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Alpha Phi Foundation Announces 2014-16 Board of Directors

Directors to be installed at Alpha Phi International Fraternity's 70th Biennial Convention

Evanston, IL – May 28, 2014 – Alpha Phi Foundation, an international nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance women's lives through the power of philanthropy, recently completed the biennial nominations process to elect its Board Directors and Officers. Per the Foundation's bylaws, a nominations commission was appointed to recommend a slate of Directors and Officers. The commission was chaired by Jenny Holsman Tetreault (Gamma Pi-Arizona State) with committee members Colleen Sirhal (Theta-Michigan), Laura Jen Kin Berger (Gamma Kappa-CSU/Long Beach) and Ann Brinkman Carstensen (Zeta Delta-Iowa State). The commission's recommended slate was approved by the current Board of Directors during its March meeting.

Alpha Phi Foundation is pleased to announce the 2014–16 elected Directors and Officers, whose two-year term will begin July 1, 2014.

Officers

Chair, Diane Spry Straker (Delta Alpha-East Carolina)

Vice Chair, Mary Beth Cooleen Tully (Epsilon Psi-Lehigh)

Treasurer, Judy Ethell (Zeta Alpha-Eastern Illinois)

Secretary, Colleen Sirhal (Theta-Michigan)

Directors

Gretchen Alarcon (Kappa-Stanford)

Kim Brannon (Gamma Rho-Penn State)

Jean Creamer Hodges (Rho-Ohio State)

Karen McChesney Howe (Gamma Sigma-Wisconsin/Stout)

Nancy Trillo (Beta Delta-UCLA)

The International President also serves on the Alpha Phi Foundation Board of Directors as an ex-officio member. This individual will be announced at Convention 2014. Of the elected directors, six are returning to board service and three are new.

Kim Brannon is currently a Director in Raytheon's Global Business Services Strategic Initiative and Planning organization. She is a seasoned leader with over 20 years of related experience in information systems. Kim holds a master's degree in business from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Penn State University. She has held a variety of volunteer roles within Alpha Phi, including the Alumnae Strategy Team, Committee on Leadership, Government Relations Committee and Team Tartan.

Gretchen Alarcon is Vice President, Human Capital Management (HCM) Strategy at Oracle, where she leads the strategy team responsible for Oracle HCM Cloud applications. Gretchen has an MBA from the University of Michigan, and a BA in American Studies from Stanford University. Gretchen volunteers with the Los Gatos schools, and is co-chapter advisor for Alpha Phi's Kappa chapter at Stanford.

Nancy Trillo is a retired finance executive with 35 years of experience. Prior to her retirement, Nancy was Vice President, Enterprise Finance, Controller and Treasurer for Freedom Communications, a national privately owned diversified media company. Nancy holds an MBA in accounting and BS degree in Kinesiology from UCLA.

"These appointments enhance our Board expertise in key areas, including finance, human resources and strategic planning," said Ann Brinkman Carstensen, executive director. "Our mission and our impact are sure to grow with the diverse perspectives and experience these talented and accomplished women bring to the table."

Two retirements occurring at the end of the 2012-14 biennium were also announced: Jenny Holsman Tetreault (Gamma Pi-Arizona State) and Darcel Atwill Weller (Gamma Iota-Texas Tech). Alpha Phi Foundation expresses its gratitude for the many contributions and dedicated service of these women.

For more information about Alpha Phi Foundation, please visit www.alphaphifoundation.org.

Founded in 1956, Alpha Phi Foundation is an international nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance women's lives through the power of philanthropy. The Foundation is the philanthropic and educational partner of Alpha Phi International Fraternity. Through contributions from chapters, individuals and corporations, the Foundation funds merit- and need-based scholarships, leadership development and training, crisis aid for members in need, research and education to improve women's heart health, and other charitable and educational projects.

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