



## *Brothers of the Academy*



To: BOTA Leadership Team  
From: Lee Jones, BOTA President  
Date: January 20, 2005  
Re: BOTA Leadership Team Meeting

As you know, we will have our leadership team meeting May 19-21, 2005 in Madison Wisconsin. This is a very important transitional leadership team meeting for BOTA. This will also be my last meeting presiding as President of BOTA. We will be interviewing the three BOTA presidential nominees (Tim Eatman, Cyrus Ellis, and Juan Gilbert). We will also be installing our new leadership team, whose roles officially begin July 1, 2005. We will be talking about several other important BOTA items that will need your feedback. Additionally, Dr. Bill Harvey, American Council on Education; Dr. Charles Rankin, Kansas State University; Dr. Frank Hale Jr., The Ohio State University have all agreed to join us and participate as our elders-in-residence. We are awaiting word from Dr. Ruth Simmons, President of Brown University who, if available, will deliver our closing dinner address. Also, many of you remember the "Posse" (John Boyd, James Jackson, Jamel Hodges, Mike Coleman, Tony Anderson, Erik Hines, Vontrell Randall, Pat Matthews-Golay, and James Dabney). Each of them will be in attendance for this historic BOTA leadership transitional meeting. Additionally, I have talked with other BOTA members in this region and around the country who plan to attend as well.

I am pleased to inform you that I have received a Wisconsin Diversity/Leadership Grant that will Provide an opportunity to pay the airfare and hotel accommodations for current and new leadership team members. You will see this meeting addressed as: **Brothers of The Academy Symposium: A Call To Leadership** (for grant purposes). There will be opportunities for guest lectures and consultant opportunities. Airfare accommodations are on a **first come, first served** basis. Please complete the attendance confirmation document so that we may begin making airline reservations. I have sent the form electronically for you to complete as well. Your flight will be made based on the information you provide. Once airline tickets are booked, any future changes will be your responsibility. **Financially active members will be given first priority.** Our new leadership team will be very interested in your attendance, as I am sure they will have lots of questions.

Should you have any questions, please contact the BOTA central office and speak to Lonnie Estes at (262)472-5217, or <esteslo27@uww.edu>. As usual, you may also contact me at (262)472-1100 or [jonesl@uww.edu](mailto:jonesl@uww.edu).

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Thank You!