

## 2010 Board of Directors Election Information

Chapters will have the opportunity to vote in the 2010 Society election and to place their vote from February 8, 2010–March 23, 2010. Chapters should hold a meeting to determine the nominee(s) for whom the chapter will cast its vote.

Chapters then need to log onto the Psi Chi website at <http://www.psichi.org/ChapterAdmin/Vote.aspx> using the chapter username and password. Once logged onto the site, the chapter will have the opportunity to enter a vote for one candidate for President-Elect of the Psi Chi Board of Directors. Chapters in the Midwestern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Region will have the opportunity to vote for a Regional Vice-President as well. Candidate position statements are located below.

If a chapter is in need of the username or password information, the faculty advisor may contact the Psi Chi Central Office. This information can only be emailed to a faculty advisor or coadvisor of record for the chapter.

Each chapter's vote is important as it determines the leadership of Psi Chi and thus Psi Chi policy. Any questions about this process should be directed to Melissa Strickland at the Psi Chi Central Office at +1 (423) 756-2044 x14.

### President-Elect

#### **Susan Amato-Henderson, PhD**

I would be honored to serve Psi Chi as President-Elect, and I am committed to Psi Chi's support of leadership, scholarship, and service activities at the local and regional levels. In addition, I would work to re-evaluate the needs of members given the impact of the economy on both educational and employment opportunities. For example, the skills that students of psychology can bring to the workplace are not known to those outside of traditional psychology backgrounds, thus students often find themselves in the position of having to educate potential employers regarding their suitability for employment. I believe that Psi Chi can serve a role in this educational process through the development of internship opportunities with corporations outside of mainstream psychology, by developing resources for members to use in educating others regarding their skills, and by working with chapters to develop or enhance their relationships with potential employers.

#### **Richard Kasschau, PhD**

As President, I will work to assure Psi Chi prospers as a large, well-run, well-respected international honor society. There are many opportunities to support our continued improvement. Endowment: In difficult financial times, we must have broad expertise guiding our investments. I will work to increase Psi Chi's ability to give away all the awards and scholarships generated by our endowment. Communication: I will work to establish a national 800 number to aid communication both ways between our Central Office and each local chapter. I will seek to publicize details of additional special projects, including food drives, cohort- and precollege-mentoring, and student/Psi Chi advisor exchanges. Leadership: The time from demonstrated high ability to honor society member to officer is long, but so brief. I will work to find ways to identify brilliance earlier. I seek your input for improving the value of Psi Chi to its 500,000-plus members, including you.

### Midwestern Regional Vice-President

#### **Timothy E. Kieltzow, PhD**

Each Psi Chi chapter celebrates and recognizes student excellence, both academic and scholarly. Under this broad umbrella, the vitality of each chapter depends upon its ability to support three key pillars: professional development, service to the community, and fund-raising. A successful chapter has the power to advance student engagement and transform departmental culture. Yet, chapters face different challenges and frequently require different strategies for success. One of my central goals will be to establish chapter networks across three primary academic domains: Predominantly commuter campuses serving a large number of non-traditional students; small to medium-sized liberal arts colleges and universities; large, Research I institutions. I believe that best practices will more easily translate across these domains, that criteria for success will be made easier to define and recognize, and that each chapter will gain access to a tangible path leading to the realization of its fullest potential.

#### **Daniel Corts, PhD**

My primary goal stems from the 2009 Psi Chi National Leadership Conference. I hope to bring the national discussion to the Midwest to explore what our chapters can do to foster leadership. Psychology students have skills and interests that provide unique opportunities for service projects in their communities, so how can we promote and reward leadership at the regional level? Second, I would like to work with Midwestern chapters to ensure we are getting the most out of our time at MPA. Do we need a greater variety of programs related to research, careers, and graduate school? And is the current array of graduate and career-related programs effective? If elected, I will engage chapter leaders to help answer these questions and to develop other important issues facing our members.

## **Southeastern Regional Vice-President**

### **Maria J. Lavooy, PhD**

I became a member of Psi Chi during my undergraduate years. This marked the beginning of what continues to be a most gratifying affiliation with an outstanding organization. With 20 years of experience as an installation officer and advisor, I was invited to serve as a member of the Southeastern Regional Vice-President's steering committee. After 3 years in that capacity, I was nominated and elected to serve as your Southeastern Regional Vice-President. While in these positions, I have tried to give back to Psi Chi, and its members, some of what they have given me over the years. If elected to a second term, I will continue to work hard to facilitate and expand opportunities, at all levels, for all members. I am familiar with the processes and, with an excellent working relationship with SEPA, will continue to organize programming at the annual meetings to meet your needs. I welcome the opportunity to further serve you, the Psi Chi members of the Southeastern Region, and to help the organization realize its mission.

### **Merry Sleigh, PhD**

Psi Chi has provided me with incredible educational and professional opportunities, for which I have a deep appreciation of and loyalty to our honor society. Across years and institutions, I have tried to actively support Psi Chi and its members through every avenue available. I have enjoyed serving as a faculty advisor for 12 years, and now, I am seeking new ways to serve our members and the field. The Vice-President position would allow me to continue working hard on behalf of Psi Chi, with an even broader focus and potentially greater impact. I have strong organizational skills, a clear idea of the VP responsibilities, a willingness to accept challenges, and a passion for our organization. I would be honored to have this opportunity to encourage our members, help regional chapters set and attain goals, support the Central Office, and learn from my colleagues at all levels of the organization.

## **Southwestern Regional Vice President**

### **Randall E. Osborne, PhD**

The reader will note that my position statement has changed very little since I ran for my first term as Regional Vice-President. There is a very good reason for this—I meant every word I said and I still do. I have always believed that being a member of Psi Chi should be perceived as a lifelong commitment to the ideals of excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship. As a student, this meant going beyond the expectations of the classroom and devoting time to serving others and scholarly inquiry. My position is one of empowerment, communication, active listening, and follow-through. As Vice-President for the Southwestern region, I have worked: (1) to empower all chapters to add their voice to Psi Chi's future; (2) to communicate those voices forward to the national level; (3) to actively listen, without employing my own biases and filters, to what these chapters have to say and offer; and (4) to follow through on those communications so that the flow of information truly moves both ways. In terms of regional programming, I have added workshops in diversity, building bridges sessions with Psi Beta and Psi Chi, leadership and chapter vitality sessions, and brought students from various chapters in the region together to host our hospitality room. I believe these efforts illustrate my commitment and follow-through on the points just outlined. Lastly, I believe students you ask—who attended the 2009 National Leadership Conference, who have contacted me via e-mail, or for whom I have travelled and conducted their chapter inductions—will tell you that I have fulfilled the points outlined above. If I am elected to a second term, I plan to continue those efforts and expand my outreach.