

Hello Phi Rho Pi friends,

As my last duty as president, it is my pleasure to announce your new PRP officers effective immediately?

Article 1c4 of our constitution states:

Where there are multiple candidates for any office, a secret ballot election will be held. A winning candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast.

It is my reading of the constitution that there is no need to send out a ballot. I believe according to our constitution we have our new national officers.

Congratulations to:

Wade Hescht- President

Paul Cummins- Comptroller

John Nash- Secretary

For the past 14 years, it has been my pleasure to serve on the PRP board. This work has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. This organization means the world to me. As I look back, I think about the hundreds of students I've taken to this tournament over the last 24 years. Many of them tell me that their week at nationals was the best week of their lives. I feel the same way.

Thank you for trusting in me. I've always tried to let the development of our students guide my decision-making. I know that your new officers share in that philosophy. I leave the board with great confidence that this organization is in good hands. Wade, Paul, and John are not just amazing colleagues, I include them among my best friends.

I don't plan to go anywhere. I'll see you all at tournaments and nationals. I hope to continue serving the organization wherever I can. I will always take my role as "past president" very seriously. I look forward to working with all of you.

Below is a note from our outgoing Comptroller Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi

Stay Healthy.

Jeff Przybylo

Past President- Phi Rho Pi

Dear Colleagues,

It has been an honor to serve as a Phi Rho Pi Officer since 1996. I arrived to Phi Rho Pi as an 18 year-old freshman from Moorpark College and leave having served as a

Tournament Host as well as Vice President of Association, President, and Comptroller. Together we have celebrated our students, formed life-long friendships, and along the way, mourned the loss of both colleagues and students. Promoting inclusion and innovation have been at the forefront of my goals as an officer. As my time with the organization closes, I leave you with two challenges.

Challenge One: Run for a Phi Rho Pi Office. Our Executive Board must reflect the rich diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences of its membership. As a student attending my first Nationals, I watched strong women lead Phi Rho Pi, and that gave me the courage to run for office. As an organization, we must continue to strive to create a welcoming atmosphere with a strong sense of belonging for everyone.

Challenge Two: Be agile and innovate. The pandemic has impacted the activity that we have selflessly dedicated our careers. The following 18 months will be the most difficult. Administrations will err on the side of caution by limiting travel. With the sudden change in the economy, budgets will be cut. It's okay. Phi Rho Pi has survived for decades. Virtual tournaments? Yes. New events? Yes. New awards? Yes. Adapting to a new world of forensics will allow Phi Rho Pi to continue to serve the community college student of the future.

The rest are always gold!

With much love and gratitude,
Cynthia
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