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Every three years delegates from our Iota Sigma Pi chapters meet with the National Council to conduct the business of the organization. The event also provides opportunities for participants to network with members from across the country, present awards, and sight-see. Thanks to the hard work of the Hydrogen Chapter (Berkeley, CA) the 31<sup>st</sup> Triennial Convention was all that and more.

Delegates arrived by Thursday evening, June 19, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Emeryville, CA (near San Francisco Bay). They enjoyed a Reception with a buffet dinner and a poster session featuring chapter accomplishments.

The next day was devoted to business. The morning session featured reports from the National Council and the Chapters. In the afternoon each participant was assigned to two committees which discussed various aspects of the organizations and developed recommendations. *(continued on page 5)*

Photo: Delegates and guests at the Iota Sigma Pi National Convention

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# Greetings from the 2014-2017 National Council Members

## President

### QuynhGiao Nguyen

*The following is the acceptance speech given by QuynhGiao Nguyen following her installation as National President at the Iota Sigma Pi 31<sup>st</sup> Triennial Convention*

Dear Colleagues, friends, and honored guests, Thank you for taking part in this very special and unique organization. Since Iota Sigma Pi's inception in 1902, we are following the steps and tradition that were created over 112 years ago by all the women leaders before us. I joined Iota Sigma Pi over 20 years ago when I was an eager young student majoring in chemistry. At the time, I was curious what a female organization would provide me in such a modern day and age where gender based organizations are deemed irrelevant. I attended some meetings and placed the organization on the shelf.

During graduate school, my advisor, Dr. Lily Ng was an incoming President and of course, I did what all-graduate students are supposed to do. Do what your advisor "recommends." I became active once again and supported her on National Council as the Coordinator of Initiates and Supplies for one term. I stepped away for the following term in order to finish my PhD and have a precocious daughter.

I returned to National Council as the Vice President for the last six years. This opportunity allowed me to work with all chapter officers and chapters throughout the country to improve vitality. This position also allowed for opportunities to administer the mini-grant to assist chapters' programming needs, and coordinated the activation of our youngest, 46<sup>th</sup> chapter, Fe, founded in 2011 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

I am honored and humbled to follow in the footsteps of the previous 27 presidents that came before me. During this triennium my hope is to lead by example as these women have. I have set



three far-arching goals that will be the groundwork for the years ahead. The goals are:

- 1) Improve vitality,
- 2) Plant STEM seeds and
- 3) Create a

sustainability plan and began its implementation. I ask each and every one of you to share these goals with your home chapters. Committees will be created to plan and execute each one of these three areas.

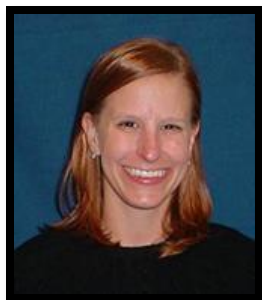
- 1) Improving vitality will start with self-reflection, what are your needs from this organization, what are our chapters' needs, what are our member's and prospective member's needs?
- 2) Planting STEM seeds starts with cultivating and inspiring children to be excited about science. My hope is to work with Girl Scouts of America to create an Iota Sigma Pi badge. This goal will need financial backing from goal 3.
- 3) The third goal is to create a sustainability plan that incorporates the needs of goal one and the necessary financial backing for goal 2. We will evaluate our operating budget, look at ways to not only streamline but to explore new funding sources thru grants and partnerships.

Now, I want to return to the question mentioned previously. I had asked at age 21, what would a National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry offer me in today's world; in a current environment where more females are graduating from colleges and universities than men? When you dig down deeper, women still are behind in STEM degrees than men. Challenges are not unique to humans, we preserve, we strive and sometimes, we fail. For women, if we want to balance a career with motherhood, we are met with priority challenges.

We need to find partnerships that enable us to strive. Healthy balances are necessary for long-term success. I have found that if I am able to share and be candid about career development and personal life experiences within a community that has similar goals and aspirations, it provides for what is sometimes a sanity check if anything else. However each of us choose to navigate through this beautiful and complicated world, I hope that in an organization with professional women in science, you too would be able to find a friend, colleague, or mentor in one of us. I have been fortunate enough to find all three within Iota Sigma Pi.

Again, I am honored to accept this challenging position and work with each one of you for the next three years.

### **Vice President Megan Sassin**



I have a lot of goals for the next three years, the most important of which is supporting each of you and your chapter. I realize that we are all busy and being a part of an organization takes time away from other things in our lives, so I want to make sure that your time is invested wisely. We are all at different stages in our lives, but what makes  $\Sigma\Pi$  such a great organization is that it has something to offer at every stage. As an undergraduate, it gives you a glimpse into your future as a professional chemist and sets your resume apart from other students. As a graduate student,  $\Sigma\Pi$  provides valuable support to get you through the trials and tribulations of graduate school, provides opportunities to polish your leadership skills, and helps you land that coveted post-doctoral position, fellowship, or your first "real" job. As a professional member,  $\Sigma\Pi$  provides a vast network of your peers and peers-to-be, all of whom can help you with grant proposals/opportunities, classroom lectures,

establish research collaborations, and  $\Sigma\Pi$  also functions as a list of women that can be selected for invited presentations/seminars and/or serve as journal editors.

The effectiveness of  $\Sigma\Pi$  depends on its members. The makeup of chapters varies greatly, which makes the organization unique. Some chapters consist mainly of students, some of professionals, and some a mix of both. Some chapters are geographically spread out and some are centered in a city. Some chapters focus on outreach activities, and some on professional development. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated! However, I challenge you to look at your chapter and determine what it does well, if it meets the needs of all its members, and what aspect could be enhanced with a little help from other chapters. For example, if your chapter is on the smaller side and the amount of time to plan and deliver a hands-on outreach activity seems daunting, we can help you with that. I am in the process of collecting information (supply lists, procedures, and notes) on successful outreach activities from chapters and will share them with everyone on the  $\Sigma\Pi$  website. If your chapter is geographically challenged and holding meetings is daunting, we are also working on solutions for that. One of which consists of having virtual meetings and also forming satellite groups within the chapter to make it easier to feel involved. Each satellite group can host its own outreach, professional development, and social activities close to home, and periodically meet up with the other satellite groups of the chapter to hold chapter-wide meetings and outings. Removing the geographical challenges (due either to distance or intense traffic) alleviates stress that stifles both creativity and enthusiasm and makes for a more effective  $\Sigma\Pi$  chapter.

These are just a few ideas on how to increase the effectiveness of the chapters so that being involved can be a rewarding experience. I can't wait to learn more about each chapter and help you and your chapter reach your full potential.



## Going to ACS in Denver?

**NEW!**

Meet Iota Sigma Pi members from around the country at our Coffee Hour!

**Monday, March 23, 2015**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Room 203, Colorado Convention Center**

See you there!

### Secretary

#### Anne K. Taylor

I am serving a second term as National Secretary of Iota Sigma Pi and am enjoying getting to know more of you



and sharing your enthusiasm. In addition to recording minutes at national meetings, I am the person who sends messages to the Chapter Officers with information of chapter operations and the Iota Sigma Pi awards. I also keep a file of the official, current versions of our documents, such as the *Rules and Regulations* and membership brochures. I am available to answer your questions. My husband and I recently moved to Northern California (Petaluma) for retirement and are enjoying this new phase of our lives.

I previously lived in Baton Rouge, LA, where I first joined Iota Sigma Pi, and I served as Treasurer, President, and Historian of Chlorine Chapter.

Recently, I was a guest speaker at an American Chemical Society program for high school teachers. I spoke about my mixed-up career and about the drug development process (especially the role of chemists).

Professional experience: I am mostly retired but most recently was a technical writer and consultant in the pharmaceutical and related industries,

working with a small consulting firm. I wrote and edited documents for client companies and sometimes wrote articles for the chemistry public (in the former ACS newspaper, *Chemistry*.) Previously, I spent 14 years working in pharmaceutical analytical chemistry in New Jersey. Earlier in my career, I taught at several colleges in Upstate New York and was a “full time Mom” for a few years. That is about four careers! Each was fulfilling in a different way.

Background: I have a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Cornell University (NY) and a BA degree in chemistry from Gettysburg College (PA).

### Treasurer

#### Donna Iannotti

*Treasurer  
Donna Iannotti  
was featured*



*recently in an article at Eastern Florida State College, where she teaches.*

Donna Iannotti, PhD, Assistant Professor of Chemistry on the Palm Bay Campus, is now serving a three-year term as National Treasurer for Iota Sigma Pi, a national honor society for women in chemistry.

Iannotti was elected during the society’s 31st Triennial convention, held in Emeryville, California, June 19–22, 2014. Iota Sigma Pi elects into its society women who have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement and high professional competence. Iannotti joined Iota Sigma Pi as a graduate student, and has found the support of her colleagues to be invaluable through-out her career.

“I am proud of the work this organization does to encourage girls and women to not only study chemistry, but to stay in the field and make a difference in science,” said Iannotti.

“Our biggest efforts every year go into granting five different annual scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate students, and four

professional awards given to recognize dedicated women chemists.

"We grant \$6,500 in scholarships and professional awards annually, plus another \$2,500 in triennial awards. Iota Sigma Pi makes a difference in women's lives; and as National Treasurer, I am a part of these efforts," said Iannotti.

Iota Sigma Pi Past President, Kathryn Louie, Ph.D., says of Dr. Iannotti, "I have known Donna Iannotti since at least 2008 while I was Vice President. She has always been active in Iota Sigma Pi, serving as Treasurer for the Members-at-Large (MAL) and as an MAL delegate to the Triennial Convention.

"Through her past activities with Iota Sigma Pi and her duties as MAL treasurer, I felt she would be very qualified for the position of National Treasurer," said Louie.

Iannotti began her teaching career as adjunct faculty in 2009, and became full time in 2010 as an instructor in Chemistry.

Her undergraduate degree is from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, and her Ph.D. is in Chemistry/Biochemistry from the University of Akron, in Akron, Ohio, where she studied collagen cross linking using solid state Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS).

Iannotti previously taught at St. Mary's College of Maryland, and did research at The Ohio State University, the Florida Medical Entomology

Lab/University of Florida in Vero Beach and Midwest Research Institute in Palm Bay.

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### **National Convention** *(continued from page 1)*

Topics included Rituals and Ceremonies, Finance, Publicity, and many other topics. Finally, the group reconvened for the election of the 2014-2017 National Council.

The day was not all business. At lunchtime, winners of the Centennial Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching discussed chemical education. The evening Awards Banquet featured a great talk by National Honorary Member, Barbara E. Corkey. There also was a moving tribute to our members who passed away in the last three years.

The Saturday session consisted of committee reports. While all the committees made recommendations, some made motions which required a vote of the delegates. Next the group held a luncheon featuring the winner of the triennial Violet Diller Award for Professional Excellence, Shirley O. Corriher; she kept us laughing the whole time. During our free time, one group explored San Francisco and another visited the University of California Botanical Gardens.

The Convention concluded on Sunday, June 22, with the Installation of the National Council and an address by the new president, QuynhGiao Nguyen. (See page 2-3.)

### **New Award for Students Approved**

At the 2014 National Convention, the delegates voted to establish a new student award at the national level that will recognize a first-generation college student who has demonstrated excellence in chemistry as an undergraduate student. The award description will be modeled after the existing Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry with the additional stipulation that the nominees be first-generation college students. The new award was established at the suggestion of one of Iota Sigma Pi's student awards selection committee members, Dr. Rebecca Roesner, from Illinois Wesleyan University (Normal, IL) a MAL member. Dr. Roesner recognized that our award applicant pool included many impressive students who excelled in chemistry while also facing the additional challenges faced by students who are the first in their family to attend a post-secondary institution.

At the National Convention, members of National Council enthusiastically endorsed the idea during the pre-convention National Council meeting. During the convention's Awards and Scholarship committee meeting, the committee took up the discussion of establishing the new award and developed a motion to put the new award into place. Members of the committee felt that this new award was in keeping with IΣΠ's goals and

objectives. Many were personally motivated, as first-generation college students themselves, to recognize today's students of excellence.

The committee's motion was approved unanimously by the delegates at the convention.

An anonymous donor from the Convention generously stepped forward with a pledge of \$1,500 to assure that the award can be instituted immediately in the next cycle of national awards, and to provide time during the next triennium for other members to come forward with donations to support the awards fund into the future. National Council encourages all members interested in supporting the new award to make a special donation to the awards fund this year. IΣΠ members who were themselves first-generation college students may like to donate to the awards fund in honor of those who helped make their college/university journey a successful one.

The new award's details were sent to Chapter officers and appear on the website with the other national awards information. Student awards nominations are due by February 15 annually. This triennium's Director of Student Awards is Kathryn A. Thomasson. Check the website or contact Kathryn for more information.

*Respectfully submitted on behalf of the National Convention Committee on Awards and Scholarship: Jill Nelson Granger (La), Lily Ng (Hg), Reiko Simmons (F), Judith Iriarte-Gross (MAL), and Nancy Hopkins (CI).*

## Director of Student Awards

### Kathryn A. Thomasson

I am currently serving as the Director of Student Awards for IΣΠ at the request of the President. I am also a Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Chemistry at the University of North Dakota. I have been a member of IΣΠ since 1983 when I joined as a graduate student. IΣΠ has proven to be a wonderful resource for networking and professional support throughout my career.

I have served on National Council for a while in a variety of different offices, most recently the Treasurer. I look forward to the pleasure of passing out awards as opposed to paying the bills. My education and employment history includes: B.A., 1982, University of Virginia; Ph.D., 1990, Iowa State University; Research Associate, 1990-91, Biosym Technologies, Inc.; Dreyfus Postdoctoral Fellow, 1992-93, Tennessee Technological University. Research in my laboratory incorporates large-scale computer simulations with classical physics, chemistry and biology. I teach classes at the introductory, senior undergraduate, and graduate levels in Physical Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biophysics.



## Director of Professional Awards

### Lily Ng

I am honored to be elected Director of Professional Awards at the 2014 National Convention. I am happy to be back on National Council and serving our Members.



I joined IΣΠ in 1991 as a young assistant professor and have since served as President of Fluorine Chapter (1996-1998), National Director of Student Awards (1996-2002), National President (2002-2005), and National Past President (2005-2008). I

continued to be a National Award Judge annually, and was the Registration Chair for the 2011 IΣΠ Triennial National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Currently, I am Professor and Chair Emeritus of Cleveland State University (since 2009) after serving as Chair of the Chemistry Department (2005-2009) and the Founding Director of the CSU-Cleveland Clinic Joint Molecular Medicine Program (1999-2003).

As Director of Professional Awards in the next three years, I look forward to honoring our professional members and other professional chemists with the four professional awards: National Honorary Member, Violet Diller Award for Professional Excellence, Agnes Fay Morgan Research Award and the Centennial Award for

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Details of these awards can be found on our website [www.iotasigmapi.info](http://www.iotasigmapi.info). If you know of worthy chemists who should be recognized by our society, please consider nominating them. You can contact me at [lilymsg@gmail.com](mailto:lilymsg@gmail.com). I hope to hear from you or you may be hearing from me regarding being on the award juries or to stand as a nominee.

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### National Council at Convention

Your hard-working National Council arrived at the Convention a day early and stayed late. They spent June 19 in all-day meetings, discussing topics such as the status of Chapters, membership, and awards. Following the Sunday session, they met to start the transfer to the new Council and review action items.

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### Records Chair

#### Janet Marshall



Greetings! I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and our national organization in the role of Records Chair for a second triennium. My primary responsibility as Records Chair is to maintain an up-to-date and accurate database of our membership. Please feel free to pass along any changes in your membership information directly to me. Importantly, as I'm sure you all know, most of our membership communications are electronic. To help facilitate this (and save on postal costs), please keep me apprised of any changes in your email address. If you are uncertain of the address we have on-file, just ask. In addition, if you know of any former or "missing" members who would like to be reconnected, please let me know. Also, if you have friends or colleagues who are interested

in becoming members of Iota Sigma Pi, both the professional and student application for membership forms can be found on our national website.

I would like to express my thanks to the Hydrogen Chapter for hosting a well-run and inviting Iota Sigma Pi National Convention in San Francisco this past summer. I very much enjoyed meeting many fellow Iotans from across the United States and learning more about our wonderful organization.



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**NOTICE TO THE Membership:**  
**Proposed Changes to the Iota Sigma Pi Constitution and Bylaws**

**Introduction:**

According to the Constitution of Iota Sigma Pi, Article XIII, amendments to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by two-thirds of National Council and a two-thirds vote of the active membership after a 60-day notification period. Copies of the current Constitution and Bylaws can be found on the ΙΣΠ website at [www.iotasigmapi.info](http://www.iotasigmapi.info).

At the Post Convention Meeting of the 31st Convention, the following changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of ΙΣΠ were approved unanimously by the 2014-2017 National Council. The changes were introduced and discussed at the full convention.

The active membership is hereby given the required 60 days notice of the following amendments to the Constitution and the Bylaws. The members are requested to cast their ballots regarding the amendments by **June 1, 2015**.

Please take a moment to review these changes and cast your vote accordingly by **emailing a short message to President QuynhGiao Nguyen** <quynhgiao.n.nguyen@nasa.gov > **and Secretary Anne Taylor** <akt1208@bellsouth.net>, **indicating a vote of yes or no for each proposal**. There are 7 proposals.

Proposal 1

Amend Constitution, Article IV, section 5, changing the wording "declared inactive" to "**deactivated**", thus avoiding confusion of the terms 'inactive' and 'deactivated', the latter of which is an official action by National Council; and to better distinguish the term deactivated from the terms inactive and active (which is defined in Article IX, Section 2).

Proposal 2

Amend Constitution, Article VI, Section 6, deleting the sentence pertaining to the unlimited number of terms for the WEBMASTER, thus limiting her terms of office to two successive terms in accordance with other National Officers.

Proposal 3

Amend Constitution, Article VII, Section 1B, from: "The Liaison persons responsible for interaction with local academic institutions shall be ex officio." to:

**"The Liaison persons responsible for interaction with local academic institutions shall be ex officio. For Chapters whose Chapter Officers are exclusively undergraduate students, the Chapter shall have a designated Membership Activities Coordinator who shall be a professional member or a faculty liaison and who shall be the official contact with National Council."**

Proposal 4

Modify Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, to update the list of Standing Committees.

**"The list of suggested Committees may include:**

**Audit****Long Range Planning**

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**Changes** (continued from page 9)

<b>National Convention</b>	<b>Awards and Scholarships</b>
<b>Extension and Publicity</b>	<b>Chapter Program Development</b>
<b>Nominations and Elections</b>	<b>Publications</b>
<b>Finance and Budget</b>	<b>Constitution and Bylaws</b>
<b>Chemistry Awareness and Outreach</b>	

[Note: This is a list of Committees which have functions to fulfill during a triennium.]

Proposal 5

Modify Bylaws, Article IX, Section 1, to clearly define the term "The Fund" which is used in sections 3 and 4:

"Article IX - Disposition of Funds

National and Chapters

SECTION 1. The Finance and Budget Committee shall recommend investment policies for **National Funds** (changed from "national funds) to the National Treasurer. A two-thirds vote of National Council or National Convention shall be needed for approval of policy change. Interest earned from the investments shall be available for awards, scholarships, and/or any other educational/scientific purposes.

SECTION 2. IΣΠ shall maintain a permanent Awards Fund, to which additions may be made by bequests, contributions, unused income, and otherwise. The principal **Award Fund** (changed from "funds") together with all additions thereto shall be segregated from all other monies of the organization.

SECTION 3. The corpus of The National **Funds** (changed from "Fund"), or any portion thereof, that was not designated for a special purpose may be used for awards, scholarships, educational and scientific purposes only after approval by a three-fourths vote of National **Council** (changed from "council"), followed by

- a. three-fourths of the votes cast by active membership, or
- b. three-fourths vote of the National Convention.

SECTION 4. Income from The National **Funds** (changed from "Fund") not spent within three years from the end of that fiscal year shall become a part of the corpus of The National **Funds**. (changed from "Fund")"

Proposal 6

Amend Bylaws, Article X, Section 1 to add new undergraduate award and the High School Student Award to the list. (See Jill Granger's article on page 6 in this issue.) Add:

**" h. Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry by a First-Generation College Student"**

**" i. High School Student Award"**

Proposal 7

Amend Bylaws to correct typographical errors found throughout the document.

These include:

Constitution, article XI, section 1. **There is a missing "b" in the word "by."**

By-Laws, article V, section 7 (a), **missing period at the end of the sentence.**

By-Laws, article IX, section 3, **Capital "C" for Council.**

By-Laws, article IX, section 6, **Roman numerals needed for "III" (not 111).**

By-Laws, article IX, section 7, **missing period at the end of the sentence.**

## More Messages from National Council

### Webmaster

#### Teresa J. Bixby



First I would like to let everyone know how honored I am to have been voted to National Council as Webmaster. I hope to serve you well as we endeavor to update and maintain our website. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or information to share!

You may have noticed that <iotasigmapi.info> has changed a lot in the last few months! The structure has been completely revised and hopefully information is easy and intuitive to find. At the top of every page, the main navigation has five links and the headline, IOTA SIGMA PI, will always return you to the home page.

The ABOUT link will take you to a series of general interest pages regarding the structure, history, and goals of Iota Sigma Pi. Find information about National Council, the Triennial Conventions and Merchandise.

Under IN THE NEWS you will find a listing of news items from Chapters across the country. If you have something to share with the national membership just send it along!

The TESTIMONIALS page is a place for members and award winners to share the benefits of our association. This is meant to be a resource for prospective members and guests, to help them understand the unique and varied experiences of our members. Everyone is invited to contribute!

If you click on ΙΣΠ AWARDS you will find a comprehensive resource for professional and student awards, as well as information for applying for a Chapter Minigrant. Award requirements,

deadlines, and application forms are followed by a listing of all awardees, as well as profiles of recent recipients.

Finally, the MEMBERSHIP link will take you to a repository of resources for chapters, chapter officers, and members of any status. An interactive map will link you to an updated summary for each chapter, and you can link to their chapter website or Facebook page from there. All forms, paperwork, and official documents can be found under GUIDELINES AND PAPERWORK. Find chapter programming ideas (professional development, recruitment and retention), scholarship and grant opportunities, the Speakers' Bureau and job postings under NETWORKING AND RESOURCES. Link to an archive of The Iota and peruse the table of contents for the latest issue. You can also pay your dues via PayPal or update your contact information.

I invite you all to explore the new website and send me any questions, comments, or revisions. If you get lost please use the Sitemap link on any page to reorient yourself! It will be a work in progress so be sure to check back often for news from other chapters, job postings and announcements!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve! I look forward to hearing from you in the future!

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### ***Have you seen our website lately?***

It has been updated and revised and is more colorful and complete!

Go to <http://www.iotasigmapi.info>.

See more information on

- Triennial Convention
  - Awards
  - Chapters
  - Membership
  - And lots more!
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## Coordinator of Initiates and Supplies

### Reiko Simmons

While I was in graduate school, I was lucky enough to attend a Triennial National Convention of Iota Sigma Pi. My impressions of the working sessions



during that week stayed in my mind. The members and the officers were phenomenally well organized and accomplished many worthwhile objectives. I came away thinking that I want to be a part of an organization that promotes "*Women in Chemistry*." About the same

time, as a lecturer in Education and in Chemistry, I came to realize that there was "a glass ceiling" at many institutions.

Since that time, I have continued to work as a member of the local Fluorine Chapter as a Scholarship Chair, and liaison to various colleges. Simultaneously, I became a national office holder, Coordinator of Initiates and Supplies and am currently serving in the office for ten-plus years. My primary responsibility is mailing merchandize and materials to all members.

Although I have direct contacts with many members, I wish to re-introduce myself. I am a lecturer at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. My educational background includes earning a Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Chemistry and Bio-analytical Chemistry at Cleveland State University and a Master of Education at Kent State University. With a passion for science and teaching, I was an instructor of Chemistry at the Cleveland State University for over 10 years. My professional experience includes a decade of teaching chemistry courses such as, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry for Biology Majors and Chemistry for Non-Science Majors. Since the fall of 2010, I decided to teach at John Carroll University which is a smaller, private college, closer to home.

Prior to becoming an instructor of Chemistry, I had the privilege of spending 30 years as a teacher, supervisor, and a consultant for the Special

Education Department of the Cleveland Municipal School System.

As a member of the National Council, I wish to encourage interested students and professionals to take full advantage of our website. Our missions, objectives, as well as all the practical information are well spelled out, for anyone to consider. As a Coordinator of Initiates and Supplies, I would like to urge you, not to hesitate to email me at [rsimmons@jcu.edu](mailto:rsimmons@jcu.edu). I am always ready to answer your questions. For various chapter representatives/officers, I appreciate hearing in advance information regarding your new initiates so I can prepare the mailings to the new initiates in time.

## Historian

### Susan S. Marine

I am pleased to be continuing in my 6-year term as National Historian for Iota Sigma Pi. I was elected to this position at the 2011 national convention.



My duties include storing the archives of the Society and keeping the history of the Society current. I have begun to collect information for a

supplemental update to the Society's Centennial History and am compiling files on each chapter.

Please send me pictures and information about your chapter and members. Also, add me to the distribution list of your chapter newsletters. I am always interested in knowing what our chapters are doing, and now I have a Society need-to-know! Please send information to me at [mariness@miamioh.edu](mailto:mariness@miamioh.edu) or at Miami University Middletown, 4200 N. University Blvd.; Middletown, OH 45042.

I wish all Iotans success in their professional and personal endeavors. **Go, Scientist, forward!**

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