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News of the Society

Well, another trying year for faculty, students, and Phi Sigma Tau. We continue to be plagued by the plague, though a number of students and advisors managed to still be involved with the society, with philosophy, and with other work. Information about the finances of Phi Sigma Tau is sketched in the August Newsletter which is included with your journal. Also included is the November Newsletter and an Alumni Bulletin.

Phi Sigma Tau continues to be financially secure. Though we operated at a deficit in the 2019-2020 school year, so far as I know, that year was the only one where we had a deficit. Income covered expenses with a bit of surplus in the 2020-2021 year and again did so in the 2021-2022 school year. And we have the funds to continue publishing our journal, our major project during the year. This year welcomed the 65th volume of *Dialogue*.

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NAC Membership

Membership in the National Alumni Chapter continues to be five dollars per year; we have no plans to increase that. Members will receive *Dialogue* for one year as well as Newsletters and the yearly NAC Bulletin. However, we do also offer an email membership in the Chapter at no charge. You will still receive copies of the journal, the Newsletters, and the Alumni Bulletin, but this will be by email attachment. If you wish to continue with an email membership, please let me know.

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

Our "October" issue of *Dialogue* is very late because of problems with the printing. Covid as well as other problems affected the publisher. So, an issue that was to come out in October (November at the latest) is only being distributed in January. I hope that our April issue will be published in April, but we are still at the mercy of weather, Covid, and other problems. Nevertheless, this issue is finally out, and I hope you will find the articles interesting, insightful, and stimulating. Perhaps one of the

articles will provide you with the occasion to respond or prepare your own article.

Our new issue begins the 65th volume of *Dialogue*. Since the journal is for student publication only, we do depend upon students who are willing to share their work and provide thoughtful papers and essays. It is not necessary for you to be a current student; we still consider those who have not completed a Ph.D. qualified to submit work to *Dialogue*. In general we are able to publish approximately 20 papers each year. Congratulations to those having their work published! And thanks to all who devote time to the preparation of papers. We also owe a debt of thanks to advisors who assist and encourage students to submit work to Dr. Steve Barbone (sbarbone@sdsu.edu). And special thanks to Dr. Barbone, our editor, for all he does to prepare each issue for publication.

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From the Executive Secretary

This school year, Dr. Lee C. Rice resigned from the presidency of Phi Sigma Tau but agreed to continue as Vice President of the society. I doubt that any of you became members of Phi Sigma Tau before Dr. Rice began his work with Phi Sigma Tau. Dr. Rice was Executive Secretary for many years (more than 30, I believe) and continued his work with the society as an Area Council Representative and for a number of years as President. Many thanks to Dr. Rice who has been the heart of Phi Sigma Tau for a very long time. He has graciously and conscientiously advised me in my attempt to provide continuity. I became Executive Secretary in 2005, and Dr. Rice often answered questions several times a day in my early years. His expertise with computers was invaluable, and he is responsible for much of the software that I use in my work.

From time to time, we have had a section of the Bulletin reserved for Alumni Chapter members to reminisce about their experiences with philosophy. However, in order to do this,

Alumni members need to send me information about their experiences. Some of those experiences may be memories of long ago classes or of professors who have had a great influence upon your thinking or life. In some cases, you may recall a time when your study of philosophy had an impact on your career. We would love to hear from you about your experiences. If you have some memories you would be willing to share with other Alumni members, please write them down and send them to the Executive Secretary (gibson@pepperdine.edu).

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