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 your important news reaches you). Remember, you may always find all of the information in our newsletters online at www.alphakappadelta.org.

Alert: Change in Prices!

As of September 1, 2013, due to increased costs and postage, Council has approved an increase in the prices of some of our merchandise and other services. These include, but are not limited to:

- Honor cords—now cost $10
- Lapel pins—now cost $7
- Replacement certificates — now cost $15

To see a list of all increased prices, please visit our website. To ensure you are paying the correct price, use the order form located on our website. Note: the cost of a lifetime membership remains $40.

New Funding Requirements

Due to the increased amount of funding requests we have had the past few years, Council has approved new funding requirements for the 2013-2014 year.

- **Student Member Research Travel Grant**: Consistent with the name change, only AKD members can receive funding to a regional sociology meeting (Note: Membership applications can be sent in early to the Executive Office and we will allow for multiple orders a semester for this purpose) and we will only fund students who will be on the program (an abstract will be due with the initial application)
- **Chapter Representative Research Supplement Travel Grant**: The name has been modified and we will fund up to $250/chapter representative.

You may view a list of all our funding programs with eligibility requirements and guidelines on our website. Please let us know if you have any questions.

2014 Renewals

According to AKD’s Bylaws, all Chapter Representatives must be active members of the Society. To become an active member, fill out the “AKD Membership Renewal Form” (located on our website). There is also a $40 fee. Please note, our office cannot process any orders without this renewal for the 2014 year. Renewals run on a calendar year and are due in January; however, you may send it in with your Spring order of new members, if you prefer. Please contact our office should you have any questions.

2014 Election

The 2014 Officer election is underway. If you are an active member you should have received an e-mail allowing you to vote for President Elect and Vice President. If you are an active member in regions 1, 3, 5, or 7, you will also be able to vote for a 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 **February 15, 2014 at 10:00pm EST**.

VOTE TODAY!

Membership Eligibility

**Undergraduate Sociology Students**
At least a junior, top 35% of class or 3.3 overall GPA, 3.0 GPA in sociology courses, completed four regular sociology courses.

**Graduate Sociology Students**
Completed one-half year of program, GPA of 3.0 or better, maintain matriculation in sociology program.
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 2014 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
Please remember that our office is unable to accept credit cards at this time as we do not have the equipment to do so. We do accept institutional checks, checks cut from chapter's bank accounts, and money orders. If you cannot arrange one of these options, a single check cut from the faculty chapter representative's personal account can be accepted. Please do not send cash.

MAILING AND DELIVERY
Membership Certificates and Cards
These can take up to 3-4 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.

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