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To All Members of Phi Chi Theta:

First I would like to welcome you all back to what I hope will be another productive and successful semester for all of us. I would also like to congratulate the Western Region on a very successful regional meeting. The Western Regional Meeting was held in Austin, TX from January 16-18. There were over 40 members in attendance with representatives from all Western Regional chapters. 100 percent participation, way to go Western Region! I want to thank Helen Tran, Western Regional Director, and her two assistants, Monica Connor and David Casey, for a job well done. The remaining regions will have an opportunity to participate in their own meetings in April and August. I encourage you all to attend. You can also attend multiple regional meetings if you wish.

What can you expect for the rest of this semester? Nationally we will be working on developing more tools to help you run your chapter. We will revisit our hazing policy similar to what we did with the alcohol policy. We will release more information regarding the national awards program. We are also anxiously working on selecting a host city for the 2010 National Chapter Meeting. We hope to make an announcement about this in the near future.

We will be working on more enhancements to our national website and looking at using FACEBOOK at the national office. To that end, we need your help. I am asking for volunteers to help our IT Chairman, David Hackney, with the maintenance and development of our website. David has done a great job with the website. However with all of the changes that he is developing, we need more people to help implement them. Finally, there are several FACEBOOK groups relating to Phi Chi Theta. We want to make more use of this tool. I am looking for someone to develop and manage our national presence on FACEBOOK. Typically, only alumni serve on our national committees. However, since many collegiates have expertise in these areas and to also encourage more national involvement, both alumni and collegiate members can volunteer. If you are interested, please contact me at president@phichitheta.org. Please consider this opportunity.

Again, I wish you all the best of luck this semester.

Fraternally,



Gary Hodge
National President

