



THREE FRATERNITY LEADERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

INDIANAPOLIS (5/6/10) – Gary W. Anderson, Patrick Allen and Eugene D. “Buddy” Coté have been elected to the Board of Directors of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the international trade association representing 73 national and international men’s fraternities.

As members of the nine-man board, their responsibilities will include working with NIC member fraternities, other fraternal trade organizations and the higher education community. Throughout their two-year term, they will provide direction and leadership for the conference, including oversight of the CEO and guidance related to products, impacts, benefits, and outcomes of the organization.

Allen holds a B.A. degree in economics from Oregon State University. He is the administrator of the Oregon Building Codes Division, leading statewide initiatives to improve energy efficiency standards. At Oregon State, he became a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity and has served his chapter and the fraternity’s National Executive Council for more than 20 years. In 2009, he completed his sixth year as the National Executive Council president. He continues to serve on Alpha Kappa Lambda Council as past president, and he also chairs the fraternity’s judiciary council.

Anderson is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration. He also holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville and is a litigation attorney and mediator with the Anderson Law Center, his firm in Louisville. At Kentucky, he became a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi, and has been involved with the fraternity in volunteer and staff capacities since 1972. His three sons followed him as members of the fraternity, and since 2007 Anderson has been AEPi’s International President and the fraternity’s delegate to the NIC.

Coté is a *Magna Cum Laude* graduate of the University of Maine, where he earned a B.A. in English and business. He joined Phi Gamma Delta in 1978 and served four years as a field consultant, and later as director of chapter services, before launching his career with the L.G. Balfour Co. Today he is director of the Fraternal Division for Herff Jones, Inc. Coté was elected to the Phi Gamma Delta Board of Directors, the Archons, in 2000. He then was elected to the Board of the fraternity’s educational foundation, and during his term as International (Archon) President the fraternity launched a 10-year strategic plan. Coté serves today as chair of Phi Gamma Delta’s Nominations Committee.

“I look forward to working with these men,” said NIC President and CEO Peter D. Smithhisler. “They demonstrate a passion for wanting the fraternity community to grow and prosper, and they clearly appreciate that men with extensive fraternity service can positively impact the culture of the entire fraternity community.”

Founded in 1909, the NIC, through advocacy, collaboration and education, works to ensure that fraternities can operate in an environment conducive to their success.