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Dear Former Penn State Singing Lion, Pop Choir Member and/or Friend:

You are cordially invited to take part in the most exciting Singing Lions development since the reunion bash three years ago – the Penn State Singing Lion Alumni Interest Group!

If you've ever caught yourself humming "Can't You Feel It", were shocked to learn you still knew the choreography to "Sing, Sing, Sing", wished you'd kept in better touch with fellow performers or cared about the future of the Singing Lions – then this is the group for you.

First, you may be wondering, "What is an Alumni Interest Group?" According to the Penn State Alumni Association, an Alumni Interest Group (AIG) is a group of alumni and friends of Penn State who have common interests arising from their University-recognized co-curricular activities or common cultural or postgraduate interests. Currently there are 26 AIGs, including the African American Alumni Organization, Cheerleading, Crew and Thespians.

Spearheading the move to form the group are interim board members: Tim Hall ('92)(President), Sue Garman ('90)(Secretary), Peter Kiefer, Jessica Shelley ('99), Keith Spencer ('95)(Vice-President) and Margee Wolff ('90). Jeff Rezer ('91) is the group's Webmaster and current Singing Lions President Mandy Tokarek is serving as an ex-officio member. This group has been working hard to make this alumni interest group become a reality. Their first order of business was to draft, and have the Alumni Association approve, the group's mission statement:

"Provide a forum for Singing Lions alumni and friends to enhance their connection with Singing Lions, both past and present, and foster a greater sense of community with Penn State.

Focus the talents and energy of alumni to provide support to the current group, and to promote the reputation of the Singing Lions within the university community as "Penn State's Singing Ambassadors".

Solidify and maintain an interdependent, service-based relationship between the Singing Lions and the Penn State Alumni Association."

But there are a few more steps before the group will be officially recognized by the university. In addition to formatting an interim board and drafting a mission statement, the group must:

- Complete the application process (create by-laws, collect signatures from those interested in membership)
- Have the application approved by the Alumni Council
- Complete a one-year Probationary Period
- Be recommended for the granting of a charter

The interim board has already commissioned a membership committee to locate and collect updated contact information from former members and friends/fans. This is where you come in. If you are interested in membership, please take a few moments to indicate your interest by completing the enclosed membership survey and mailing it to the address on the bottom of the page. (Please note – at least 50 of those interested must be members of the PSU Alumni Association, so be sure to tell us if you are.)

By becoming a member of the Penn State Singing Lions AIG, you'll receive a regular newsletter, be invited to annual social gatherings or reunions at Penn State and have the opportunity to interact with the current group. There are many ways to get involved with the alumni group – whether you are interested in running for a seat on the board, participating on a committee or just want to receive the newsletter, there is a place for you.

So, that's it! Get those petitions in and signed. And while you're at it, sign the guest book at the new Singing Lions website – <http://www.singinglions.org/aig>. A downloadable version of the membership survey will also be available on this site in case you need additional copies for spouses, friends or relatives.

Stay tuned for more exciting developments!

For The Glory,

The Penn State Singing Lions Alumni Interest Group Membership Committee

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