



Spring, 2015, Greetings from Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at the original iSchool, The School of Information Studies at Syracuse University!

Our 56nd Annual Meeting and Initiation as an affiliate of Beta Phi Mu was held Friday, May 8, at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center. As the oldest library honor society in the U.S., May 8th also marked our 112th Chapter meeting.

Ten graduates accepted membership this year: Nancarrow Brown, Sarah Bratt, Elizabeth Crowder, Brandon Fess, Kathryn Justus, Margaret McInnis, Dina Meky, Kyra Nay, Jennifer Peters, and Wei Quan. We congratulate these new members!

Our guest speaker for Initiation evening was Dr. R. David Lankes, Professor and Dean's Scholar for the New Librarianship at the iSchool. Co-creator of askERIC, Dr. Lankes is also the Director of the Information Institute of Syracuse and a prolific author on the subject of New Librarianship. His book, The Atlas of New Librarianship, is his latest award-winner. In fighting cancer again, he has also written insightfully in The Boring Patient. Dr. Lankes's talk was a passionate and inspirational plea to the new initiates to be "brave" on the job in times they might not now imagine, and to "share" their new knowledge with all, to help all, for while less-experienced, they are more up-to-date than many.

Our campaign to re-build funds to again award our Dosa Scholarships has been very successful, but sadly in no small part due to the passing of beloved Professor Emerita Marta Dosa. The Board has re-thought the costs of courses and increased the awards also given as Van Hoesen interest-free loans. Our Marion Mullen Travel Award is awarded this year to Pauline Lynch Shostack, a librarian at Coulter Library - Onondaga Community College and a past -president of our Chapter. Pauline will attend Summer ALA in San Francisco in June and attend the annual Beta Phi Mu National meeting as Chapter representative. Congratulations, Pauline!

Our current Executive Board members are: President Linda Galloway, SU Libraries; Past President Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, SU Libraries; Recording Secretary Ellen Owens, Crouse Hospital Medical Library; Corresponding Secretary Susan Slenker, retired school librarian; Treasurer Suzanne Preate, SU Libraries; Membership Chair Christine Demetros, SU/ Barclay Law Library; Scholarship Chairs Gary Maggi, health sciences librarian, and Valarie Massulik, Onondaga County Public Library; at-large Board members Nicole Dittrich, SU Libraries; Jennifer Huzenitza, Northern Onondaga Public Library; Carole Kupelian, retired school librarian; Anne Rauh, SU Libraries, and Robert Weiner, SU/Barclay Law Library. Together, we manage the Chapter's mission of extending financial support to the most academically-gifted yet challenged iSchool students in the Library and Information Science graduate degree program. iSchool Advisor is Blythe Bennett, Program Manager, LIS/School Media.

We have finished upgrades to our website and now allow members to pay dues and make contributions electronically through PayPal. Our website is < <http://bpm.syr.edu/> >. Visit us online, or follow us on Twitter at BPM_Syracuse.

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