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### INTRODUCTIONS.

After running the national office of Mu Alpha Theta for twenty years, Diane Rubin retired in December, 2002. My name is Kay Weiss and I have taken over from Diane, under the direction of your Governing Council. The national office will continue to function in Norman, OK just as it did under Diane.

One of my first tasks is to streamline the process of ordering new membership certificates. While we will still accept orders for certificates by mail or FAX, you may now email your lists to me at

#### <u>matheta@ou.edu</u>.

If you have email access, type the information usually given at the top of the Certificate Order Form. Then, type the names of your new members exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate. List students in groups by year of graduation. If you send a purchase order number with your names, I will send the certificates right out. Let me know where to send the invoice. If you don't have a purchase order number, I will wait for your check before sending certificates. Remember when you send in your money, only pay for your new, full members. These members pay only once. While you

should list associate members, you do not pay for them until they become full members.

Please remember to give us two full weeks to process your order, if possible. While we usually can get orders out in two days, the lead-time is always appreciated, especially during our busiest months of April and May. If you have any questions please email me or call at (405) 325-4489.

By next fall, we hope to have an online certificate order form at our website,

www.mualphatheta.org.

Graduation Honor Cords We will be stocking honor cords for your graduates this year. One cord is sky blue and one is gold. (The colors on our certificate.) They are knotted at the neck and will sell for \$4.00 per pair.

Want to keep up with Mu Alpha Theta events and hear about what other sponsors are planning? Join the listserve for the latest information:

mualphatheta-subscribe@topica.com

April 1 is the deadline to have the names of members for 2003 in to the National Office, if they want to attend the National Convention. Sponsors, get those names

registered now!

## FEBRUARY GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING:

The Governing Council of Mu Alpha Theta met in Norman, Oklahoma on February 15. Our newest organizational sponsor, the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC), suggested the following revision to membership in two-year college chapters:

Two-year college students who were members of Mu Alpha Theta in high school are eligible for membership in their college's chapter. Students are also eligible if they have had at least one mathematics course at or above the College Algebra/Precalculus level, a 3.5 GPA overall in all two-year college mathematics courses at or above the College Algera/Precalculus level, and a 3.3 cumulative GPA in all courses.

The revision was accepted unanimously by the Council and is now in effect.

The Council is actively searching for an Editor and Associate editors for the Mathematical Log, so that publication can begin again. The Log will be available online at our website and a copy will also be sent to sponsors to Xerox for interested members. Anyone interested in helping to produce the Log should contact Kay Weiss.

We are also looking for articles of interest to publish, written by students, sponsors, or mathematicians willing to share their research or projects with us. Mu Alpha Theta will pay Registration and travel expenses to the National Convention for the Editor.

Vector Scholarship deadlines are approaching! Don't miss out on your chance for funding. See our website for details at <u>www.mualphatheta.org</u>

### 2006 CONVENTION SITE AND PLANNERS NEEDED. INTERESTED? EMAIL KAY WEISS, matheta@ou.edu

### 2003 National Convention

The 33rd Annual Mu Alpha Theta National Convention will be held at the <u>Emory Conference Center Hotel</u> in Atlanta, Georgia. Students at the convention will participate in numerous <u>mathematical</u> <u>events</u>, listen to speakers, and enjoy several excursions. Check out the <u>schedule</u> and get more details from the <u>Convention Packet</u>\*. Those Chapters which have not attended the National Convention in recent years can apply for a chance to <u>send a student and</u> <u>sponsor to the convention for free</u>. (The deadline for these grants has been extended to April 1!)

Sponsors, do we have your email address? Please email us, so we can add it to our database! Thanks.