



# Phi Sigma Tau National Alumni Chapter



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## 2017-2018 Financial Report

(Category)	(Dollars)	(Percent)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Initiation fees	30,325.00	97.50
Dialogue subscriptions	122.50	0.39
NAC dues	130.00	0.42
Charter fees	500.00	1.61
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	192,812.58	(not included)
Other income	25.00	0.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>223,915.08</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Supplies	615.80	2.97
Printing costs	989.50	4.76
Postage	2,383.23	11.47
Dialogue printing	15,220.68	73.27
ACHS dues/expenses	930.00	4.47
Website	402.00	1.94
Other expenses	231.00	1.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,772.21</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Retained Earnings      \$ 203,142.87**

Though we continue to be an all volunteer society, we are looking for new volunteers; the next few years will be crucial for Phi Sigma Tau. As our Society has continued to grow, the work has also increased. In addition, several members of the Executive Council are now well past the usual retirement age, and we need to consider a transition to younger National Officers. Particularly, we are looking to replace the President, Dr. Lee Rice, and the Executive Secretary, Dr. David Gibson. Dr. Rice has been associated with Phi Sigma Tau for more than 40 years, and Dr. Gibson has been Executive Secretary for fourteen years. We are considering several options for our future, sharing resources with Theta Alpha Kappa (the Religious Studies Honor Society), adding Adjunct Executive

Council members who can share some of the work, and outsourcing some of the Society's work. No decisions have been made about these options, but we are exploring them.

The **Annual Report for 2017-18** 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,  
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## News of the Society

Though our enrollment dropped off a bit the year before last, it has bounced back, and we continue to average a bit over 1200 new members each year. So far this year, we have chartered one new chapter, a chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin. We have also revoked two chapters, one at Northwest Missouri State University where the philosophy program was dropped, and one at Rhodes College for lack of a faculty member who could serve as advisor. We now have 255 chapters, though a number of those chapters are inactive. Normally, we charter about five new chapters each year, and we need to revoke several chapters that have been inactive for a number of years.

I am including a copy of our August and November 2018 Newsletters and a copy of the Bulletin with your copy of our October issue of *Dialogue*. The August Newsletter contains information about chapter activity in the Spring of 2018. For several earlier issues of the Newsletter, I had included transcripts of letters from the early days of Phi Sigma Tau. Unfortunately, our archives are very limited, and I have just about exhausted all of that material.

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 61st volume. We hope that you enjoy the enclosed issue. 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 the Executive Secretary

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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