



Alpha Mu Tau Newsletter

Spring 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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AMFT President's Message

Frank J. Scarano

As I sit in a quaint little park on a gorgeous spring day, I am trying to forget about the blizzard of '26 and I am reminded of the beauty of the changing seasons... Spring in the Northeast is one of my favorites, but I'm looking forward to experiencing a little taste of summer sizzle in St. Louis as we gather for "Red, White, and Backyard Barbeque" on July 1st . We will gather like the quintessential American family having a party in the backyard to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. We will also be celebrating the wonderful contributions of our members and welcome new members to our family of dedicated professionals. Please join us at our annual AMTF business meeting, reconnect with friends we only see once a year, experience some authentic mid-west BBQ, bounce in the "grown-up" bouncy house, and dance the night away as we raise more money for scholarships. We are so pleased to be awarding a record-breaking total of \$95,000 in scholarship this year! Register for the dinner (<https://amtfdonations.square.site/>) and give generously to AMTF in honor of your hard-working colleagues and friends, or in memory of a loved one or professional you admire. How about a \$250 donation in honor of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence? Our forefathers had confidence in the future (but they had no idea how much it would cost!). Let's demonstrate our confidence in the future of our profession and help even more students next year!

Tributes

Honoring our special friends, living,
and deceased, with a Scholarship
Donation Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

In Memory Of

Aikey, Bonnie
Basso, Betina Kieffer
Brown, Sr. Rose Virginia
Buckley, Patricia
Chafin, Sam
Christen, Jeanne
Garrison, Heidi
Griffin, Mel & Barbara
Holley, James and Carlotta
McKenzie, Shirlyn
Palmer, Bert
Panning, Elizabeth
Parada, Bob
Ramirez, Lynn
Reddig, Tom and Nancy
Snyderwomen
Theriot, Betty Lynne

Scott Aikey
Pam Kieffer
Barbara Brown
Cathy Otto
Mary and Joe Briden
Mary and Joe Briden
Barbara Snyderman
Karen Griffin
Mary and Joe Briden
Cheryl Caskey , Donna Meyer
Mary and Joe Briden
Rick Panning, Cynthia Johnson
Marcella Yee
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Mary Lou Vehige, Candice Barker
Linda Smith
Patsy Johnson



Contributors to the Endowment Fund

Sue Beglinger
Elissa Passiment
Halcyon St. Hill
Cynthia Johnson
Elizabeth Warning

In Honor Of

Caskey, Cheryl
Doig, Kathy
Falcon, Melonie
Garic, Judy
Gon, Sheri
Ingram, Lynn
Myers, Myra
Robinson, Stacey
Snyderman, Barbara
Karrie Hovis
Kathy Hoag
Cheryl Caskey
Cheryl Caskey
Marcella Yee
Rebecca Rogers
Cheryl Caskey
Cynthia Johnson
Karen Griffin

AMTF Financial Information

This report provides a financial summary for the accounts and distribution of funds for Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity for the 2025 Calendar Year.

AMTF Income		Expenses	
Membership	\$3,150.00	Scholarships	\$45,000.00
Annual Dinner	\$14,000.00	Operating Expenses	\$13,718.51
Scholarship Donations	\$60,960.00		
Investment Income	17,989.02		
Total Income	\$78,110.00	Total Expenses	\$58,718.51
Checking Balance	\$39,345.90	Edward Jones	\$685,726.92
Savings Balance	\$20,025.17	Total Funds	\$745,097.99

Scholarship Account Values

Scholarship	Value 1/1/2025	Donations	Awards	Net Value	Invest. Income	Value 12/31/2026
Brown/ Bering	8,554.67	1,610	3,000	8,130.42	424.25	8,554.67
French	97,588.91	460	4,000	94,048.91	4,907.55	98,956.46
Morrison	3,666.77	45	3,000	711.77	37.14	748.91
Reilly	88,838.55	2,060	3,000	87,898.55	45,86.62	92,485.17
Winstead	91,23.29	85	3,000	6,208.29	323.95	6,532.24
Holley	59,662.74	5,310	3,000	61,972.74	3,233.79	65,206.53
Parchman	22,460.26	5,185	3,000	24,645.26	1,286.01	25,931.27
Smith	11,113.35	3,835	3,000	11,948.35	623.48	12,571.83
AMTF Endowment	39,017.35	7,770	3,000	46,787.35	2,441.40	49,288.75
AMTF GenScholar	328,399.71	34,600	20,000	342,999.71	17,989.02	36,0897.73

Additional Financial Information

There was an overall increase in scholarship donations and investment growth for a gain of \$57,524.10.

Looking Ahead

- 2025 was the last year for the Dorothy Morrison Scholarship. The remaining balance of \$748.91 will be transferred to the Endowment Fund.
- A new named scholarship for 2026 is the Snyderwomen Scholarship provided by Barbara Snyderman.

Deceased Members

Deceased Members	Member Number	Date
Carol Golyski	715	February 2026
Marie Kotter	469	June 2025
Becky Perdue	520	January 2026

New Emeritus Member

Renee Wilkins

Candidates for Office

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the information we had regarding nominations for AMTF Board positions has been lost. While anyone is free to nominate AMTF Board members from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting in St. Louis, we would like to share the potential nominees and their bios with the membership prior to the Annual Dinner. If you have been nominated or wish to be nominated for an AMTF Board position, please send the nominee's or your name, position to be nominated, and bio via email to Elissa Passiment at elissap17@gmail.com. We will add it to the records and share it with the full membership. **The following positions will be up for election this year: 1) President-Elect, 2) Treasurer and 3) Jr. Board Member**

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to create a smooth leadership transition.

2025-26 Officers

President: Frank Scarano
President-Elect: Miles Tompkins
Past-President: Karrie Hovis
Sr. Board Member: Demetra Castillo
Jr. Board Member: Lisa Bakken
Treasurer: Stephanie Jacobson
Secretary: Romona Fox

Executive Secretary: Elissa Passiment
Email: elissap17@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor/ Webmaster: Suzanne Butch

Alpha Mu Tau
Annual Meeting & Dinner



1ST
OF
JULY

RED, WHITE, & BACKYARD BBQ

Chevre Event Center
1624 Delmar St.
St. Louis, MO
(0.5 mile from hotel, 12 minute walk)

Cocktails Fundraising 6:30-7:30pm (Cash bar)
Dinner and Business meeting 7:30-10:30pm
Silent Auction

Buffet dinner:

BBQ Chicken and Beef
House salad, Rolls
Baked beans
Assorted Dessert

**Vegetarian/Gluten Free Option Available

Reserve your table by June 17th, 2026

Online reservations @

<https://amtdonations.square.site>

Or by Phone @732-995-2103 (Elissa)

Celebrate the 250th Birthday of the U.S.A in your patriotic attire!



2026 Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity Dinner Contribution form

Red, White & Backyard BBQ

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

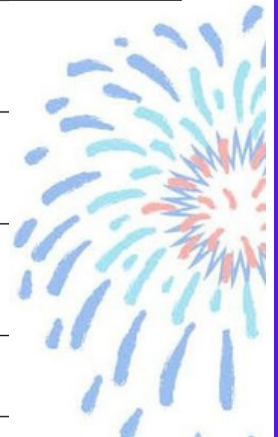
State

Phone: _____ Email _____

Contributions: Raising money for scholarships is one of the main goals of AMTF. Donations may be tax-deductible. A receipt will be sent to you and an acknowledgement will be sent to whomever you designate.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!!

Scholarship	Donation	In Honor/In Memory (if desired)
General Scholarship	\$	
AMTF Endowment	\$	
Roma Brown & Nellie Behring	\$	
Ruth French	\$	
James Holley	\$	
Eleanor Parchman	\$	
Ida & May Reilly	\$	
John P. Smith	\$	
Snyderwomen	\$	
Martha Winstead	\$	
Total Contribution	\$	



2026 Proposed Changes to the Alpha Mu Tau Bylaws

The proposed revisions to the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity bylaws reflect a focused effort to modernize governance, clarify leadership responsibilities, strengthen communication functions, and ensure continued organizational flexibility. The proposed 2026 changes build upon previous amendments while preserving the fraternity's longstanding mission of recognizing excellence in clinical laboratory science and supporting educational advancement.

Overview of the Proposed Changes

The updated bylaws maintain the fraternity's core mission and organizational structure while introducing several operational improvements. These revisions primarily affect governance procedures, committee structures, communication responsibilities, and administrative continuity.

The changes appear designed to help Alpha Mu Tau function more effectively in a modern professional environment while preserving traditions established over decades of service to the clinical laboratory science profession.

Strengthening Organizational Governance

During the 2025 Alpha Mu Tau Annual Dinner Meeting, the membership voted to create the Communication and Public Relations Committee. This committee consisted of the Senior and Junior Board Members, with the newsletter editor and webmaster serving in ex officio roles. The issue with this change was that the webmaster position only existed within the fraternity in theory. Since the webmaster role was never formally established, the first proposed change was to separate the newsletter editor and Resident agent positions into separate articles. The newsletter editor and webmaster positions would fall under the newly created Article VII – Publications. By creating this article, it allowed a formal position to be created for the webmaster.

Modernization of Communication Roles

A major modernization effort appears in Article VII concerning publications and communications. The bylaws now formally recognize both the Webmaster and Newsletter Editor as appointed positions within the fraternity structure. This addition reflects the increasing importance of digital communication, online presence, and member engagement in professional organizations. By formally incorporating these roles into the bylaws, Alpha Mu Tau acknowledges that communication through websites, newsletters, and electronic media is now essential to organizational success.

Further modernization occurs in the establishment of the Communication and Public Relations Committee. This committee includes the Senior Board Member as Chair, along with the Junior Board Member, Webmaster, and/or Newsletter Editor as full members, not ex-officio members. Its responsibilities now explicitly include advancing the interests of the fraternity through "print, electronic, and/or social media" communication channels. This language reflects a contemporary understanding of how professional organizations interact with members and the broader scientific community.

Clarification of Membership Standards

The remainder of the proposed changes is a renumbering of the articles due to the addition of Article 7 – Publications.

Preservation of Organizational Tradition

Despite the modernization efforts, the revisions carefully preserve many longstanding traditions and foundational principles of Alpha Mu Tau.

The bylaws continue to:

- Recognize Robert's Rules of Order as parliamentary authority,
- Maintain the fraternity seal and incorporation requirements,
- Preserve amendment procedures requiring a two-thirds vote,
- Protect the fraternity's nonprofit educational mission upon dissolution.

This balance between modernization and tradition demonstrates an effort to adapt organizational practices without altering the fraternity's core identity and values.

Conclusion

The proposed 2026 bylaw revisions represent a thoughtful modernization of Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity governance and operations. The changes strengthen leadership accountability, formalize communication responsibilities, improve administrative continuity, and clarify committee functions while preserving the organization's mission and traditions. Overall, the revisions position Alpha Mu Tau to operate more effectively in today's professional environment while continuing to honor excellence in clinical laboratory science and support future generations through scholarship and professional recognition.

ALPHA MU TAU FRATERNITY BY-LAWS CHANGES 2026

(Revised 1968, 1992, 2009; Amended 1970, 71, 75, 78, 80, 81, 82, 87, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2025, 2026)

ARTICLE VI – RESIDENT AGENT

Section 1:

The Resident Agent:

- a. Shall be a member in good standing who is a resident of the State of Illinois.***
- b. Shall be appointed by the President and shall serve until replaced.***

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- c. Shall prepare the Fraternity's annual report for maintenance of the "Corporation Not for Profit" status and file the report in the state of Illinois.*

ARTICLE VII – PUBLICATIONS

Section 1:

Webmaster:

- a. Shall be a member in good standing.*
- b. Shall be appointed by the President and shall serve until replaced.*
- c. Duties are listed in the AMTF Handbook*

Section 2:

Newsletter Editor:

- a. Shall be a member in good standing.*
- b. Shall be appointed by the President and shall serve until replaced.*
- c. Duties are listed in the AMTF Handbook*

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Section 4:

The Communication and Public Relations Committee:

- a. Shall consist of a Chair (Senior Board Member), Junior Board Member, Webmaster, and/or Newsletter editor.*

ARTICLE XI - DUES

ARTICLE XII - THE SEAL

ARTICLE XIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

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