



ALPHA KAPPA DELTA NEWS  
WINTER 2015



*Greetings from the Executive Office!*

The Executive Office sends this bi-annual newsletter to keep you informed of current AKD news, programs, and policies. We will continue to send out detailed newsletters to you more frequently via e-mail (please check your spam folder to make sure our important news reaches you). Remember, you may always find all of the information in our newsletters online at [www.alphakappadelta.org](http://www.alphakappadelta.org).

*2015 Renewals*

According to AKD's Bylaws, all Chapter Representatives must be Voting members of the Society. Be sure to complete the "*AKD Voting Membership Renewal Form*" (located on our website). The fee is \$40. Please note, our office cannot process any orders without this renewal for the 2015 year. Renewals run on a calendar year and are due in January; however, feel free to send your renewal during the fall to ensure you will be active for the 2015 year and so your membership and/or merchandise orders will not be delayed. Contact our office should you have any questions.

*Funding Changes*

Due to the continued increase in the amount of funding requests the past few years, Council has approved new funding requirements for the 2014-2015 year.

**\* Student and Chapter Representative Travel**

- Meals will be subject to a maximum reimbursement consistent with Council reimbursement rates (itemized receipts are required for reimbursement):  
Breakfast: \$14/Lunch: \$18/Dinner: \$26

**\* Symposium Funding**

- New application and name: Sociological Research Symposium Grant

A list of all our funding programs with eligibility requirements and guidelines is on our website. Let us know if you have any questions.

*2015 AKD Teaching & Learning Workshops*

Join colleagues interested in teaching pedagogy, practical application, and the scholarship of teaching and learning in a workshop designed to expose the inner workings of course design, student engagement, meaningful learning, and effective assessment. The workshop will include several roundtable discussions and time will be allocated for networking with colleagues interested in sharing ideas, gaining support, and building collaboration. This workshop will benefit those working within a range of settings, including early career faculty and graduate students.

**Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting**

Kansas City, MO | March 26 & 27, 2015 (2 half-day sessions)

**Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) Annual Meeting**

Long Beach, CA | April 1, 2015 (1 half day session)

**Visit our website for more information and for available funding to attend one of these workshops!**

*Placing Orders for New Memberships and/or Merchandise*

**ACTIVE STATUS**

To place an order for new members and/or merchandise, chapters must be active. This includes:

1. The Chapter Representative has paid his/her 2015 membership dues
2. The Executive Office has the chapter's EIN IRS Confirmation Letter and SS-4 Form on file

**FORMS NEEDED**

We will need the "*AKD Order Form*" and "*AKD List of Initiates Form*" (if inducting new members). Please include the date of induction as it is printed on each certificate.

**PAYMENT**

We accept institutional checks, checks cut from chapter's bank accounts, money orders, or a single check cut from the faculty chapter representative's personal account. We cannot accept credit cards. Please do not send cash.

**MAILING AND DELIVERY**

**Membership Certificates and Cards**

These can take up to **2-4 weeks** to be processed and sent out from the time our office receives the order. Our suggestion is to send in the order **at least a month before your induction ceremony**.

**Merchandise**

This is sent directly from our office; therefore, it should arrive via USPS within 5-7 days upon receiving the order. You may pay extra for priority and express shipping—contact the office for prices.

Mark your calendar!

## 2014-2015 Deadlines

### JANUARY—CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE RENEWALS DUE FOR 2015 YEAR

Other options: You may send this in with your student membership order.

### JANUARY 31—WINTER FUNDING DEADLINE (ESS TRAVEL GRANTS DUE BY THIS DATE)

(Travel Grant applications for other regional meetings are due by February 28)

(Student & Chapter Rep. Travel Grant, Speaker Grant, Symposium)

### FEBRUARY 28—FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FOR AKD T&L WORKSHOP AT MSS & PSA MEETING DUE

Reimbursement up to \$500 for each workshop will be awarded to five applicants to help offset travel expenses

### FEBRUARY 28—SPRING FUNDING DEADLINE (Student & Chapter Rep. Travel Grant, Speaker Grant, Symposium)

### MARCH 1—STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Undergraduate and graduate AKD members are encouraged to submit their papers for a chance to win a cash prize and up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement to attend the ASA annual meeting

### MARCH 1—OFFICER ELECTION DEADLINE (ballot sent electronically)

### APRIL 1 — EMORY BOGARDUS CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE

The purpose of this program is to recognize and reward chapter achievement in fulfilling the mission of Alpha Kappa Delta. \$500 will be awarded to one chapter to support chapter development and service activities.

For more details, applications, and guidelines, visit: [www.alphakappadelta.org](http://www.alphakappadelta.org)

## ✓OTE 2015 Elections

The 2015 Officer election is underway. If you are a Voting member in regions 2, 4, or 9, you should have received an e-mail allowing you to vote for Regional Representative. *Please contact our office if you have not received a link to the election website.* Contact the office if you prefer to use a paper ballot. The deadline to cast your ballot is **Sunday March 1, 2015 at 11:59pm EST**. Vote today!

## Logo Policy

A new logo policy was put into place at the 2014 Council meeting. Policy: Chapters may use the AKD logo for Induction ceremony materials (i.e. programs) and in official communications (i.e. application materials). Chapters wishing to use the logo for other purposes must do so in good faith and receive written consent from the Executive Office. Chapters must send in a picture of the final product.

## Undergraduate and Graduate Paper Competition

Do not forget to inform your students about our annual paper competition. Students have the chance to win cash prizes, receive up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement to attend the American Sociological Association annual meeting, and be considered for publication in our journal, *Sociological Inquiry*. **Submission deadline: March 1, 2015.**

## Membership Eligibility

### Undergraduate Students

Sociology major, minor, or have serious interest in sociology; At least a junior; top 35% of class or 3.3 overall GPA; 3.0 GPA in sociology courses; completed four 3-credit sociology courses

### Graduate Students

Completed one-half year of program, GPA of 3.0 or better, maintain matriculation in sociology program



Order honor cords and lapel pins early enough so your members may proudly wear them at graduation



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