

Alpha Iota Delta—Decision Sciences Honorary

AS THE INCOMING PRESIDENT of Alpha Iota Delta, I would like to provide you with a brief overview of our organization and explain how you can get involved in it in the coming year.

Our brochure states the purposes and the activities of the organization as follows:

Alpha Iota Delta was founded in 1971 to confer distinction for academic excellence in the decision sciences, promote the infusion of the functional and behavioral areas of administration with tools, concepts and methodologies of the decision sciences and to promote professional fellowship among students, faculty and administration.

Membership in the honor society represents recognition of achievement and brings prestige to its members.

Membership in Alpha Iota Delta is a symbol that employers will appreciate when they recruit for careers in business, industry, government and education.

Alpha Iota Delta membership is open to both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as to honorary inductees.

Participation in Alpha Iota Delta

You can participate in the activities of Alpha Iota Delta through one or more of the following ways:

1. You can establish a new chapter or reactivate an existing chapter. If you are interested in sponsoring a chapter at your institution, please contact Shirley G. Groves at the home office and ask for a copy of our handbook, *Starting and Operating a Chapter of the Decision Sciences Honorary*.

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The process of starting a chapter is fairly simple and will not take up too much of your time. Once you have set up the member selection process and the procedure for the induction ceremony, the time spent managing the activities of the chapter is minimal.

2. To obtain additional information about Alpha Iota Delta or if you are interested in serving as a national officer, you can attend the annual business meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute in Orlando. The business meeting will take place from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm on November 19, 2000, in the Emerald Suite 20454 on the fourth floor of the Orlando World Center Marriott. If you are currently serving as a chapter sponsor, please plan on attending the annual business meeting this fall in Orlando.

3. You can also volunteer to serve on the Alpha Iota Delta Liaison Committee (a standing committee of the Decision Sciences Institute). If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please feel welcome to contact me for further information on committee tasks and responsibilities. The members of the committee are appointed for a two-year term by the president of DSI.

Brief Summary of Recent Activities

1. We are pleased to report that Alpha Iota Delta is now a co-sponsor of the Decision Sciences Institute's annual Instructional Innovation Award. At this past year's annual meeting in New Orleans, the twenty-first annual award was presented to Professors Harvey Brightman and Robert Elrod of Georgia State University for their submission, "From Worst to First: An Innovative EMBA (and MBA) Decision Science Course." We salute Professors Brightman and Elrod, and are grateful for Prentice Hall's support of this important symbol of Alpha Iota Delta's commitment to instructional innovation. We look forward to extending our sponsorship of such awards to all regions of the Institute in the coming years.
2. Joseph L. Katz of the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University is now serving as the executive director of Alpha Iota Delta. Professor Katz succeeds Bikram Garcha who completed his service in this position in 1999. On behalf of all those associated with Alpha Iota Delta, I thank Professor Garcha for all of his efforts to enhance the the organization.

3. Our web site is now complete. Please visit our site at the following URL:

<http://dsc.gsu.edu/alphaiotadelta/>

You can also access our site from the link on the DSI home page (<http://www.decisionsciences.edu>). We are continually trying to improve the site, so please feel most welcome to send any suggestions for enhancing it to Shirley Groves (at the address provided above) or myself.

Conclusion

In closing, I look forward to serving as president of Alpha Iota Delta and as a continuing member of the Alpha Iota Delta Liaison Committee this year. As I commence my duties as president this year, I would like to recognize and publicly thank Professor Ceyhun Ozgur of Valparaiso University for his tireless efforts on behalf of Alpha Iota Delta through his service as president and in numerous other roles over the past ten years. Ceyhun has brought a tremendous amount of energy and commitment to this organization and we have benefited greatly from his excellent leadership and dedication.

Moreover, I would like to express my gratitude to Carol Latta, executive director of the Decision Sciences Institute; Bikram Garcha, former executive director of Alpha Iota Delta; Joseph Katz, current executive director of Alpha Iota Delta; and Shirley Groves, administrative assistant for Alpha Iota Delta. We greatly appreciate the support these individuals have given to our organization past and present.

Finally, please contact me or one of my colleagues to learn more about Alpha Iota Delta. This is a fine organization that seeks to honor the finest students and prospective teacher-scholars in our field. We owe it to our students and to our profession to nurture Alpha Iota Delta and expand the level of participation in the organization in the years to come. ■

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