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# PRESS RELEASE

## New Members Elected to National Council

Searcy, Ark.—Affirming their commitment to shared governance, Alpha Chi delegates elected one new regional secretary-treasurer, two new faculty members, and four new student representatives to join the National Council, at its national convention April 6-8, in Louisville, Kentucky. The National Council, Alpha Chi's chief governing body, is a 22-member governing body composed of 15 faculty members and seven students.

Generally, the faculty, who also serve as sponsors of local chapters, complete four-year terms, and the students are elected to two-year terms. They work via committees year-round and culminate the work year in a national board meeting held during the society's annual national convention.

Ana Yanes-Garcia, a student at Texas State University, was elected by Region I delegates to represent its student members on the National Council until 2019. Convention delegates elected two from Shorter University in Georgia: Dr. Kathi Vosevich, associate provost and chapter sponsor, to serve as faculty member-at-large, and Kayla Avery was elected by Region III to serve as its student representative.

Dr. David Jones of Westminster College in Missouri, currently serving as National Council president, was re-elected to serve at-large for another four years. Elliot Collins, a student from West Liberty University in West Virginia, will serve as the new student representative for Region V.

Dr. Agashi Nwogbaga, professor of mathematics and primary chapter sponsor of Alpha Chi at Wesley College in Delaware will begin his first four-year term as member-at-large to the National Council, and Dr. Bonita Cade of Roger Williams University in Rhode Island was re-elected to serve her second at-large term on the Council.

Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley, professor of philosophy and religious studies at California State University, Bakersfield, was elected by Region VII to fill its vacant secretary-treasurer position until 2019. Zach Merhavy of Grand Canyon University in Arizona will represent the students for Region VII for a two-year term.

The National Council's executive committee (David Jones, Bill Clemente, Lori Mills) will join Executive Director Trisha Yarbrough and Lara Noah, director of operations, for its annual summer meeting to be held this July 21-23 in Portland, OR, the site of the 2018 national convention.

Alpha Chi, inducting 11,000 students annually on some 300 campuses, invites the top ten percent of juniors, seniors, and graduate students to membership. The society partners with member campuses in support of academic excellence, student scholarship, and civic engagement.

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