

Kappa Kappa Psi

Southwest District Convention 2015



Minutes — Final Officer Reports — Committee Reports

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Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention 2015

Opening Joint Session: Friday, March 27 @ 4:30 P.M.

- 1. Southwest District Joint Ceremony**
- 2. Call to Order**
- 3. Introduction of Visiting Dignitaries**
 - a. National Headquarters Staff
 - i. Steve Nelson – National Executive Director
 - ii. Aaron Moore – National Alumni, Historical, and Development Coordinator
 - iii. Yvonne Daye – National Chapter and Colony Education Coordinator
 - iv. Chris Young – Kappa Kappa Psi National Chapter Field Representative
 - b. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
 - i. Jack D. Lee, III – National Vice President of Colonization and Membership
 - c. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - i. Dr. Nicole Sanchez – National Executive President
 - ii. Dr. Kathryn Kelly – National Vice President of Colonization and Membership
 - d. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
 - i. Dr. Rod Chesnutt – Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
 - ii. Daniel George
 - e. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - i. Brent Cannon
 - ii. Jennifer Pitts Taylor
 - f. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
 - i. Dollie O'Neill – Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
 - ii. Lisa Croston
 - iii. Dr. Nicole Sanchez
 - g. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - i. Amanda Dickson – Chairperson of the Executive Council
 - ii. Chris Foster – Communication Committee Chair
- 4. Recognition of Graduating Seniors**
- 5. Recognition of Life Members**
- 6. Alcohol Policy Announcement**
- 7. Final Call for Convention Host Bids**
- 8. Announcements**
 - a. There will be a Committee Chair and Advisor meeting following tonight's Separate Sessions in Verizon Ballroom.
 - b. Due to University policies, no monetary transactions will be allowed on campus as an official function of the convention. We have put together an Online Marketplace, available on the Southwest District Kappa Kappa Psi – Tau Beta Sigma Facebook page.
- 9. Recess until Saturday, March 28 at 5:30 P.M.**

Opening Separate Session: Friday, March 27 @ 5:15 P.M.

1. **Call to Order – 5:15 P.M.**
2. **Call for District Officer Candidacy Packets, D.O. Wiley Applications, Outstanding Service to Music Education Applications, and Spirit of the Southwest Applications**
3. **Seating of the Delegates**
 - a. Random seating begins with Kappa Phi
 - b. Random seating ends with Epsilon Beta, and will begin with Epsilon Delta in 2016
4. **Delegate Instruction**
5. **Accepting the Minutes of the 2014 Southwest District Convention**
 - a. Motion to both accept and suspend the reading of the minutes of the 2014 Southwest District Convention
 - i. Alpha Moves
 - ii. Alpha Psi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
6. **Final Officer Report of Eric Barnett, Co-Member at Large**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Eric Barnett, Co-Member at Large
 - i. Lambda Moves
 - ii. Beta Lambda Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
7. **Announcements**
 - a. Recognition of Active members from other Districts
 - b. Recognition of current or past Governors and District Officers from other Districts
 - c. Recognition of past Governors and District Officers from the Southwest District
8. **Introduction of District Office Candidates**
9. **Recess until Saturday, March 28 at 9:45 A.M.**

Separate Session #2: Saturday, March 28 @ 9:45 A.M.

1. **Call to Order – 9:45 A.M.**
2. **Call for Remaining Delegates to be Seated**
3. **Final Officer Report of Austin Bordelon, Co-Member at Large**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Austin Bordelon, Co-Member at Large
 - i. Beta Gamma Moves
 - ii. Beta Sigma Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
4. **Final Officer Report of Dylan Charrin, Secretary/Treasurer**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Dylan Charrin, Secretary/Treasurer
 - i. Beta Sigma Moves
 - ii. Gamma Iota Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
5. **Final Officer Report of Graham Delafied, Vice President**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Graham Delafied, Vice President

- i. Delta Moves
 - ii. Zeta Kappa Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 6. **Final Officer Report of John Graham, Director and Sponsor Relations Governor**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of John Graham, Director and Sponsor Relations Governor
 - i. Gamma Omega Moves
 - ii. Delta Delta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 7. **Final Officer Report of Toni Castle, Student Affairs Governor**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Toni Castle, Student Affairs Governor
 - i. Beta Sigma Moves
 - ii. Epsilon Beta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 8. **Announcements**
- 9. **Recess until Saturday, March 28 at 4:30 P. M.**

Separate Session #3: Saturday, March 28 @ 4:30 P.M.

- 1. **Call to Order – 4:30 P.M.**
- 2. **Call for Remaining Delegates to be Seated**
- 3. **Report of the History and Traditions Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the History and Traditions Committee
 - i. Epsilon Delta Moves
 - ii. Zeta Beta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 4. **Report of the Ways and Means Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the Ways and Means Committee
 - i. Zeta Zeta Moves
 - ii. Eta Xi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
 - b. Motion to accept the budget presented by the Ways and Means Committee
 - i. Alpha Moves
 - ii. Eta Nu Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 5. **Report of the Membership Education Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the Membership Education Committee
 - i. Theta Alpha Moves
 - ii. Iota Sigma Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 6. **Report of the Spirit Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the Spirit Committee
 - i. Iota Upsilon Moves
 - ii. Kappa Phi Seconds

- iii. Motion Passes
- 7. **Report of the General Administrative Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the General Administrative Committee
 - i. Lambda Xi Moves
 - ii. Mu Lambda Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 8. **Report of the D.O. Wiley Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the D.O. Wiley Committee
 - i. Mu Mu Moves
 - ii. Mu Tau Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 9. **Preliminary Report of the Nominations Committee**
 - a. Announcement of the slate
 - i. President – Dylan Charrin
 - ii. Vice President – Graham Delafield
 - iii. Secretary/Treasurer – None
 - iv. Co-Member at Large – Danielle Sullivan
 - v. Co-Member at Large – None
- 10. **Recess until Sunday, March 29 at 8;30 A.M.**

Joint Session #2: Saturday, March 28 @ 5:30 P.M.

- 1. **Call to Order – 5:30 P.M.**
- 2. **Seating of Late Delegates**
- 3. **Presentation of Bids for District Convention**
- 4. **Tau Beta Sigma Birthday Ceremony**
- 5. **Announcements**
 - a. From District Council
 - i. National Convention Trip
 - ii. Due to University policies, no monetary transactions will be allowed on campus as an official function of the convention. We have put together an Online Marketplace, available on the Southwest District Kappa Kappa Psi – Tau Beta Sigma Facebook page.
 - iii. Display set-up opens at 6:45 P.M. at The Gardens, and the banquet begins at 7:45 P.M., followed by the dance at 10:00 P.M.
 - b. From Lambda and Psi
 - i. Parking at The Gardens
- 6. **Recess until Sunday, March 29 at 12:00 P. M.**

Closing Separate Session: Sunday, March 29 @ 8:30 A.M.

1. **Call to Order – 8:45 A.M.**
2. **Call for Remaining Delegates to be Seated**
3. **Report of the Nominations Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the Nominations Committee
 - i. Zeta Kappa Moves
 - ii. Gamma Alpha Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
4. **Elections**
 - a. President
 - i. Nominated
 1. Slate: Dylan Charrin
 2. Graham Delafield
 3. Austin Bordelon
 - ii. Elected
 1. Dylan Charrin
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Nominated
 1. Slate: Graham Delafield
 2. Gavin Richardson
 - ii. Elected
 1. Graham Delafield
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer
 - i. Nominated
 1. Slate: None
 2. Austin Bordelon
 - ii. Motion to vote by placard
 1. Motion Passes
 - iii. Elected
 1. None
 - d. Co-Members at Large
 - i. Nominated
 1. Slate: Danielle Sullivan
 2. Austin Bordelon
 3. Gavin Richardson
 - ii. Elected
 1. Danielle Sullivan
5. **Presentation of Awards**
 - a. Stephen C. Nelson History Award
 - i. Presenter: Steve Nelson
 - b. Superior Achievement Award
 - i. Presenter: Jack Lee
 - c. Spirit Stick
 - i. Presenter: Jared Holt
 - ii. Winner: Zeta Kappa

- d. Andy the Armadillo
 - i. Presenter: Zeta Beta
 - ii. Winner: Beta Lambda
- e. Spirit Drum
 - i. Presenter: Gamma Omega
 - ii. Winner: Theta Phi

6. Report of the Jurisdiction Committee

- a. Motion to accept the report of the Jurisdiction Committee
 - i. Zeta Kappa Moves
 - ii. Delta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- b. Motion to adopt amendment to Section 6.07 as proposed by the Jurisdiction Committee in their written report
 - i. Gamma Alpha Moves
 - ii. Mu Lambda Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- c. Motion to adopt amendment to Section 2.07 as proposed by the Jurisdiction Committee in their written report
 - i. Delta Moves
 - ii. Lambda Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- d. Motion to remove and replace Section 2.11 as proposed by the Jurisdiction Committee in their written report
 - i. Beta Sigma Moves
 - ii. Gamma Omega Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- e. Motion to adopt amendment to Section 5.07 as proposed by the Jurisdiction Committee in their written report
 - i. Epsilon Beta Moves
 - ii. Zeta Xi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- f. Motion to adopt amendment to Section 8.01 as proposed by the Jurisdiction Committee in their written report
 - i. Alpha Tau Moves
 - ii. Epsilon Epsilon Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- g. Motion to adopt amendment to Appendix 1 as proposed by the Jurisdiction Committee in their written report
 - i. Beta Gamma Moves
 - ii. Nu Delta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- h. Motion to adopt amendment to Appendix 3 as proposed by the Jurisdiction Committee in their written report
 - i. Zeta Gamma Moves
 - ii. Zeta Xi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Fails

7. **District Convention Survey**
8. **Presentation of the 2015 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Scrapbook**
9. **Final Officer Report of Brandon Fisher, President**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Brandon Fisher, President
 - i. Zeta Kappa Moves
 - ii. Delta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
10. **Installation of the 2015-2016 Southwest District Council**
11. **Announcements**
 - a. There will be a transition meeting for the 2014-2015 and 2015-16 District Councils immediately following Closing Joint Session.
 - b. Committee chairs need to bring all USB devices to Dylan.
12. **Singing of the National Fraternity Hymn**
13. **Adjourn**
 - a. Motion to adjourn 2015 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Separate Session
 - i. Eta Nu Moves
 - ii. Lambda Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

Closing Joint Session: Sunday, March 29 @ 12:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order – 12:00 P.M.**
2. **Seating of New Delegates**
3. **Presentation of Joint Awards**
 - a. Talent Show Awards
 - i. Presenters: Tyler Gorshing, Dylan Charrin, Ashlyn Kubacak, Graham Delafield
 - b. Display/Scrapbook Awards
 - i. Presenter: SWDAA
 - ii. Winners
 1. Free Standing Display – Joint Alpha Chapters
 2. Table Top Display – Gamma Phi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
 3. Scrapbook – Theta Theta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
4. **Introduction of the 2015-2016 Joint District Council**
5. **Report of the Joint Action Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the Joint Action Committee
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi – Alpha Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma – Epsilon Beta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
6. **Reports of the Convention Site Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the Convention Site Committee
 - i. Tau Beta Sigma – Delta Moves
 - ii. Kappa Kappa Psi – Zeta Kappa Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

7. **Election of the 2016 Southwest District Convention Host Chapters**
 - a. Nominated
 - i. No slate
 - ii. No floor nominations
 - b. Elected
 - i. No vote
8. **Presentation on Hosting Convention**
9. **Announcement of Area Workshop Hosts for 2016**
 - a. Arkansas – University of Arkansas – Fort Smith
 - b. Oklahoma – Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 - c. Louisiana – University of Louisiana – Monroe
 - d. North Texas – East Texas Baptist University
 - e. East Texas – Texas Southern University
 - f. South Texas – University of Texas – Pan-American
 - g. West Texas/New Mexico – Texas Tech University
10. **Final Announcements**
 - a. There will be a transition meeting for the 2014-2015 and 2015-16 District Councils immediately following Closing Joint Session.
11. **Thanking of the Host Chapters**
12. **Thanking of the Southwest District Alumni Association**
13. **Adjourn**
 - a. Motion to adjourn the 2015 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi – Lambda Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma – Psi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

APPENDIX

Appendix A – Final Officer Report: Co-Member at Large Eric Barnett

Brothers of the Southwest District,

Since I was elected last spring it has been an amazing journey as a Member at Large for the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi. Working with spectacular brothers and sisters on the joint council has made this journey so much more enjoyable.

I began my journey with a vision to serve each of you, the brothers of the Southwest District. After leaving convention the summer seemed to drag on as I did not get to see many brothers and sisters, but we were united thankfully at Texas A&M University at Commerce for Chapter Leadership Conference. The brothers of Zeta Kappa did a great job hosting this event.

During the summer I met with Sami and Austin to determine how we were to set the tone for the New ALTO committee. Working with Aaron Sanchez, Brielle Johnson, Sarah Bogue, and Stephen Miller was a blessing. When asked to complete a task, they worked diligently and although our first publication came a little late due to technical difficulties, we were able to present a beautiful product featuring your stories from across the district. Our newest edition will be coming very soon and we are excited to again share the hard work of the New ALTO committee.

Winter Council was an experience. We fit all 5 members of our council in my small apartment with barely any room to spare, but we were able to meet with our convention hosts and work out most of the details of convention. We additionally were able to personally meet Graham, the newest edition to our council.

During Winter Council we decided to pursue the idea of a pep band; Sami and I were to be in charge. We met with our band staff to determine how we could obtain music and instruments. We hope for the first year our over one hundred piece ensemble will satisfy the need of a music hour group for the brothers and sisters that get pumped about pep tunes.

Traveling season was very exhausting as we held events each weekend. Unfortunately we did have to double book a couple of the weekends, but I was still able to attend the Arkansas, North Texas, East Texas, and Louisiana Workshops. The East Texas Workshop was an especially draining workshop as we battled both the snow and ice and our sanity on the way down and back. I am thankful for Makaya for making the 10 hour drive with me to the Louisiana workshop. Lastly, I am thankful for the opportunity to present at the East Texas and Louisiana workshops. I hoped that the members gained as much from the workshops as I did from preparing them. I challenge each of you to find a way to share the knowledge that you have with other brothers as it makes you reevaluate your commitment and will remind you why we're here in the first place.

Continuing the District Service Project with Sami was fun. We used Play it Again Arkansas to donate the instruments that you have brought to help out students in need. We met with our directors to determine the best plan where to send our sustainable music supplies. Lastly, we will be sending the letters of encouragement you wrote to the Decatur High School Band.

SUNDAY FUN DAY!!! This has been super fun and exciting project to continue. If you wish to see 0.95 miles of our beautiful campus then come join me on the walk/jog/run. We will be avoiding all the hills so all you non-Fayetteville people don't have anything to be afraid of.

Thank You:

Brandon- Finally figured out your sense of humor yesterday. I also realized never to trust the words coming out of your mouth because of it. I enjoy your humor and the fact that your car has butt warmers.

Graham- What did the fish say when he was swam into a wall? Graham! After joining us super late, you have been on top of everything you have done. Sorry my floor put a hole in your air mattress.

Dylan- Between loving drag shows and being way too passionate about Houston events, I'm never sure how to take you. However, this never has held up your duties as a district officer and you have done a great job.

Austin- Sometimes you're a little clueless about the car behind you even when we were waving at you, screaming your name, and honking the horn. The New ALTO wouldn't have been what it was without you though. Your time spent on edits as well as your input was vital to the success of the New ALTO.

Toni Castle- Your insight to problems is exceptional and if I'm being honest, sometimes we need that. I appreciate all the time you have devoted to us and the rest of the Southwest District.

John Graham- Although we don't get to see you often you super often, I appreciate your work as an advocate for our Fraternity. I super appreciate the time you devote to us, as I know that because of your involvement the UAPB bands have excelled.

Christy- Even though we haven't played Ultimate Frisbee yet I'm sure it will still happen. I wish you the best in your endeavors.

Ashlyn- you have done a great job this year. It was super fun to do a workshop with you and I hope that we can work together more in the future.

Sami- You're a bundle of excitement and energy, but you always have a vision and pursue it with all of your heart. I commend you for that. It has been a great pleasure working with you and you have been an additionally amazing little sister. Thanks for the memories and I hope we will stay in touch.

Tyler- I'm not sure how to handle your ball of excitement sometimes, but you're enthusiasm compliments you well in your service.

Erika- Thanks so much for your continued support, including for the hogs. You've been an inspirational sister to watch through my time as a member. I hope you will continue to serve in Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma as you are an invaluable resource and wealth of knowledge.

To the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi,

I could not commit to my office entirely if it weren't for you. You have been a foundation that I have been able to build upon and a home when I need a place to take refuge. Please continue to strive for the highest and that you will always have me as a resource whenever you may need me.

To the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma,

Without you I'm not sure I would be where I am today. You continue to set a higher standard of excellence as you have even reached to obtaining the honor of becoming a top chapter finalist. I hope that you will continue to build greater bands. I hope you will continually inspire others to shine like the stars in the night sky as you have already done for me.

Charges to the 2015-2016 Co Members at Large:

1. Continue Pep Band at future conventions
2. Work with the TBS VPSP to maintain frequent contact with the New ALTO committee
3. Work with the TBS VPSP to continue to send Edits to the District Webmaster to enhance and maintain the district website
4. Continue to present the district scrapbook at conventions
5. Make a physical or digital copy of the chapter history form for chapters to see
6. Ask chapters for their chapter history information that did not fill out the form
7. Send more frequent reminders of upcoming district events or due dates
8. Continue the district service project

Appendix B – Final Officer Report: Co-Member at Large **Austin Bordelon**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

Serving as your Co-Member at Large has been an outstanding experience. For the last three semesters I have had the opportunity to work with amazing brothers and sisters throughout the district in order to improve our chapters and strengthen our bonds.

When I was reelected last spring, I was determined to serve you, the brothers of the Southwest District. I wanted to be a resource available whenever it was needed, and whether I was needed for two brothers or an entire workshop delegation, I believe I have succeeded.

This year my journey began at the Chapter Leadership Conference, hosted at Texas A&M University at Commerce. In this "bustling and fast-paced community full of excitement," we were able to educate new chapter officers and inspire brothers to lead with excellence. I led a workshop on the importance of an active historian. Although it was only attended by two people, I feel that I helped these two people reach understand the potential of their officer and encouraged them to strive for the highest. To quote Emily Dickinson, "If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain."

This year was the trial run for the New ALTO committee, and with the collaboration of Sami and Eric, I believe we have set a strong precedent for the future of the publication. I thank

Aaron, Brielle, Sarah and Stephen for their hard work and patience this year. Although the first publication was a little rocky, I have high hopes for this semester's edition.

Winter council was a shockingly enjoyable experience, mainly because I was glad to step in the land of the Arkansas Razorbacks and not turn into a pillar of salt. Despite my treason to LSU and the SEC gods, we were able to see the potential that the University of Arkansas had to offer and efficiently plan for convention.

My workshop season was very limited due to prior engagements with basketball pep bands and doubly-booked workshop weekends. However, I was able to attend to East Texas Area Workshop at Lamar University in Beaumont. I gave a presentation on how to be an effective chapter member with Christy, and although she made the mistake of allowing the opportunity to run my mouth, I believe we were able to contribute to the development of the brotherhood and the sisterhood in the district.

I am very excited about this year's district service project. Sami and Eric did an excellent job working with Play It Again Arkansas and the Decatur High School Band. We are very thankful for your donations as we continue to contribute to the development of music in the communities of our district.

And now for everyone's favorite part: the thank you's.

Eric- You are a special, special person. Thank you for the transit to and from XNA and your assistance with the New ALTO. It would not have been a success without you. Also, I'm sorry about that bowl of oatmeal that bubbled over in your microwave.

Dylan- speaking of oats. Dylan, in the spare moments that you would stop feeling your oats, you were able to provide the district with sound fundraising advice that will be contribute to the success of our chapters. Your collaboration with Tyler to find last minute alternative for convention fundraising was swift and impressive. I look forward to hopefully working with you again. I look forward to seeing you on RuPaul's Drag Race season 12.

Graham- Thank you for signing up to join this band of misfits. This workshop season has been very successful because of your efforts. You have served this district and council well, and I cannot wait to see what you will continue to do.

Brandon- Thank you for your leadership to this council and the district. You have provided the district with tools to be successful. Thank you for the time and effort you put in this office. Also, thank you for saving the district \$20 on our hotel room by breaking the air conditioner while cooking Toaster Strudel. Again, we are all appreciative of your efforts. I wish you the best in all of your efforts.

Toni- Listing all of the things you do for this district would be impossible. Thank you for your continuous support as strive to do bigger and better things for the district.

John- Although we did not see you often, your impact is noticed and appreciated. "When I talk, they listen." I can't think of better way to summarize your contribution.

Sami- my counterpart, my muse, and sometimes my pain in my side. Although we sometimes we on the opposite sides of some issues, it was during these debates and negotiations that we stumbled upon our best ideas. Thank you for being a great counterpart.

To the Beta Gamma chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi,
Thank you for providing the warm and loving brotherhood I needed to be successful. Thank you for support in my worst days, when things were piling on, and a simple, "You can do it," was enough to get me through. Please continue to strive for the highest because you not only want to be great but because you deserve greatness.

To my successor,
Serving as a Co-Member at Large is a humbling and educational position. You will have the opportunity to meet many other brothers and learn how their chapters operate. You will come to learn what practices are successful, which practices are failures, and which practices are dependent on the culture of the chapter. This knowledge may conflict with your understanding of the fraternity and your opinion on the brotherhood. However, this position will allow you to help brothers and chapters that are in need. You will be the support they need to avoid issues at nationals and help them strive for more than they ever thought possible.

Remember that you cannot help everyone, even if you try. And if you ever feel discouraged, remember: "If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain." Even if you help one brother, you have achieved success.

Southwest District, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and I hope to continue to strengthen the district in the upcoming year.

Fraternally submitted,
Austin Joseph Bordelon
2013-2015 SWD Co-Member at Large

Appendix C – Final Officer Report: Secretary/Treasurer **Dylan Charrin**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

Looking back over the past year as I write this brings up many emotions. A year ago I would not have believed that I would have been serving on the Southwest District Council and had the wonderful experiences I have had over the past year. This past year has taught me many lessons, and most importantly has given me life-long friendships that I will be forever thankful for.

A year ago, Yvonne Daye and I were having dinner and she mentioned to me that the secretary/treasurer position still had no candidates running for that office. She told me that this was not only a great opportunity to further my own personal leadership skills, but to also have an experience that will last with me for a lifetime. With the encouragement of her, brothers and my determination to make a positive impact on the district, I ran for office, and was elected by the Southwest District.

My term began with hosting a brother from New Mexico and beginning to contact all the secretary/treasurers in the district. Before I knew it; it was district day, and it was time to head up to Dallas with brothers from Beta Sigma and Aaron Sanchez from Mu Tau. The day started with a slight bump in the road, as in getting a flat tire, and my brothers coming to the rescue to help us get to District Day. It was a fun weekend full of meeting brothers and sisters, and beginning to discover the best part of my job, meeting with brothers.

Over the summer I skyped with secretary/treasurers and discussed what they hoped to see and accomplish with their positions. Chapter Leadership Conference came and one of the many highlights of that weekend was working with council, presenting a workshop, and most importantly winning the rock paper scissors tournament. I discovered that weekend that I was going to enjoy working with council, and was going to have great friendships with them.

My term was full of travel opportunities, from Chicago, to San Antonio, to Denver, to Dallas, to Cincinnati, to Austin, to Florida, and San Angelo. By the end of my term I will have traveled 14, 919 round trip miles. I met with brothers and sisters and got to see some great football and brotherhood wherever I went. I would like to thank the Mu Tau chapter, for opening up their homes and school to me and allowing me to participate and watch the great service and music events they had over the summer and fall semester. And of course all the fun times around San Antonio. One of the highlights of the fall semester was performing a halftime show with the Grambling State marching band and meeting with the brothers and sisters of Epsilon Rho, and Zeta Mu. Thank you to the brothers and sisters for teaching us some great dance moves and allowing us to be apart of your bands traditions that weekend.

Christmas break brought us Winter Council and the planning of the spring semester, which was full of workshops and convention. I traveled to the West, South and East TX Workshops where I gave presentations on communication and fundraising.

Unfortunately I had to miss the New Orleans workshop due to a death in the family. I was excited to meet with brothers and sisters and discuss their ideas on those topics, which led me to be able to create the District Fundraising Guide, completing one of my goals that I had for this office. I am happy to announce that the district fundraising guide can now be found on the district website under the resources tab. Thank you to all the brothers and sisters who contributed their ideas to this guide, because without you it would not have been possible. I would also like to thank the chapters at Lamar, Texas Lutheran, and San Angelo State for hosting me on their campuses, and hosting successful workshops.

One of my other goals for this office was to create an additional source of revenue to fund chapters to get to national convention. Unfortunately at the 2013 National Convention the Southwest District did not have nearly enough representation that it should have. We are the largest district, with the most active chapters and it should be our goal to have the most delegates at National Convention. With the help of Tyler Gorshing and Olivia Belsher we were able to create a district t-shirt to wear at National Convention, that had great sales throughout the spring. With this additional funding we will now be able to give chapters more money to help cover

their costs to get to and from national convention. I encourage all chapters to not only apply for this district funding, but to also apply for funding at the national level, and to begin planning your trip to Lexington. We have nearly four months until National Convention, you can make this happen!

This year did not come without it's challenges. This year we switched to online forms instead of mailing in forms for district convention. And the biggest challenge of all, the marketplace situation. Unfortunately due to reasons beyond our control and after much effort from both district and national council, we were unable to make the annual marketplace happen this year. But as brothers we saw this as a challenge to overcome and we were able to create both an online marketplace and catalogue, with the help of Stephen Miller and Tyler Gorshing. This online marketplace not only accomplished one of goals, but it can now be used for years to come as an additional source for chapters to fundraise and sell their merchandise throughout the school year, instead of just at convention.

To the next secretary/treasurer I charge the following:

- Continue to promote the chapter assistance fund.
- Have a successful district fundraiser.
- Use the national assistance funds to get chapters to National Convention.
- Continue the work of the online marketplace.
- Continue the use of the district fundraising guide.

As I end this report, I encourage all brothers to continue to become involved with the district, by attending workshops. District Day, Chapter Leadership Conference, submitting articles to the NEW Alto, and to get forms completed and turned in on time. As a District we have made better strides this year in participation, but we must continue to work and strive for the highest. The best come from the Southwest, and we can only continue to say this if we keep pushing ourselves to improve on our accomplishments.

And now for the thank you's,

Thank you to Yvonne Daye and Aaron Sanchez for initially encouraging me to apply and run for this position. I would not be standing here without y'all's encouragement and support.

To the brothers of Beta Sigma, thank you for your unwavering support of me over the years. You all have been a constant source of love and support, and I am so thankful for all the good times that we have shared. You guys are my rock. Oooo!

Thank you to all the brothers and sisters who invited me into their homes throughout my travels, Josh, Christy, Carter, Graham, Laura, Natalie, Daniel, Megan, and John. I sincerely appreciate your hospitality.

To the host chapters Lambda and Psi, thank you for all your hard work towards this district convention. I know the struggles of putting on a convention, and I have to say this is the best one yet. Congratulations on all your accomplishments so far.

To Christy thank you for all the good times, and road trips to workshops and convention. You have been a source of laughter and humble advice, you will continue to do great things for Tau Beta Sigma. From the fun times in San Angelo to meeting up in Florida and meeting with sisters there. You are a life long friend.

To Stephen, thank you for your hard work on the district website. From being able to work at a moments notice by updating the website whenever we needed and to being able to accomplish other things. We could have not been able to have the marketplace, district forms, and other various updates without your hard work.

To Tyler, thank you for your work and friendship this past year. The marketplace, district fundraiser, and convention would not have been as successful without your hard work.

To Austin, thank you for making me laugh and sharing an admiration for RuPaul's Drag Race.

To Eric, thank you for your hard work with the Lambda and Psi chapters for hosting convention. Keep on biking, and try not to get so angry.

To Graham, thank you for the good times, writing down quotes of what I would say when I was exhausted and had the voice of a 60 year old chain smoker due to laryngitis and a respiratory infection. You stepped up to the plate when called upon, worked hard to have successful workshops and did a great job. Boomer Sooner!

To Brandon, thank you for your leadership and work to have a successful convention. You encompass all the qualities and traits that make a great brother. Toaster Strudle.

To Toni, thank you for all your continued hard work for the district. The successes of our council and district would not be possible without your guidance and insight. Thank you for all the good times, and bringing your adorable daughter Mariesal to workshops homie. GO COOGS!

To John, thank you for your continued support of the district, and continuing to be a presence in our district. Your service is outstanding.

Finally thank you to the brothers of the Southwest District. For without your support, input and brotherhood I would not have been successful with this job.

Thank you for entrusting me with this position, and allowing me into your meetings, degrees, and events. The best part of my position has been getting to know every single one of you all, sharing our experiences and growing as brothers

Thank you

Dylan Charrin
SWD Secretary/Treasurer 2014-15
Beta Sigma – University of Houston

Appendix D – Final Officer Report: Vice President Graham Delafield

Friends, Members of the District Council, and Brothers of the Southwest district,

What a year it has been. I wish I could sit before you and begin to tell about my experiences beginning at last year's district convention but, as luck would have it, I was not the one who initially took the oath of office. For this reason, I believe that I must give thanks and recognition to Zack Dabney of the Zeta Kappa chapter for his determination and zeal to take over this office and make it great. Though unable to complete his term, I feel warm appreciation is still appropriate because of how courageous one must be to run for district office in front of an assembly of peers. Thank you, Zack, for your undying desire to serve and for all you have done to help me.

When I took over this office in November, I was immediately welcomed with opened arms by every member of both district councils, Toni and Erika, national officers, and brothers from around the district. I am extremely grateful for the love and acceptance I have received over the past 6 months and I cannot begin to explain how much you all mean to me. But even though my I was greeted so warmly, I felt as if I was playing catch up. At no fault of any person I often found myself scratching my head wondering what exactly I was supposed to do and how I was supposed to do it. It was not until Winter Council here in Fayetteville when I fully began to see the course of my office and from then on I was refreshed, empowered, and even more eager to meet goals. But even more importantly, at Winter Council I discovered what a joy it would be to work with every member of this council. I am glad we shared the moments we did, laughed at everything, and worked together in every way. I am thankful for this council and I consider you all my good friends.

Leaving Winter Council, I resumed my work on overseeing the planning of our seven district workshops. After several dozen emails, a few phone calls, some Facebook chats and five months of effort, the Southwest District hosted 7 successful area workshops that allowed active members from all areas to share ideas, voice opinions, tackle opportunities, and grow in brotherhood. Special thanks to the chapters Theta Phi, Zeta Gamma, Delta Sigma, Gamma Zeta, Mu Mu, Epsilon Kappa, and Rho, for their tireless efforts in preparing these very special opportunities. You may have a few new gray hairs on your head after planning these workshops, but you have bettered the district in many ways.

Among the many accomplishments I could list that came this year, I am proud to look back and appreciate the things this council has done. To name some in which I worked heavily, the Southwest District has possession of a re-worked Area Workshop rotation, held seven successful workshops culminating in our District Convention, gained a new honorary member - Steve Nelson, our National Executive Director, continued opportunities for Vice Presidents and Membership Educators to review their MEPS, grown the participation in the District Jazz Band, enabled the Advisory Committee to better chapters finding themselves at odds, and

deepened the understanding of the duties of the District Vice President so that future officers may continue to serve you in the most effective ways.

My charges for you (as listed before District Convention 2015):

- Have better contact with the colonies. Most of the time there will be nothing, but you must be there just in case.
- Make sure the colonies send at least one person to national convention, a workshop, and district convention.
- Start earlier on district workshop planning and attempt to have occasional, if not frequent, phone calls with the workshop planners.
- Make more meaningful contact with the chapter Vice Presidents.
- Expand the CMEP database and make sure the chapters Vice Presidents know how to find it and why they should use it.
- Continue the District Jazz Band, but do it better.
 - This project *will* be a thorn in your side.

While these accomplishments are notable and invaluable, I must take time to recognize others. The district is a puzzle; only with each individual piece does the picture become whole.

To John Graham: Thank you for your continued service. Anyone who has ever served as governor will tell you that it takes quite a bit of effort to bring oneself to do it time and time again. But you have repeatedly agreed to take on this responsibility and I – along with the rest of the district – thank you for your loyalty.

To Austin Bordelon: Thank you for your intelligence and hard work. You have repeatedly impressed me with your knowledge of the fraternity and its processes. You have been a valuable member of this council and I have no doubt that any organization of which you are a part will benefit greatly from your aptitude and competency.

To Eric Barnett: Thank you for being approachable. I had only met you and Brandon before I joined the council but you were the only one with which I had any lengthy interaction. When I showed up to Winter Council I was almost worried that I would still be an outsider or considered the “new kid on the block,” but you took the opportunity to be engaging and bring me into the group. I thank you for everything that you do.

To Dylan Charrin: Boy what do I say? I had heard good things from Christy McKinney, but I never knew quite what to expect, myself. You have made me laugh hard and work even harder. You are a joy to be around and a pleasure to know. You have many great things ahead of you and I know you will do well in all of them.

To Brandon Fisher: Thank you for your friendship. We had met before I joined the council and I thought you might be an “all business” type of guy. Of course I thought this because I met you when you were attempting to be elected, so I hope you forgive me. You have been such a good friend. You are encouraging, diligent, efficient and effective. It was a privilege to serve with you and an even greater privilege to become your friend. Best of luck next year as you officially begin your years as a teacher.

To Toni Castle: It takes a special kind of person to want to serve as governor for as long as you have. I am sure if anyone asked you why you do it, you would say that it’s because of the people

you get to work with. I believe that you have fostered an excellent atmosphere in this council and all councils past. Your time as governor has been well spent and I am in your debt for all the great things you have done. Thank you, Toni, for everything.

To Ashlyn Kubacak: There are simply not enough words of thank that I can give. I simply could not have done it without you. I am inspired by your passion and driven by your efforts. You may not accept it when I tell you, but much credit for our success is owed to you – especially when you had no counterpart and had to carry the load on your own.

To the Delta chapter: Thank you for everything you do. Because of the quality of men and women you are, I found myself more than able to step away and serve in a larger capacity. Thank you, also, for always loving me and allowing me to work for you. I am my best when I am with you.

And lastly, to all the brothers of the Southwest District: Thank you for trusting me. I know I was not the brother you elected almost a year ago, but I hope that I have conducted myself in a way that has earned your confidence and trust. Officers come and go. Our ideas change with the tides. But through it all, the southwest remains. You, the brothers of the district are what make us great. Try as we might, no successful council member or governor could compensate for the outstanding effort you all put forth. When people look at the southwest district, they do not see us sitting up here at this table, they see you. They see how hard you work, they see how consistently you persevere, and they see how deeply you love. It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President, and I am thankful for each and everyone one of you.

And with that, no more needs to be said. I give my promise that I will aid the next District Vice President in every way and that I will continue to serve this district in the best that I know. This district is going places – bigger places than it has already gone. I can only hope that I have the privilege of seeing it happen.

Respectfully submitted,

AEA

Graham Delafield
Southwest District Vice-President, November 2014 - March 2015
Delta chapter – University of Oklahoma

Appendix E – Final Officer Report: President Brandon Fisher

Brothers of the Southwest District,

This has been a year of transition and change for Kappa Kappa Psi on both a District and National level, and it has been an honor to be elected to serve you all as Southwest District President this past year.

It seems like it was just yesterday that I was repeating the Oath of Office for the Delegation at the 2014 Southwest District Convention at Baylor University, and my entire term has flown by since. My term started off with District Day. It was great to start off the summer by meeting so many new Brothers and Sisters, and the Alumni Association did a fantastic job at organizing this event. In July I attended the District Leadership Conference at National Headquarters along with the National Headquarters Staff, National Council, Board of Trustees, Alumni Association Board Members, and the Presidents and Governors from every District of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. It was an extremely humbling experience to see how excited everyone from other Districts were to see National Headquarters, the National Shrine, and the grave sites. I think too often we take for granted that these are in our own District. Toni, Erika, Christy and I had such a great time at DLC, and we were able to get a lot of planning accomplished for this Convention, and once we came home it was time for the Chapter Leadership Conference. Thank you to the Zeta Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Texas A&M University-Commerce for doing a fantastic job organizing this event. It was great to host a Workshop with the Chapter Presidents from across the District, and having guests like Danny George, Christine Beason, David Scott, and skyping in Toni Castle and John Graham proved to be a great way to start the year off right.

Soon after school started the District Council appointed Stephen Miller as the District Webmaster. Thank you Stephen for always doing a great job with being thrown requests from multiple people on both Councils, completing the tasks in a timely manner, and for dealing with my, sometimes annoying, attention to detail throughout this year on both a Chapter and District level. The District Council also elected Graham Delafield as District Vice President after Zach Dabney had to step down for personal reasons. Thank you Zach for all of the hard work and service that you put into your position. Although our time on District Council together was short, it was exactly how I had hoped it would be when we discussed running for Office together. Zach is not actually here, but knowing him, he will be reading the District Convention Minutes as soon as they are posted online.

This fall semester seemed to fly by faster than any other has, and before I knew it Christy and I had turned in a completed Convention Plan, and the Joint District Council was here in Fayetteville for our Winter Council Meeting. This is where we all sat down and fine tweaked the Convention Plan that Christy and I had started making back in July. As we did a walk through of all of the locations that we would be using, we began to become very excited for what was in store.

The spring semester started quickly and has not slowed down yet. Being District President while student teaching and applying for jobs has proved to be a very difficult task, but it has been even more rewarding than I ever thought it would be, and I have already signed a contract and have a job as a band director for the next school year, so that has relieved some stress. In February I attended the TMEA Convention. It was so much fun to get the opportunity to meet so many different members of our organization that either are already, or aspiring to be, music educators. It was also an honor to conduct the National Fraternity Hymn in front of so many Brothers and Sisters at the TMEA Sing. Due to school events, inclement weather, and the double booking of Area Workshops, I was only able to attend the Arkansas and Oklahoma Area Workshops. Thank you to the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Chapters at Henderson State University, and the Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter at the University of Central Oklahoma for being fantastic hosts! These Area Workshops were well balanced and full of great information.

And, well, that leaves us here; the 2015 Southwest District Convention for Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Throughout my term as District President we have been trying to transition and move to a more effective and efficient way of operating. Moving tasks such as District forms and the District Officer Election process online have accomplished a lot of this. There have been some flaws in this since it was the first time, but with time I think that this will prove to have definitely been a positive change. We have also started doing Pre-Convention Committee work this year to allow those members of each Committee more time to enjoy other aspects of the Convention. This was the first time we have tried this, so hopefully as time goes on we will be able to do more and more ahead of time. As you have heard in the Jurisdiction Report, we have also realigned the District Officer positions, which will become effective after the next District Convention. All of these changes will require more time and attention to detail before they are truly effective, but I think that they are definitely steps in the right direction, and it excites me to see the direction that the District is taking towards the future.

We had a Chapter Leadership Session for the Chapters in our District that were selected for the Chapter Leadership Award. This was a great opportunity for three members of each of these four Chapters to sit down with our dignitaries present have some great conversation. I think that this is something that the District continues to do each biennium.

One of the main goals of my term as District President was to get more Chapter Delegates from our District to attend National Convention. Through my home Chapter I planned a trip to National Convention that covers registration, travel, and hotel costs for only \$250 per person. This is a \$25,000 trip that will accommodate 36 people. The idea behind this was to send members of the Zeta Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma from my school, and then leave any remaining spots on the trip for Chapter Delegates from our District. This is continuing to prove to be an extremely effective project, and I hope that the District looks into continuing it in some manner for the next National Convention. I hope that this trip gives Delegates that may not have a way to attend National Convention otherwise, an opportunity to attend and get a great educational experience that they can bring back to their own Chapters.

Looking towards the future, I charge the 2015 – 2016 Southwest District President and Southwest District Council with the following:

- Continue to move all forms and business online. This will make our operations more effective and efficient, and the more preparation that goes into it during the summer, the better.
- Continue to refine our methods of communication. I think overtime we have been trying to communicate so much that we have now successfully over communicated by using several different methods, which can become confusing to Chapters.
- Make an Officer Notebook for each District Officer position. This is something that can be started over the summer, and should continue throughout the year. This will make the transitions from one District Council to another that much smoother.
- Work with me over the summer to finalize the trip to National Convention, and find the appropriate Chapter Delegates to fill the available spots.
- Continue to move forward with Pre-Convention Committee work. A lot of the preparation for this can be done during the fall semester, and I believe it will end up making those members that serve on Committees to have a more enjoyable time at Convention.

- Continue to promote District involvement within Chapters. We are still struggling as a District when it comes to have Chapters volunteer to host Area Workshops, District Convention, and run for Office. We need to continue to encourage Chapters to take on these tasks, and also be more organized and educate the Chapters on what all this would entail, so that they feel more comfortable volunteering.

I would now like to thank some people that have had a major impact on my term as District President.

Thank you to the National Headquarters Staff, the National Council, Board of Trustees, and Alumni Association for all of your help during this year. You all have been major contributors to the success in our District, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of you more as individuals.

Thank you to the Committee Advisors and Committee Chairs for your great work and service. This District Convention would not have been nearly as successful as it was if it were not for you. Thank you to the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma for being such wonderful Host Chapters. I cannot imagine having gone through this experience without working with such awesome and organized Chapter members like you all.

Thank you to the Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Council. We have made so many great memories during our time together, and I know that I have made some great friends out of this experience. A special thanks to Christy McKinney for being the best counter part that I ever could have asked for. It was great to be able to truly be myself around you, and we worked together so well. I know that we will truly be lifelong friends from this experience.

Toni and John; it has been a pleasure to work with each of you throughout this year. Thank you Toni for being so helpful with the Council and for all of the chocolate that you have supplied when traveling, of course. John, I have really enjoyed all of our talks and getting to know you throughout my term. Thank you for being so receptive of all of the changes that we have been making for the District.

Thank you to my Council. This Convention would not have been possible without each and every one of you, and I have enjoyed working with you all every step of the way.

Eric, I really enjoyed getting to spend some time at your University. Thank you for letting us stay at your apartment for the Winter Council meeting. You made the trip really enjoyable.

Austin, your dry humor has always been a nice characteristic of the Council, and has never failed us. I cannot wait to see where you are in the future, and hopefully it's not at Once Upon a Child for both of our sake.

Dylan, I will never forget your old smoker lady's voice from the Winter Council Meeting. It has been a true pleasure to be on Council with you, and I do not know what we would have done without your humor to always lighten the mood.

Graham, you stepped into your Office in the middle of the fall. This can be challenging, but you made it a very smooth transition. I was sad after we lost Zach, and was not looking forward to electing a new District Vice President, but you ended up being someone that I could really

relate to, and we very quickly found out that we had very similar senses of humor, which I think made Council events very interesting and “inappropriate.” Having you on Council this year was an awesome experience, but becoming your friend has been even better.

To the Brothers of the Zeta Kappa Chapter, it is hard for me to come up with words to describe to you how grateful I am to call Zeta Kappa home, and all of you my family. The Chapter has always supported me in everything that I do, and I have always felt like I could truly be myself around you all. Our Chapter has been one of growth and prosperity over the past few years, and we have continued to triumph over every obstacle that stood in our way as we rebuilt our Chapter and headed into what is a seemingly bright future. It has been an honor to be your leader for the past two years. They say that you cannot choose your family, but given the chance, I would choose you all. Thank you all for the past four years, which I am sure I will always consider some of the best years of my life.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members of the Southwest District. You have trusted me with the leadership of the Southwest District this year, and I am forever grateful for that. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for the Southwest District. With the membership that I see in front of me, I know that it will be great. It has truly been a pleasure to serve you all.

Respectfully submitted.

AEA,

Brandon Fisher
Kappa Kappa Psi
Zeta Kappa Chapter
2014 – 2015 SWD President

Appendix F – Convention Site Committee Report

The 2015 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following

- 1) Collect information packets form all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the set deadline
- 2) Continue to add convention to the bid library
- 3) Review the report of the 2014 Convention Site Committee
- 4) Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the SAME presenters
- 5) Review all bid packets from bidding chapters, and schedule interviews/presentations with each one. Each bidding university that the meets the stated requirements have presentation and question/answer period during the 2nd joint session.
- 6) Discuss bids and slate a host chapter for the 2015 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to hast, a “no slate” option can be suggested.

Our streamlined committee report

Unfortunately the Convention Site Committee had no bids to review, therefore there is no slate. The committee discussed reasons why chapters feel they cannot host district and ways to make hosting district more approachable. We will have a presentation during workshop season every other year in order to show the district that hosting convention is not scary. The committee

decided to have a trial run for a hard deadline of March 1, 2016 for all convention bids. We feel that having a set deadline will allow chapters to know well in advance when bids are due.

We charge the host chapter

- 1) Ensure that the proper amount signage is put up early on the day of convention
- 2) Have an emergency contact member on call for directions
- 3) Have a very clear and detailed map for directions

We charge the 2016 Convention Site Committee Report

- Review the report of the 2015 Convention Site Committee
- Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the deadline.
- Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the same presenters
- Review all bid packets from bidding chapters and schedule interviews/presentations with each one. Each bidding university that meets the stated requirements will have a presentation and question/answer period during the second joint session
- Discuss bids and slate a host chapter for the 2017 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to host, a “no slate” can be suggested.
- Review the Prezi and make any necessary changes

The committee would like to thank our advisors, District Counselor Erika Pope and SWD Governor Toni Castle as well as Danny George for their guidance and words of wisdom during our meetings.

We would also like to thank the members of the 2015 Convention Site Committee. From Tau Beta Sigma: Andrea Rodriguez of Gamma Nu, Jennifer Lacy of Eta Nu, Joshua Holcomb of Epsilon Eta, Paula Johnson proxy for Eta Pi, Skye Austin proxy for Delta Eta
From Kappa Kappa Psi: Jose Hernandez of Zeta Beta, Connor Terry of Alpha, Josh Ready of Theta Kappa, Ryan Matejek of Delta Delta, and Cody Walter of Lambda who gracefully took minutes for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Sorrells
Tau Beta Sigma- Psi
University of Arkansas

Laura Kirkley
Kappa Kappa Psi- Lambda
University of Arkansas

Appendix G – D.O. Wiley Committee Report

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2015 D.O. Wiley Committee reviewed application packets, listened to presentations, and asked questions of the five chapters eligible and presenting for this year's D.O. Wiley Award. The committee examined the criteria and selection process for the award and each chapter's eligibility was confirmed. Committee members were provided with copies of the application packets and presentation times were scheduled with each chapter.

The eligible chapters each gave a five minute presentation followed by five minutes of questioning by the committee. Questions included but were not limited to the following:

1. What sets your chapter apart from the other chapters applying for the award?
2. How do you inspire enthusiasm in younger members and keep it present in older members?
3. What does the D.O. Wiley Award mean to the chapter?
4. Tell us more about your most profitable fundraising project.
5. How does your chapter increase involvement across the board (rather than the same handful of people doing all the work)?

Once all presentations were complete, the committee discussed the applicants and selected the recipient of the 2015 D.O. Wiley Award. This year's winner is the chapter that most fully demonstrated a commitment to the ideals and purposes of Kappa Kappa Psi and will be announced tonight at Banquet.

The D.O. Wiley Committee charges the 2016 committee with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2015 D.O. Wiley Committee
2. Review the D.O. Wiley selection process and suggest any recommended changes to the Jurisdiction Committee
3. Ensure all applicant chapters are eligible for consideration by reviewing their materials prior to the start of Convention
4. Contact all applicant chapters to inform them of their eligibility and confirm their plans to present at Convention
5. Organize a presentation schedule with the applicant chapters
6. Distribute application packets to committee members with enough time for thorough review prior to award recipient selection
7. Develop questions and establish selection criteria to determine the winner
8. Review all applicant chapters based on the established criteria and determine the winner of the 2016 D.O. Wiley Award

The 2015 would like to thank our advisor, Chris Young, for his support and guidance. We would additionally like to thank each of the chapters that applied for the D.O. Wiley award for giving us the opportunity to hear about all the wonderful ways in which your chapters are improving our college and university bands.

I would like to thank my committee members for their time and efforts:

- Maggie Ramirez – Beta Gamma
- Fernando Zuniga – Theta Nu
- Taylor Touchet – Nu Lambda

Fraternally Submitted,

Megan Fitzgerald
2014-2015 Beta Gamma Chapter President
2015 D.O. Wiley Committee Chair

Appendix H – General Administrative Committee Report

The 2015 General Administrative Committee was charged with the following:

- To the 2014-2015 District Council: Ensure that struggling chapters receive more interaction from council members, and that they are provided with the necessary help, resources, and information they need to improve
- To the 2014-2015 District President: Consider continuing the use of this committee again at the 2015 District Convention

The General Administrative Committee decided to explore the problems that exist for all of the Chapters in our District, and simple ways to repair these problems. We have taken the time to look into many of the Fraternities National resources. We started with an extensive look at the OMRS and all of the forms and documents associated with that system. We then viewed various dates and protocols that all Chapters must adhere to, and what penalties occur when these are not followed through with. We looked at many of the resources from the National Website, specifically, the Service Ideas, Project Planning and management, Officer Materials, Fundraising, and Alumni Records documents. These will raise the leadership potential of the Chapters and will help when resolving problems in the future.

We were able to discuss the following challenges chapters are currently facing:

- Sponsor/Director Relations
- Fundraising
- Chapter Morale
- Paperwork Due Dates
- Getting rid of Chapter Cliques
- Motivation for Service
- Communication vs. Over Communication
- Joint and inter-fraternal relations
- Attendance at service and social events
- Chapters feeling left out

After discussing these difficulties, the committee explored a variety of solutions, some of which apply to more than one of the previously stated challenges:

- Appreciation for other organization's activities and hosting joint events, regardless if they don't always say yes.
- Creating a relaxed atmosphere at events, considering the preferences and needs of all brothers, combining service and social opportunities, and exploring new ideas to try together.
- Instill greater responsibility to be respectful to brothers and develop a better understanding of one another, and to differentiate between personal and fraternal issues.
- Pick one main form of communication, so that you don't have multiple places for Brothers to have to check and get spammed through multiple forms of communications. Consider voting as a Chapter on a main form of communication each semester.
- Be excited to do things, and it will be easier for your Chapter to follow.
- Have weekly/bi-weekly meetings with sponsors/DOB's, in person, checking in with them for service opportunities, and remembering that Kappa Kappa Psi is there to serve them, their band program, and their needs.
- Hosting area activities with surrounding Chapters will help include all Chapters outside of the large conventions.
- The District Officers are there to help, and will be willing to talk to any Chapter in need, you don't need to wait for them to reach out.

The listed points are not meant to provide all of the issues and solutions to the aforementioned issues. Rather, they are the beginnings of a conversation that we, as Chapters of the Southwest District, should discuss more in-depth with each other on a consistent basis. Each Chapter is made up of different people, with different specific needs, and will therefore have their own issues that will require their own unique solutions, which can be modifications of the topics we have discussed here, and should discuss throughout the district.

We would like to make the following charges:

- To the 2015-2016 District Council: Ensure that struggling chapters receive interaction from the council members, and that they are provided with the proper help, resources, and information that they need to continue to succeed in our District.
- To the 2015-2016 District Council: Consider adding another hour of committee time, as our only complaint from the committee was that there wasn't enough time to discuss everything.
- To the 2015-2016 District President: Consider continuing the use of this committee again at the 2016 District Convention

I would like to thank the following delegates for serving on this year's committee: Zach Weaver, from Epsilon Beta, sitting for Epsilon Delta, Sean Perez, from Gamma Sigma, Manuel Gonzales, from Mu Lambda, Jamal Hill, from Eta Xi, Brian Vassell, from Gamma Omega, sitting for Delta Chi, Miguel Garcia, from Gamma Omega, Kyle Jones, from Lambda Kappa, sitting for Zeta Tau, Kimberly Plants-Paris, from Rho, Tirzah Claus, from Mu Chi, and Erin Burris, from Epsilon Epsilon, Tredarrion Birden, from Delta Alpha. The committee would also like to thank our advisors, Ms. Yvonne Daye and Ms. Kimberly Ahokas, for their continued support to the Southwest District and their invaluable knowledge of the Fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

Jef Firestone
Beta Lambda Chapter
Eastern New Mexico University

Appendix I – History and Traditions Committee Report

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2014-2015 History and Traditions Committee was charged with the following:

- After continued use of online history form, evaluate its use and effectiveness
- Assess the usefulness of Andy's Facebook page
- Evaluate the use of the archive chapter
- Assess the growth of the YouTube Channel (subscribers, videos, content etc.)
- Assess the expansion of knowledge of the joint song throughout the district

After reviewing the 2014 History and Traditions Committee report, the 2015 History and Traditions Committee discussed the charges to our committee.

We first addressed the use and effectiveness of the online history form. We were disappointed in the number of submissions, but realized that the form needs to be better publicized. We discussed the idea of splitting the history form so chapters will not have to annually fill out information about their Chapters and University. We additionally discussed asking Robert about utilizing the national website for a login system so that chapters can update their history forms instead of having to annually redo them. Lastly, we discussed the visibility of the form and the possibility of a physical or digital copy.

We then discussed Andy the Armadillo's Facebook Page. We agreed that the Zeta Beta chapter has done a great job with the page and that frequent updates should continue to be posted on the page. The committee determined that the page does need to be better publicized.

The committee then discussed the district archive chapter (Delta Chapter at the University of Oklahoma). We were unable to obtain a representative to talk with us from the chapter, however we were able to still have discussion. We discussed the idea of reviewing the placement of the host chapter on a 5-10 year basis in the event that a chapter is no longer able or willing to serve in this capacity. We additionally discussed the need for an online inventory of the contents of the archives as this is currently unavailable.

The History and Traditions Committee then discussed the YouTube Channel. We found that the YouTube Channel had not grown significantly and it was most likely due to a lack of publicity. We brainstormed ideas to use the YouTube Channel to introduce the different chapters from the district, to highlight different chapter events, and to record different sessions from workshops for members that are unable to attend.

Finally, the members discussed the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Joint Song. The members of the committee discussed the need to continue the publication of

the joint song in the pamphlet at district convention. The committee additionally discussed a publicizing recording of the joint song. Steve Nelson Offered to buy pizza for the chapter with the best rendition of the joint song. We discussed having Beta Zeta and Gamma Phi to judge.

Charges for the 2015-2016 Kappa Kappa Psi District Council:

- Publicize the Online History Form
- Post a copy of the online history form on the website
- Discuss splitting the history for into permanent information and changes
- Discuss with Robert moving forms to a login system linked with the national website.
- Find avenues to inform members of the Andy the Armadillo's Facebook Page
- Determine a system to review the host for the Southwest District archive chapter
- Work with the Delta Chapter to Inventory the contents of the Southwest District's archives
- Work with the Delta Chapter to Scan all documents and display them on the District Webpage
- Better Publicize the YouTube Channel
- Determine and then utilize the YouTube Channel in the most effective way
- Ensure the Joint Song is still being Publicized
- Pursue the idea have a contest between chapters for the best rendition of the joint song

Charges for the 2015-2016 History and Traditions Committee:

- Discuss the visibility of the online history form
- Analyze the previous years' use of Andy's Facebook page
- Assess the knowledge of the Southwest District Joint Song
- Determine a system to review the host for the Southwest District archive chapter or review the current system in place
- Assess the use of the YouTube Channel

Thank you to all of the members present in the room for Discussion:

Tiffany Johnson	Theta Nu- Northwestern State University
Zach Schutze	Beta Alpha-Baylor
Riley Lohr	Beta Alpha-Baylor
Troy Burnett	Beta Sigma-University of Houston
Evan Fleming	Zeta Beta proxy for Epsilon Zeta- Howard Payne
Carter Freeman	Delta Delta proxy for Nu Delta-Arkansas Tech University
Sean Rast	Epsilon Beta proxy for Nu Delta- University of Central Arkansas
Larry Howard	Delta Psi-Prairie View A & M University
Tajudeen Ohiri	Delta Psi-Prairie View A & M University
Shelby Lowder	Lambda Xi-Southeast Louisiana University

Fraternally Submitted,

Eric Barnett

Southwest District
Member at Large
2014-2015

Appendix J – Joint Action Committee Report

Presidential Charge

- I charge the 2015 Joint Action Committee to select the 2015-2016 NEW ALTO Editing Team, including Copy Editor, Design Editor, and Lead Writer. The Joint Action Committee will interview all applicants for each editorial position and from those applicants select an individual that would be best suited for the editor position.
- If, in scheduling the interviews of candidates, the committee finds that there is not enough time to accommodate all candidates, I authorize you to call a special committee meeting Saturday afternoon 3:05pm-4:05pm in order to allow you more time for interviews.

Report of the 2015 Joint Action Committee

JAC Met on Saturday, April 28th, 2015.

Our Charges from last year were:

- Review the position of webmaster, the application process, and term limit
- Review the 2012-2012 Publications committee report
- Review the 2012-2013 JACME Report.
- Review/ Revise the Andy Annie award proposal
- Propose any changes to the district constitution

New ALTO

- We reviewed the current set up of the New ALTO

Webmaster

- We reviewed the position of webmaster and decided that since the current webmaster is in the middle of a two-year term, we will charge the next JAC committee with reviewing the application process and term limit.

Grant Money

Promotions

- Have council members send out announcements to chapters and remind them that the grant is still available and can still be applied for.
- Contact Webmaster and ask to include announcement on kkytbs.org/swd homepage in a moving banner style.

Charges for the 2015-2016 Joint Actions Committee:

- Review the 2014-2015 Joint Action Committee Report
- Select the New ALTO Committee
- Reevaluate the number of participants on the New ALO Committee and the application/selection process

- Reevaluate the application and selection process for the Webmaster position and define term limits
- Revisit the following motion regarding the wording of the amendment for the Joint Action Committee General Service Grant
 - "The Joint Action Committee General Service grant can be used to cover the travel costs at the discretion of the district Tau Beta Sigma Counselor and the Kappa Kappa Psi Governors
 - Will not be approved by Governors and Counselor until the language is specific. In other words, travel costs must be properly specified (who it is going to).

Thanks to the members of The Joint Actions Committee, and our advisors Katie Dukes Rixon and Josh Stickney for all of your hard work in making our committee awesome.

- Elyse Whitmarsh Iota: TBS
- Sara Westra Beta Lambda: Kappa Kappa Psi
- Gregory Obregon Mu Tau: Kappa Kappa Psi (Proxy for Alpha Tau: Kappa Kappa Psi)
- Joshua Fletcher Epsilon Chi: Kappa Kappa Psi
- Jessica Arrandondo Zeta Zeta: Kappa Kappa Psi (Proxy for Zeta Gamma: Kappa Kappa Psi)
- Lyndsay Hockaday Gamma Tau: Tau Beta Sigma
- LeeAnn Tustison Epsilon Eta: Tau Beta Sigma

Respectfully Submitted,

Austin Bordelon
Beta Gama: Kappa Kappa Psi
2015 SWD Joint Action Committee Co-Chair

Whitney Nichols
Delta Pi: Tau Beta Sigma
2015 SWD Joint Action Committee Co-Chair

Appendix K – Jurisdiction Committee Report

The 2015 Jurisdiction Committee had a wide list of charges to tackle this year. Our priority was to finish the list of charges from the council and committees and also vote on tabled amendments passed on from previous years. The committee was charged with the following and worked diligently to discuss these recommended changes.

- Examine the possibility of trimming the SWD Constitution and consider the use of a more flexible and practical form of governance such as a District Policy Book. This can be done by either the council itself, an individual, or group of individuals appointed by the council and/or the District Governor(s).
- Maintain records of issues and experiences with recent constitutional changes.
- Set a deadline for committees to submit proposals by the end of the first meeting.
- Review language and grammar within the constitution.

- Examine changes to the National Constitution and ensure the District Constitution is up to date.
- Consider recommendations from those affected by the significant changes to our District Constitution. Improve upon the new practices and help clean any unclear language
- Change the officer's titles of Co-Members at Large (Co-Mal) to new titles that reflect their job duties.

From the 2014 Ways and Means Committee

- Section 6.07
 - Strike: At the end of the fiscal year, any district officer that has travel costs that exceed the allotted amount shall forfeit any travel reimbursement.
 - Replace: At the end of the fiscal year, any district officer that has travel costs that exceed the allotted amount shall forfeit the amount that exceeds the Officer's Travel line item. Use of excess funding or unused allotment from other District Officers is at the discretion of the District Governor(s).

Tabled Amendments

- Section 11.02
 - Replace "chapter to chapter" with "school to school"
 - Add after "Andy the Armadillo,": "and his sister, Annie the Armadillo,"
- Strike current Appendix 2 and replace with the following
 - Appendix 2: Andy and Annie the Armadillos
 - The official mascot of the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi shall be Andy the Armadillo. He and his sister, Annie the Armadillo, will stand for the unity of our joint chapters and the commitment to their band programs and the Southwest District. They shall be awarded to a school with two joint chapters at Southwest District Convention who show excellent joint unity and spirit.
 - 1) Andy and Annie will stay with the winning school from convention to convention. The school currently in possession of Andy and Annie will decide which school he and she are awarded to.
 - 2) Andy and Annie must jointly submit an article to the New ALTO telling everyone of their activities and whereabouts.
 - 3) Andy and Annie must wear official uniforms or shirts of the host school. These uniforms must be worn at all times until Andy and Annie move to the next school. The old uniform will then be sent to the District Officers to be placed in the District Archives.

Proposed Amendments

- Add subpoint under #1 of section 2.07: If the Sponsor and Director of Bands are the same individual, one letter would meet both requirements.
- Remove the current 2.11 section in its entirety and replace with the following: *note: this does not take effect until 2016 elections"
 - New section 2.10 (current 2.10 changes to 2.11)
 - The District Vice President of Programs shall be in charge of the Joint Action Committee, New ALTO, District Service Project, and shall represent the District to the National Vice President for Student Affairs.
 - New section 2.12 (current sections 2.12 through 2.16 renumbered accordingly)

- The District Historian/Alumni Liaison shall be in charge of awards, the scrapbook, social media, and shall represent the district to the National Alumni Association, Southwest District Alumni Association, and any local alumni associations.
- Change “Vice President” to “Vice President of Membership” in all relevant sections.
- Change “Co-MALs” or “Member-at-large” to appropriate officer position in all relevant sections
- Section 3.13: replace the 6 mentions of “ JACME” (Joint Action Committee for Music Education) to just “JAC” (Joint Action Committee)
- Section 5.07
 - After "maintained by the Joint District Council", add "The rotation will be created by chapters who have submitted an application to the Joint District Councils."
- Rewrite section 7.01 to remove “and chapter”, so that the first sentence reads “Each district officer and committee chairman shall submit a report at each District Convention.”
- Remove sections 7.02 and 7.03 in entirety
- Section 8.01
 - under bulletpoint 1, strike “The Council may appoint a member or members to manage the advertising, publications, and distribution of the New ALTO, and/or to manage the design and maintenance of the Southwest District and/or New ALTO websites.”
 - in its place, add in “The Council will select qualified members to serve as the following positions: formatting and design editor, two copy editors, and a publication webmaster.”
- Appendix 1: add the following requirements for Spirit of Southwest Cup
 - alter point B to reflect current social media trends: “The Chapter will be awarded one point per social media correspondence for a maximum of 5 points. An instance of correspondence is defined as a public interaction over social media, relevant to a particular Fraternity event.”
 - adding the following as point K: “Each chapter seeking the award shall give a presentation of no more than five (5) minutes, and will entertain questions from the Judging Committee for an additional five (5) minutes. Each Chapter will be allowed .a total of three Brothers to present for the Committee. No PowerPoint presentations will be allowed.”
 - therefore moving current point J to point L
 - add the following as point J: “Any mandatory events are excluded from points possible on the cup application unless additional correspondence is made (ex: mandatory football games with planned event after). Work with the host chapters for percentages of who is in attendance at convention, and for the attendance at reading bands.”
- Appendix 3: add information concerning the Joint Action Committee General Service Grant at the end of the Appendix
 - “The Joint Action Committee General Service Grant can be used to cover travel costs at the discretion of the district TBS Counselor and KKY Governor.”

Charges

- 2016 District President
 - form a Joint Jurisdiction Committee to examine the 7 areas of the district and recommend changes of the area size
- 2016 District Council

- appoint a task force to compile a District Policy Handbook with appropriate content (ex: Hazing, Risk Management, report deadlines, etc.)
- 2016 Joint Action Committee
 - reviewing the long-term purpose of Andy & Annie the Armadillos
 - clarifying the leadership of the New ALTO staff and how the team is selected
 - further describing the Joint Action Committee General Service Grant and the process for chapters to apply for the award
- 2016 Jurisdiction Committee
 - examine changes to the National Constitution and ensure the District Constitution is up to date

Thank you to the hard-working Jurisdiction Committee (debating between armadillos and spirit awards and coming back for more excellent jurisdiction during our emergency meeting) Andrew Gomez-Mu Tau, Justin Chesak-Gamma Iota, Sam Hundt-Zeta Kappa (proxy for Zeta Xi), Katelynn Wilson-Lambda (proxy for Gamma Zeta), Luke Bush-Nu Lambda (proxy for Alpha Omicron), the Southwest District Council, and brothers that are in attendance at District Convention. Convention and all district events are a very special time that unites brothers from across the District and allows for new ideas to emerge, empowering us to better our great organizations.

Thank you to our advisor Garrick Hildebrand for guiding us through this terribly complicated Jurisdiction process. Thank you to the Lambda and Psi chapters for your hard work and professionalism during this Convention; the final result is very impressive. Finally, thank you to the brothers of Mu Tau for running with me (Go ‘Runners!) through our long journey together and helping make a difference at UTSA and in the San Antonio community. Brothers, ALWAYS strive for the highest and you will consistently be surprised what you can achieve.

Fraternally submitted,
 Aaron Sanchez
 Mu Tau, University of Texas at San Antonio
 2015 Jurisdiction Committee Chair

Appendix M – Membership Education Committee Report

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2015 Membership Education Committee was charged with the following tasks:

- Evaluate the usage of the Colony Assistance and discuss whether to increase the allotted funds for Colony Assistance
- Discuss ways to incorporate the newest chapters of the district into district activities

After discussing these matters, the most apparent truth was that knowledge of colony assistance was severely lacking. Because of this, the Membership Education Committee focused our discussions on how we can better advertise and inform colonies about these opportunities and, in turn, gain participation.

When it comes to incorporating new chapters into district happenings and projects, the committee unanimously decided that advertisement of district events needs a little more flavor. We believe that notifications of events and description of their purpose are all well and good, but we need to be pursuing more enjoyable and applicable ways of promoting events.

Upon completion of these topics of discussion, we refocused our efforts towards identifying weak point of the Membership Education Process that are found consistently from chapter to chapter, and who we can bring those into an area of strength.

Our discussions of membership education provided very insightful opinions over the course of our district and we believe we can contribute several areas of focus that, through diligence and careful planning, will allow the Southwest District to continue its mission of striving for the highest.

The committee has the following charges:

To the SWD VP:

- Promote colony assistance opportunities by making direct, personal contact with the colonies and by utilizing at least one new media outlet (Phone calls, Facebook, Twitter, make an app?)
- Instigate discussions about how to gain the most genuine and well-suited membership candidates with the chapter vice presidents.
- Encourage Area Workshop hosts to explore the possibility of holding workshops over the rituals and how they are truly applicable to us every day.
- Continue to encourage chapter vice presidents to establish more innovative lesson plans that make the required material personal, applicable, and engaging, rather than relying on testing their knowledge of facts.

To the SWD Council

- Encourage colonies to use the colony assistance fund for fraternity related needs and examine the possibility of creating financial plans so that money may be given to the colonies directly, rather than them spending the money and then being reimbursed.
- Create more interest for district activities through the expansion of creative outlets such as promotional videos, newsletters, and district advertisements.

To the 2016 Membership Education Committee:

- Evaluate how effective the district council has been in generating interest in district events and give possible ways they can continue to improve in this endeavor.
- Evaluate the communication between Southwest District Vice President and chapter vice presidents and discuss better forms and avenues.
- Evaluate growth in the central education databases and decide areas of focus on which the next vice president should focus.

Generous thanks to Joe Clever of Gamma Alpha, David Cantera of Theta Nu, Desmond Edwards of Theta Phi, Michael Foucher of Delta Psi, Arjun Jeetan of Delta Sigma, and David

Rudolph of Delta for all their contributions to this year's committee. And thank you to John Graham for his help as this year's committee advisor.

Fraternally submitted,

AEA

Graham Delafield
Membership Education Committee Chair 2015

Appendix N – Nomination Committee Report

Kappa Kappa Psi - Southwest District

Nominations Committee 2015

Chair – Stephen Miller, Zeta Kappa

Advisor – Helen Moore, Past Kappa Kappa Psi SWD President

Report of the 2014 Nominations Committee

The 2015 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2014 Nominations Committee
2. Examine and submit a list of all constitutionally qualified nominees for each office
3. Develop a series of questions for each candidate and establish criteria for a positive recommendation for the district.
4. Prepare a slate of one candidate for each position that the committee feels would benefit the district the most. If the committee feels that no one candidate is most qualified, they may offer a “no slate” for any or all offices.
5. Recommend any changes to the nomination/election process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

In order to create a fair and just interview, some of the following questions were used in the interview process for each candidate:

General questions for all candidates:

1. What are the responsibilities of this office?
2. Why do you want this office?
3. Would you be flexible if the committee slated you for another office?
4. What will your status with Kappa Kappa Psi be for next year? Will you be a chapter officer? Where are you in your academic carrier(Year Wise)?
5. What is your current overall academic status? Do you have any academic honors?
6. What do you feel is the model time commitment for a district officer?

7. What is your view on the importance of council representation at SWD Area Workshops?
8. What is your personal philosophy on band programs and service?
9. What type of programs would you like to see implemented or expanded upon in the Southwest District?
10. What is your greatest weakness?
11. Tell us about a not so positive situation that you have encountered and how did you overcome it?
12. What are your current top priorities?
13. Where do you think the District Stands on their faith in the Southwest District Council?
14. What would be your role within the council?
15. Are you able to travel effectively while keeping your responsibilities to your own school, band, and chapter?
16. If on a chapter visit, you suspect a member is being hazed, what do you do?
17. How would you plan to include alumni in more events across the district?

Questions for President candidates:

1. What do you think your finest moment as a leader has been?
2. How could you draw that experience if you were elected President?
3. How would your previous leadership experience help you with being President?

Questions for Vice President candidates:

1. What are your plans to keep colonies well informed?
2. How would you work with alumni on a district level?
3. How can you encourage schools to share their membership processes with struggling chapters?

Questions for Secretary/Treasurer candidates:

1. What experience do you have regarding finance and/or secretarial duties?
2. Do you have any fundraising ideas in mind?

Questions for Member-at-Large candidates:

1. In your opinion, what constitutes effective communication?
2. What are your relations with other chapters?
3. What are your plans for the New ALTO?

Pertaining to the second charge with states: Examine and submit a list of all constitutionally qualified nominees for each office, the District Governors found that all five nomination packets submitted by the candidates met the National and Southwest District Constitutional requirements. The Governors found that the following candidates met all requirements:

For the office of President:

Austin Bordelon of Beta Gamma

Dylan Charring – Beta Sigma
Graham Delafield - Delta

For the office of Vice President:

Gavin Alequin-Richardson

For the office of Member at Large:

Danielle Sullivan - Delta

After discussing all of the qualities and qualifications of the candidates, the Nominations Committee came to its **final recommendation** for the District. Be reminded that the Nominations committee holds the ability to slate a candidate for office, or slate any office as “**No Slate**” and allow the Council to open elections and use theirs and the governor’s judgement to appoint an officer they feel would meet the needs of the office. Furthermore, the committee appreciated the interest this year from the candidates which were presented to us, and we concluded that these candidates would provide the best service to the Southwest District in the following capacities:

President:

Dylan Charrin – Beta Sigma

Vice President:

Graham Delafield - Delta

Secretary/Treasurer:

No Slate

Member at Large:

Danielle Sullivan - Delta

Member at Large:

No Slate

The committee felt that each person who was slated was by far the clear choice and the best candidate for each position. The committee must express that the voting for the slate for each office was discussed and concluded to be in the best interest of the district.

The Nominations Committee would like to thank all of the candidates for district office for their time and interest in working for the good of the Southwest District and the fraternity at large. The committee strongly urges the delegation to ask questions of all candidates for office so that the delegation can make an informed decision that reflects the best for the district.

The Committee would like to charge the 2016 Nominations Committee with the following:

- Review the report of the 2015 Nominations Committee.
- Examine and submit a list of all constitutionally qualified nominees for each office.
- Develop a series of questions for each candidate and establish criteria for a positive recommendation for the district.
- Prepare a slate of one candidate for each position that the committee feels would benefit the district the most. If the committee feels that no one candidate is most qualified, they may offer a “no slate” for any or all offices.
- Recommend any changes to the nomination/election process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

The Committee would like to charge the 2015-2016 Southwest District Council with the following:

- On the resources tab provide a template candidacy packet for potential officer candidates to access so that they may adequately prepare their own personal officer packet.
- Provide a digital copy of each candidate's candidacy packet on the Southwest District Website at least a week before convention to allow an adequate amount of time for people to learn about and research candidates before convention.

I would like to thank the committee for their time and dedication that they put into this year's decisions:

Sarah Kiper of Mu Mu

Elizabeth Cummins of Eta Nu

Andrew White of Beta Alpha

Christopher Ha of Lambda Kappa

I would also like to thank our advisor: Helen Moore, past Southwest District President, and Alumni of Eta Nu.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Miller

2015 Nominations Committee Chair

Zeta Kappa Chapter at Texas A&M University-Commerce

Appendix O – Spirit Committee Report

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2014-2015 Spirit Committee was charged with the following:

- Review the 2013-2014 Spirit Committee report.
- Review the score system for the Spirit Stick and revise where you see fit.
- Review and decide the award recipient for the Spirit Stick.
- Review the application process for "The Cup" and recommend any changes to the Jurisdiction Committee.
- Submit to the jurisdiction committee that any mandatory events are excluded from points possible on the cup application unless additional correspondence is made (ex: mandatory football games with planned event after). Work with the host chapters for percentages of who is in attendance at convention, and for the attendance at reading bands on Friday night.
- Review and decide the award recipient for the Spirit of the Southwest Award (The Cup)

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The 2014-2015 Spirit Committee reviewed and amended the point system for the awarding of the Spirit Stick. This system is to be taken as a template for future years of conventions, and additional point opportunities may be added, contingent upon events taking place during a particular year. The point system compiled by the committee is as follows:

- **Chapter Participation & Spirit (95 Point System)**
 - Donation to convention fundraiser +10
 - Music Supply Drive +10
 - Talent Show (yes or no) +5 points
 - Vendor Participation +10
 - Chapter Scrapbook Display +5
 - District Scrapbook Submissions +15
 - Unity
 - Respectfully Cheerful 15 points possible
 - Uniformity 5 points possible.
 - Percentage in attendance – 10 points possible
 - National Intercollegiate Band auditions – 2 points per member, 10 points possible

- Based on the newly amended point system, the Spirit Committee was pleased to observe the participation of the chapters throughout the Convention and the tremendous spirit of the Southwest District. It is our pleasure to present the Spirit Stick to Beyoncé Knowles.

- The 2013-2014 Spirit Committee reviewed the application process for The Spirit of the Southwest Award, or “The Cup” and submitted to the Jurisdiction Committee that a presentation to the committee be added as a qualification of the application process. In addition, the committee submitted that social media correspondence only be counted towards points received if it is done between chapters and through a public medium.

- The Spirit Committee worked with the host chapters, as well as the District Council, to gather attendance numbers for Convention, as well as who participated in chapter displays and who submitted to the District Scrapbook and Music Supply Drive.

- The Spirit Committee reviewed the packet submissions from chapters applying for the Spirit of the Southwest Award, or "The Cup." Thank you to Delta, Zeta Beta, and Zeta Kappa for submitting applications for this award. It is our pleasure to present "The Cup" to Leslie Knope.

- The Outstanding Service to Music Education Award is an award that is often forgotten. Remembering that one of the values of Kappa Kappa Psi is to further the music programs in our communities, the importance of this award is to recognize extraordinary service specifically furthering music education at the university or community by submitting one specific project to be considered. Thank you to the one chapter that submitted an application. It is our pleasure to present the Outstanding Service to Music Education Award to Sylvia Plath.

The committee charges the 2015-2016 Spirit Committee with the following:

- Review the 2014-2015 Spirit Committee report.
- Review the score system for the Spirit Stick and revise where they see fit, in accordance with special events for the year's Convention.
- To the chair, take note throughout the Convention of chapters displaying brotherly spirit
- Review and decide the award recipient for the Spirit Stick.

- Review the application process for “The Cup” and recommend any changes to the Jurisdiction Committee.
- Review and decide the award recipient for the Spirit of the Southwest Award (The Cup) 43
- Judge the presentations from applicant chapters to the "The Cup" on their creativity, detail, and spirit.
- Determine the award recipient for the Outstanding Service to Music Education Award

The Spirit Committee charges the 2015-2016 Southwest District Council with the following:

- Better promote and inform chapters of the Southwest District regarding Southwest District awards and spirit programs

I would like to thank all the chapters that applied for our awards, as well as the entire Southwest District for their spirit and energy. To my awesome committee members, thank you so much for your time and effort spent with me this weekend. It was a pleasure working with each of you.

Peyton Adcock, Zeta Zeta
 Dino Cardenas, Alpha Psi
 Jessie Cortez, Iota Upsilon
 Jake Gatlin, Epsilon Beta
 Megan Tapia, Theta Alpha

Thank you all so much for your hard work and positive attitudes.

Thank you to Brandon and the Southwest District Council for this opportunity. It was an honor and a privilege to serve as the chair of this committee. I would also like to thank the host chapters and the Council for putting up with my thousands of questions, and for getting me the information the committee needed to determine the award recipients.

Finally, I would like to thank my advisor, Stephanie McCoullough. I truly would not have been able to get through this process without you. Thank you for your time, efforts, encouraging support, and tolerance of me liking every photo you've ever posted on Instagram. And thank you for your passion for fraternal spirit, which was invaluable to the *Spirit* Committee. It was a pleasure working with you this weekend.

Fraternally submitted,

Jared T. Holt
 Epsilon Beta – University of Central Arkansas
 2015 SWD Spirit Committee Chair

Appendix P – Ways and Means Committee Report

The 2015 Committee has been charged with the following:

- Review the report of the 2014 Ways and Means Committee.
- Determine if any line item in the budget needs to be adjusted.
- Create and present a budget for the 2015–2016 academic year.
- Carefully evaluate the use of the NEW ALTO allotment within the revised structure of its publication and adjust it accordingly.

During this year's convention, the following actions took place:

- The previous report was presented and discussed.
- The 2013–2014 account was presented and discussed.
- Line items in the district budget were adjusted as necessary.
- The committee decided to increase the amount allotted to DISTRICT OFFICER TRAVEL from \$2,200 to \$2,500 with each officer receiving the same amount of funding of \$500 each.
- The committee decided to decrease the amount allotted to OFFICE AND MAIL from \$140 to \$100.
- The committee decided to decrease the allotment of NEW ALTO from \$150 to \$30.
- The committee decided to increase the chapter assistance fund from \$500 to \$600.
- The committee decided to increase the CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE allotment from \$100 to \$200.
- The committee decided to create a COLONY ASSISTANCE FUND of \$300. This allotment can be used by colonies in the Southwest District, to help with needed expenses to start a colony.
- The budget for the 2015-16 was written and is enclosed with this report.

Charges:

To the 2015–2016 Secretary/Treasurer:

- Continue to promote the chapter assistance fund.
- Have a successful district fundraiser.
- Use the national assistance funds to get chapters to National Convention.
- Continue the work of the online marketplace.
- Continue the use of the district fundraising guide.
- Communicate with all secretary/treasurers in the district.

To the 2016 Ways and Means Committee

- Review the report of the 2015 Ways and Means Committee.
- Present an overview of the 2015–2016 district account.
- Determine if any line item in the budget needs to be adjusted.
- Create and present a budget for the 2016–2017 academic year.

I would like to sincerely thank our advisor David Kirkley for his help with this committee. The following Brothers dutifully served on this committee:

Kayla Weeks — Beta Lambda

Katelyn Huckaby — Alpha Psi (Proxy for Lambda Pi)

Francisco Lopez — Iota Sigma

Gideon Brewer — Zeta Zeta

Devontae Jones — Epsilon Rho

Fraternally submitted and always on the upward Strive,
 Dylan Charrin Beta Sigma Chapter — University of Houston
 2015 Ways and Means Committee Chair
 2014–2015 SWD Secretary/Treasurer

Kappa Kappa Psi ~ Southwest District
 2015-2016 Budget Proposal

<i>FALL ALLOTMENT</i>	\$ 2800.00
<i>SPRING ALLOTMENT</i>	\$ 500.00
<i>OTHER (INTEREST, CHAPTER DONATIONS)</i>	\$ 50.00
<i>DELEGATE FEES</i>	\$900.00
<i>FUNDRAISING</i>	\$ 350.00
ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 4600.00

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAVEL

President	\$500.00	Vice
President	\$500.00	Secretary/Treasurer
	\$500.00	
Co Member-at-Large		\$500.00
Co Member-at-Large		\$500.00

OFFICE EXPENSES

OFFICE AND MAIL	\$100.00
<i>New ALTO</i>	\$30.00
<i>CHAPTER ASSISTANCE</i>	\$ 600.00
<i>DISTRICT AWARDS</i>	\$ 300.00
<i>DISTRICT DAY</i>	\$ 150.00
<i>CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE</i>	\$ 200.00
<i>CHAPTER ASSISTANCE (to NATCON)</i>	\$ 200.00
<i>COLONY ASSISTANCE</i>	\$ 300.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	\$ 4380.00
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