools about chapters, so we will likely charter several more chapters this year.

Dr. Lee Rice, the former Executive Secretary of Phi Sigma Tau, is working with Micheal Clark on the Lyceum project, a program designed to introduce high school students to philosophy. We have sent information about the project to chapter advisors and hope that several of our chapters will choose to participate in the program. The advisor at our new chapter at Southern Utah has been involved with the Lyceum project for several years and is a strong advocate of the program. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please email the National Office, and a Lyceum Manual can be sent to you by return email.

I am including a copy of our September 2017 Newsletter and a copy of the Bulletin with your copy of our October issue of *Dialogue*. The Newsletter contains information about chapter activity in the Spring of 2017 as well as copies of some letters from the early days of Phi Sigma Tau. In fact, the last several Newsletters have contained materials from our somewhat limited archives about the choice of symbols for our Phi Sigma Tau key.

The new version of the *PST Manual* is available in Adobe format. The Adobe version now contains information which is up to date, as well as all printed forms, memos, history, chapter lists, an earlier copy of the Alumni Bulletin, and a newsletter. NAC members who wish to receive the PST Manual as an email attachment should drop me a brief email message ("send Manual" is fine).

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NAC Membership

Membership in the National Alumni Chapter continues to be five dollars per year for hard copy of Newsletters, the journal, and the Alumni Bulletin; we have no plans to increase that charge. However, members are also given the option of renewing **at no charge** for email delivery of material. We do plan to continue sending hard copies for the first year of membership in the National Alumni Chapter, and we will be happy to continue with hard copies for those who prefer that.

We will be able to contact you by email if you have given us your email address. However, we do not know when you move or change email addresses. Please let us know if your street address or email address changes so that we can update the PST files. We would like to be able to keep in contact with you. If you need to change an address, please feel free to contact us by email.

Email addresses for members who make them available are taken from both NAC renewal and registration forms. If you neglected to provide an email address [or registered using an earlier registration form which did not contain a space for email information] and would like to be on the NAC email distribution list, you need only drop me a message [david.gibson@pepperdine.edu] from your email account with the Subject Line: "ADD TO NAC EMAIL." **The NAC membership database (including email listings) is not given or sold to any other organization (educational or commercial).**

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DIALOGUE

This issue of *Dialogue* is the first of our 60th volume. Since Dr. Steve Barbone took over as editor several years ago, we have expanded the journal significantly. The expansion has allowed us to move to a perfect binding (as opposed to our previous stapled format that limited us to 72 pages in an issue). During the past several years, we have been able to print on average eleven articles in each issue as well as some book reviews. This issue is the first to contain images, though we are continuing to print in a black and white format only.

We hope that you enjoy the enclosed issue. Though Dr. Barbone has guided us through the expansion, members of Phi Sigma Tau and other students interested in philosophy are essential to the continued success of our journal. Many thanks to those who are interested enough in philosophy to support us through their hard work, talent, and submissions.

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From James E. Hamman, DDS

Dear Dr. Feezell and Dr. Brown: I fondly recall the influence you both had on my intellectual development circa 1990. I have recently reconnected with Phi Sigma Tau and remember your collective influence on my perspective and daily life for the past 27 years. I cannot express how grateful I am for your collective influence on my intellectual life. I appreciate your magnificent mentoring. You taught me to hone my perspective while not relinquishing my responsibility to use my mind to discern. I applaud you both for the influence you have had on my life. I am in your debt for helping me truly use my mind to discern truth and suss out knowledge. I pray this communication finds both of you well.

Dr. Feezell, I am a pescetarian, and I distinctly remember the stack of styrofoam cups you collected as you enjoyed a pancake breakfast.

Over the years, I have adopted your perspective and appreciate your influence on my dietary considerations. You are a fantastic professor, and I cannot thank you enough for what your efforts mean to me.

Dr. Brown, your Metaphysics class and Parmenides' metaphysics have forever kindled my desire to seek ultimate truths. Please know that I cherish your assistance, guidance, and perspective. You and Dr. Feezell excel in facilitating the ability of students to discern.

Warmest Regards,

James E. Hamman, DDS
Creighton University, 1990

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From the Executive Secretary

Dr. James Hamann has been kind enough to share some of his memories of two favorite professors who had an important impact on his life. From time to time, I would like to include a section in our Alumni Bulletin for members of the Alumni Chapter (and others) to recall some of their experiences in Phi Sigma Tau, recollections of favorite professors, and also descriptions of what they have done since they graduated. If you have some stories or reflections you would be willing for me to publish in our Bulletin, please send them to me. Currently, the Alumni Bulletin is a once per year publication, but I would be happy to make it a twice per year publication if some NAC members would like to send me material for a second issue.

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