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Brother Rob Roberson Elected President of Acacia

Dear Brother Turconi,

On October 14, 2009, by a special vote of the International Council of Acacia Fraternity, Robert E. Roberson, *Illinois Wesleyan '74*, was elected the twenty-fourth President of Acacia Fraternity. Brother Roberson has been serving as Treasurer on the International Council since 2001, and will fulfill the remaining term of the office of President vacated due to the recent death of Brother David J. Allen.



In reaching out to the 6,500 brothers who will receive this Crest, Brother Roberson expressed his thanks for the confidence shown in him. "Brother Allen's death is a big loss to the Fraternity, but I know he would want us all to continue moving forward," said Roberson. "I am eager to continue serving the Fraternity in this new role. I look forward to working with all of you to better our Fraternity's record, and to continue establishing Acacia's place as a leader on our campuses."

Rob is excited about working with actives and alumni, with a particular focus on continuing to work to ensure the financial stability of the Fraternity, the refining and updating of Acacia's short and long-range goals and the further development and support of Acacia's new membership educational program, Cornerstones.

In beginning his new position, Brother Roberson also wants to recognize the donors who have continued to give their time and money to the Fraternity, and the chapters which are living up to their financial commitments. "Contributions in time and money are critical for our ongoing growth, and to ensuring the Fraternity's financial stability," said Roberson. "Alumni gifts have become an even more important aspect in the support of our Fraternity's operations. I would like to thank our many loyal donors for their unselfish and generous dedication to Acacia, and encourage our active chapters to remain diligent about their finances."

As prescribed by the Laws of Acacia, the Council has begun its search for an interim Treasurer to fill the opening left by Rob's acceptance of the President's position. The Council will be meeting again in early December. Rob and the rest of the Council also invite all Acacians to attend Acacia's 56th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy in New Orleans, Louisiana from August 4-8, 2010.

Fraternally,



Darold W. Larson
Executive Director

Brother Roberson's Background

Brother Roberson attended Illinois Wesleyan University and was initiated into Acacia Fraternity on September 22, 1974, where he holds roll number 239. During his undergraduate years, Rob was both secretary and treasurer of his chapter.

After college, Rob went on to a career in the banking industry. From 1977-83, he was employed with the First National Bank of Nashville in Nashville, Illinois, where he served as vice president and compliance officer. In 1984, he began working for Farm Credit Services, working with that organization during the farming crisis of the mid '80s. In 1990, Rob began employment with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), where he currently holds the position of senior compliance examiner within the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection.

During the years following his graduation, Rob dedicated time to his Illinois Wesleyan chapter, and in 1990, he became president of the Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association, a post he held until 2006. Dedicating much time to the preservation and success and of his chapter, Rob also served one term as house corporation board president.

In addition to his Council service, Brother Roberson's work with the International Fraternity includes serving on the board of directors of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation from 1998-2001. Rob's efforts, both on the local and national level, have not gone unrecognized. He is a 1993 recipient of the Order of Pythagoras, a 2005 recipient of the Award of Merit, and in 2006 Rob received the George F. Patterson, Jr. Award.



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