



# THE IOTAN

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## Message from the National President



Hello Iotans! I hope you all are having a good learning experience or satisfying work, regardless of the weather and the pandemic. The pandemic has been hard on our organization. It has been tough for chapters to remain active under the current quarantine conditions. We are hoping to help revive some chapters, so stay tuned for ideas on what active chapters have been doing to stay connected. If you haven't heard from your chapter officers lately, try to get in touch! Recommend some activity.

One of the commitments we made at the 2021 Convention was to have more contact between National Council (NC) and the Chapters. We took our first step to fulfill that commitment on January 30 when we had a Zoom meeting with members of the National Council and representatives from many chapters. It was interesting to find out what the Chapters had been doing during the pandemic. Some did not meet at all, while others managed to have Zoom meetings and some in-person activities. All wanted to continue or re-start. It was impressive to see their commitment to Iota Sigma Pi's mission of providing support and encouragement for women chemists.

Another purpose of the meeting was to form a Social Media Committee to expand our online presence and increase our visibility. The chapters were invited to choose a representative for this new national committee. If you are interested, contact your chapter officers and nominate yourself! We will have more meetings and will try different formats. For example, we might have meetings of NC officers with their chapter counterparts, such as National Treasurer with Chapter Treasurers.

We also discussed the 2023 Triennial Convention. It will be held in the Chicago area, hosted by the Aurum Iodide Chapter. The National organization pays most of the expenses for the Chapter delegates and the awardees to attend. Members at Large also have delegates. While much of the time is devoted to business meetings, there are presentations by the awardees, plus social activities and lots chances to network.

*Anne K. Taylor, National President*

## **Notice to Membership**

### **Amendments to the Iota Sigma Pi Constitution and Bylaws**

During the 2021 National Convention, delegates passed motions that required amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. According to our Constitution, amendments require approval by a two-thirds vote of National Council followed by two-thirds of the votes cast by the active membership. National Council approved the changes on November 7, 2021. In addition, amendments need to be communicated to the active membership at least 60 days before they are voted on. So please note that this serves as your communication of recommended changes. Please see updated Constitution on our website under files at

[https://www.iotasigmapi.org/files/ugd/fd3db0\\_d1dd805f1e2047b29e12de78c96ac7c0.pdf](https://www.iotasigmapi.org/files/ugd/fd3db0_d1dd805f1e2047b29e12de78c96ac7c0.pdf).

Members are requested to cast their ballots regarding the amendments by May 17, 2022. Please take a moment to review these changes and cast your vote accordingly on our website at <https://www.iotasigmapi.org/voting>, indicating a vote of yes or no for each proposal. There are 3 proposals.

#### Proposal 1. Page 3, Articles VII Section 3-Election of National Officers

Wordings changed to allow for electronic voting via emails, website and/or other electronic means when it is not possible to vote in person.

#### Proposal 2. Page 5, Article XIII, Section 2- Amendments and Bylaws

Wordings changed to allow for electronic communications via emails, website, and/or other electronic means among National Council officers, chapters and the active membership.

#### Proposal 3. Page 8, Article X, Section 1- Awards and Scholarship

The list of awards and scholarship is replaced by a general statement describing Iota Sigma Pi's objectives of its awards and scholarship. The listing, descriptions and criteria of the awards are referred to the Rules and Regulations, which already included them. This will make adding or changing future awards much easier and more expedient.

### **2022- 2023 Annual Dues**

Don't forget that Iota Sigma Pi Dues for 2022-2023 are to be paid by June 15th if you are not a Lifetime member. We recommend paying dues via our webpage at <https://www.iotasigmapi.org/> and use a credit card to pay your dues and/or make a donation. This is a secure transaction through PayPal. Once on the website, hover over "Membership" and click on "Update Info/Pay Dues". You will be required to update your current contact information before being able to pay your dues. This helps us keep up to date with your current personal information. If you don't have a sign-in for the new website, you will have to establish one first. Alternatively, you can send a check to the National Treasurer made out to Iota Sigma Pi.

## Iota Sigma Pi Outstanding Young Women in Chemistry Award

Each spring, Iota Sigma Pi looks forward to teachers responding to our call for nominations of outstanding female high school chemistry students. We receive a multitude of nominations from teachers across the country wanting to recognize their outstanding student. In order to help publicize this award, we would like our chapters to help in the publicizing of this award to their local high school chemistry teachers.

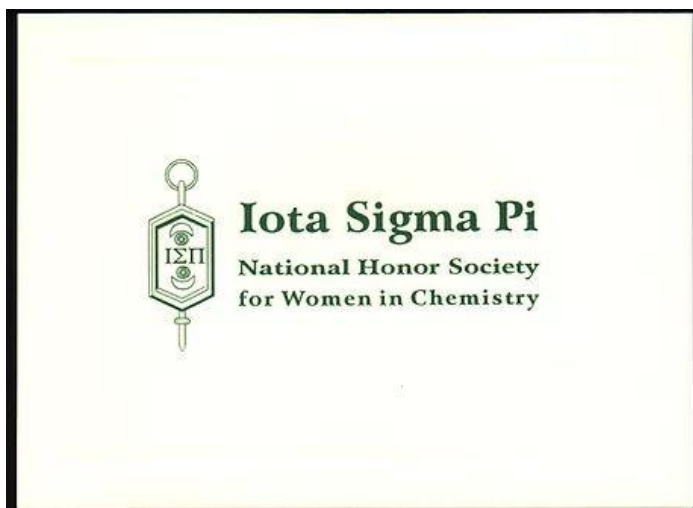
On our website: <http://www.iotasigmapi.org> under Student Awards, you can find the cover letter and the nomination form for the Outstanding Young Women in Chemistry Award. The student nominated must be a graduating female high school senior with the following qualifications: an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.8/4.0 or higher and have taken at least one high school chemistry course. A copy of the student transcript must be attached. The nomination must come from the chemistry instructor(s), school counselors or the principal. Only one student should be nominated per school. Please keep in mind we are particularly interested in young women who show high academic achievement in chemistry.

Encourage your local high school teacher to fill out the nomination form, attach an official transcript, and mail it to Tanya Hunter, IΣΠ Coordinator of Initiates & Supplies, as directed on the form. Please contact me directly through the given email for the mailing address. Nominations are accepted **December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>**. The award includes an official certificate issued by Iota Sigma Pi, and the awardees will be recognized in *The Iotan*, the national publication of the Society. The award will be mailed to each nominator/school. We ask that the submitting high school make an effort to present the award at an official assembly and publicize it in the local media.

***Thank you and we look forward to your nominations!***

### IΣΠ Merchandise for Sale

Iota Sigma Pi has several items for initiates, graduates, and members. Graduation cords and pin/keys are \$15 each. Note cards are \$10 per pack of 10. Please visit the merchandise page at <https://www.iotasigmapi.org/merchandise> to place your order!



*Tanya Hunter, Coordinator of Initiates and Supplies*

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