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Corporation Board President's Farewell Address

As you can probably guess from the title on this article, this will be my last note to you as the President of the Iowa Acacians Corporation Board. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving our great organization for the last nine years, seven of them as president. In addition to the privilege of being the Corporation Board President, I also got to help found the EIAAA

and serve as its President for five years.

In the time since our Undergraduate Chapter was voluntarily closed at the University of Iowa our alumni support has grown by leaps and bounds and it has been heartwarming to see. Our Corporation Board has grown from one man doing the job alone to a collective of 10-20 committed and consistent members working together as a team. The EIAAA was established, and has carried out the mission of consistent communication and alumni interaction through these quarterly newsletters, a four year run of homecoming hog roasts, and now the Annual Acacia Alumni Golf Outing.

In August I began the Executive MBA program at the University of Iowa. The program is 4 semesters of intense training including an international trip to China for 10 days during our fourth semester. In light of the added responsibilities these courses have added to my plate and my new sales manager role at my company, for the first time since 2004 I elected not to accept a nomination for a position on either board. Both boards are in capable hands from names you all will recognize.

Brothers Jeremy Heyer (Charles City, IA), Jeremy Fortier (Indianapolis, IN), and Steven Ries (Milwaukee, WI) were re-elected to their current positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Facility Manger, respectively. Brother Patrick Hewitt (Arlington, VA) was elected as Treasurer, replacing Brother Nathan Roseberry (Chicago, IL) who has served in that role for 6 years and is also retiring from an elected position due to new job duties and the increased responsibilities that come with a 3 year old daughter. Lastly Brother Shawn Morgan (Des Moines, IA) was elected unanimously as President. You'll recognize Brother Morgan's name from his time serving on the board as our Facility Manager for 2 years before taking a 3 year hiatus to pursue his master's degree.

I am extremely confident in the direction our organization is heading. The University of Iowa and the Intrafraternity Council have given us a Fall 2015 date for re-colonization to begin. The EIAAA and Corporation board are gearing up for this expansion by trying to identify more volunteers to help fill positions that will be needed for the outstanding Cornerstones program developed by the Acacia International Council (www.acacia.org/cornerstones). We also need a variety of voices and personalities to help us develop and implement our strategic vision for the return of the chapter to the

University of Iowa, to get involved just contact any member of the EIAAA or Corporation Executive boards.

In addition to elections, the corporation board discussed our ongoing role as a landlord for the property at 202 Ellis Avenue which includes maintenance, large building projects, and strategic planning for the structure. Our newly formed investment committee was able to see the first returns from the new policies put in place over the last year which resulted in interest income in one month that exceeded all interest income for 2012 combined. Dates were set for the 2014 quarterly meetings. Those dates are January 18th, April 19th, October 25th and a summer date yet to be determined. All meetings are held via teleconference in addition to an in-person meeting that is held during the summer in conjunction with the Annual Golf Outing. If you currently are not receiving notifications of the meetings but would like to please contact the corporation board to get on this mailing list.

In closing I would like to thank Dan Wilkes, Brian White, Byron Tabor, Nate Roseberry, Jeremy Heyer, Jeremy Fortier, Steven Ries, Devin Johnson, Shawn Morgan, Mike Powell, Mike Johnson, and Pat Hewitt for serving with me these last nine years. Each position held by you made the load lighter for all of us and I'm extremely grateful for your time, effort, and energy. Special Thanks goes out to all alumni that have attended an event sponsored by the EIAAA or the Corporation board, anyone that has given help by securing meeting space (Alex Taylor), arranging teleconferences (Bryk Lancaster) called in to the meetings (Too many to name), hosted events (Thom Powell) or have sent an email, letter, or called to express gratitude, support, or offer up ideas. Last but definitely not least anyone who has paid their voluntary alumni dues, and/or have given a donation of time or money, THANK YOU. Without the support of these many alums my job these last nine years would have been very difficult, each and every one of you have made a difference for Acacia.

I would like to leave you all with one thing to reflect upon going forward. It's a quote from our Pythagoras which I have always found extremely pertinent. I wouldn't be the man I am today without the Acacia Fraternity and all the members that have influenced my life. I would be surprised if I've given back even half of what I've gotten from our great organization, but I'll continue to try and balance that ledger.

“To whom much is given, of him shall much be required”

Aaron Morrow #836

EIAAA President's Address

Brothers-

I am pleased to announce the results of our last meeting's elections and that for the next year the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association will continue to be served by the following officers: Michael Johnson as Secretary, Brian White as Treasurer, Bryon Tabor as Social Chair, and myself as President. Over the next year we will start to see more happening with our alumni group beyond our quarterly meetings, newsletters, fall golf outing, and other alumni events.

A big thank you goes out to all of our alumni who were able to complete our online survey. We are in the process of reviewing the information and will include data in the next newsletter. Please feel free to contact me if you had any comments, concerns, or ideas that you feel the survey did not address or that you had afterwards. The plan is to take this information and begin to incorporate it over the next year.

Fall of 2014 puts us only one year out from the start of our re-colonization effort. As these dates gets closer we will start putting out more information regarding our plan and different types of help and support we will need from you, our alumni. Please keep us in the back of your mind over the next year and any assistance you feel you may be able to provide. In closing, with the winter holidays coming up I wish you all safe travels and happy memories as you spend time with your loved ones.

Fraternally,

Devin E. Johnson #839

Annual Acacia Alumni Summer Golf Outing Survey

Brothers, we want your feedback on what day we should hold the 2014 Annual Acacia Alumni Golf Outing. The options are Saturday July 6th, Saturday August 30th (Labor Day weekend), Sunday August 31st (Labor Day weekend), and Sunday September 7th. If you are planning on attending please click on the link below or copy it into your internet browser and vote on a date. Thanks and we hope to see you all there!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DGYJ7Y6>

Lost Alumni

We have lost contact with the following alumni. If you have any current contact information (mailing address, phone number, and/or email address) for anyone on the list, please contact Mike Johnson at m-p-johnson@hotmail.com with the information.

Edward Ahlquist
Ray Allen
Richard Board
Robert Brennet
Charles Carroll
John Cassidy
Robert Chase
James Clabaugh
Paul Crutchfield

Jeffrey Dohrn
David Drapco
Allen Dunton
James Dwyer
Gregory Franck
Justin Frentress
Jeffrey Getchell
Wil Gin
Stewart Gott
Jerry Haenzi
Geoffrey Hammond
Walter Hanson
Raymond Heaton
Tully Heath
John Hemingway
Steven Hewlett
Michael Hilicki
Harald Hoeffding
M Duane Houck
Russ Houske
Raymond Ipjian
Charles Johnston
Travis Kain
Paul Kiamos
Dean Knight
Robert Klaus
Richard Klein
Keith Knudson
Russell Kwech
David Lacher
Robert Lawler
John Lucas
Gregory Lyon
David Merrifield
David Moon
Donald Nelson
Gregory Nelson
William Nissen
James Origer
Thomas Osmundsen
Chris Parker
Marc Potter

Michael Price
David Rast
Gene Rovang
Justin Schall
Orville Schroeder
David Slivken
Robert Strunk
Frank Swinehart
Stephen Teichner
Brian Thomson
Ralph Thompson
Robert Thompson
Mark Trendel
Eric Wagner
Kenneth Walton
Van Cook Wells
Kenneth Wilhelm
Christopher Wilkes
Alan Wyckoff
Dennis Young

Are you looking for a way to connect with your brothers?

Look for them online at **Facebook** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/123887245416>. Or you can search for the group “Acacia Alumni of The University of Iowa.” We are 93 members strong and growing. You can also find us on **LinkedIn**. Our group is called “Iowa Acacians” on LinkedIn.

Donation Update

There is now an even easier way to submit your voluntary dues as well as donations to the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Chapter. We have recently set up a PayPal account. You can access this

through the donations link on the EIAAA website – www.uiacacia.com. There are two options – the \$75 annual dues and donations in increments of \$25. Please note that the donations to the EIAAA are not considered tax deductible.

Five Acacia alumni have made a donation and thirteen have paid dues so far in 2013. The money donated to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) University of Iowa Chapter Fund is tax deductible and will be used to provide scholarships to Acacia Graduate Students that will help oversee the reformation of the Iowa Chapter of Acacia. The \$75 Annual Voluntary dues are used to help pay for the mailing cost of The RESH newsletter and are also used to help offset the costs of social events.

As a reminder of ways to submit dues and/or donations:

- Use the enclosed contribution card for your 2012 and/or 2013 voluntary dues as well as for your donations to the Iowa chapter fund and/or the EIAAA.
- Submit donations to the Iowa Chapter Fund with Nationals via http://acacia.org/foundation_giving.php.
- Once at the website select the Iowa chapter from the drop down box labeled “Target your gift” and follow the instructions on the screen.

Submit voluntary dues and/or donations to the EIAAA via PayPal by going to the donations link on the EIAAA website – www.uiacacia.com

We Need Your Help!

The Iowa Chapter of Acacia Fraternity seeks to recruit our next generation of brothers. We have raised over \$1000 this year with a goal of \$3000. Your donation will support training in Acacia's membership development program, Cornerstones. Designed to provide undergraduate members a solid support structure as they begin their education, this program has been at the heart of recent chapter success at Iowa State, Kansas State and Illinois. This is just the first step, the best is yet to come.

Please support this effort with a gift of \$50, \$100, \$250 or more.

Dan Wilkes, # 861

Chapter Eternal

We were sad to be informed of the passing of Brother Dale Lewis #402, former Venerable Dean 1957 – 1958. (<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?pid=157653831>)

Dale K. Lewis 74, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2012. He was born in Goodland, Kansas, on June 20, 1937, to Fern and Homer Lewis. Dale grew up in Iowa Falls, Iowa, and graduated from the [University of Iowa](#) in 1959 with a B.A. in Business Administration. Dale later attended the University of Colorado where he studied Law and graduated in the Order of the Coif. At the beginning of his career, he spent five years in private practice in Loveland, Colorado. In 1967, he became a corporate attorney for Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Indiana. After 28 years, Dale retired from Eli Lilly in 1995 and enjoyed spending his retirement between two locations: Rio Verde, Arizona and Estes Park, Colorado.

Dale was married 53 years to his loving wife Connie, who survives him. He is also survived by his brother Don Lewis; his three children James W. Lewis (Tammy), Bari L. Thompson (Tom) and Brad K. Lewis (Katrina); as well as his six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Dale loved life and especially enjoyed flying airplanes and riding motorcycles. He was a caring soul with immense character, who touched all who had the good fortune to meet him. Dale will be missed terribly for his kindness and sense of humor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army - Phoenix Chapter or Sunshine Acres Children's Home, Mesa, Arizona.

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