



# *Kappa Kappa Psi*

## *Southwest District Constitution*

*New Mexico—Arkansas—Louisiana—Texas—  
Oklahoma*

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## **Section I: General**

1.01 The name of this organization shall be the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity for College and University Band Members.

1.02 Whereas, Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma Sorority for College and University Band Members are recognized as separate sets of officers, rituals, histories, and traditions, it is hereby stated that the two organizations shall remain such, and that the Southwest District Constitution of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity shall not merge or unite in any way with the Southwest District Constitution of Tau Beta Sigma Sorority in such a way that one constitution may govern both bodies.

1.03 This document shall take effect upon the favorable vote of 75% of the voting delegation of the District Convention and after approval of the National Executive Director and National Council. Upon these approvals, all previous district constitutions shall no longer be in effect.

1.04 This Constitution shall in no way conflict with or receive priority over the National Constitution except upon the approval of the National Council.

1.05 This Constitution may be amended by a 75% vote of the voting delegates at a district convention. The proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the Jurisdiction Committee. They shall examine the proposal during the course of the convention and report their recommendation to the entire delegation, at which time it shall be voted upon. If, after votes are cast, 75% of the delegation are in favor of adoption, the amendment shall become effective at the conclusion of the convention unless otherwise noted.

1.06 If a favorable vote on a proposed amendment is less than 75%, yet there is a majority vote, the proposed amendment shall be tabled until the next regularly called District Convention of the Fraternity. During the interim between conventions it shall be published in the minutes of the convention at which it was proposed under the caption "proposed amendments to the constitution." If at the next regularly called convention it shall receive 75% of the votes cast it shall become operative and effective immediately, contingent upon approval by the National Executive Director and National Council unless otherwise stated in the amendment.

1.07 The Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi recognizes the coordination of business activities with the Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma. In such instances when both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma must vote on a joint proposition, a majority vote of both organizations is required to pass said proposition.

1.08 The Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity expressly prohibits discrimination by any component part of the fraternity on the basis of race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental handicap, marital, or veteran status. Rather it is the policy of the fraternity to foster a spirit of mutual understanding and respect among all people, especially those involved with college and university bands, remembering that music is the universal language.

## **Section II: Officers**

2.01 The Southwest District shall be under the Jurisdiction of the District Governor(s). The elected officers of the Southwest District shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Members-at-Large.

2.02 The election of officers will be held at the last regularly scheduled separate meeting at the Southwest District Convention. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. If no simple majority is produced in officer election, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. Officers shall serve a term of office of one year, from convention to convention.

2.03 Qualifications for each office shall be as stated in section 5.3 of the National Constitution.

2.04 New election materials a person seeking a District Office wants to provide before District Convention (such as pamphlets, newsletters or stickers), must be approved by the Southwest District Governors before the candidate can disperse advertisement materials to chapters.

2.05 Candidates must have written approval from the chapter sponsor at which they are located before they use the mailing supplies of the chapter for personal advertisement. The approval of such materials must be sent to the Southwest District Governor as well before disbursement.

2.06 Failure to adhere to 2.04 and 2.05 will result in automatic disqualification from candidacy.

2.07 Each person seeking District Office shall submit a completed candidacy packets to the District Governor(s) no later than three (3) weeks prior to convention. The candidacy packet must include the following:

1) Letters of recommendation from their chapter, Director of Bands, and Sponsor.  
a) If the Director of Bands and Sponsor are the same individual, one letter would meet both requirements.

2) Resume

3) List of goals for their intended office complete with ways they envision achieving said goals. The committee shall report on the eligibility of such candidates to the convention at the next session. All names approved by the Nominations Committee shall be read and automatically entered into nomination for the respective office. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the convention by an official delegate. The Nominations Committee shall consider the additional nominees to determine eligibility at its next committee meeting following the nomination session. The committee may further recommend one candidate for each district office. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

2.08 The District President shall preside over all meetings of the district, and shall be responsible for the execution of programs, activities, committee reports, etc. at the district level as passed by the District Convention. The President shall call meetings of the district officers when necessary and advise the National Council on the selection of the District Governor(s). The President shall appoint and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees and shall render all

possible assistance to the Governor(s). In the absence of the District Governor(s), the President shall be designated as the official representative of the district whenever such representation is required.

2.09 The District Vice-President shall, in the absence of the District President, preside over all meetings. The Vice-President shall coordinate colonization activities for the district council and shall assist the National Vice-President of Colonization and Membership and National Headquarters with maintaining open lines of communication with colonies. The Vice-President shall, in conjunction with the Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Vice-President of Membership, shall have jurisdiction over Southwest District Area Workshops. The Vice-President will also oversee and execute Music Education programs for the Joint Action Committee for in consort with the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Member(s) at large, the Tau Beta Sigma Vice-President for Membership, and the Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Vice-President of Special Projects. The Vice-President shall also act as Sergeant-At-Arms at the District Caucuses and be responsible for arranging meeting places at National Convention, unless otherwise delegated to another district officer by the District President.

2.10 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.

2.11 The District Secretary/Treasurer shall record, publish, and post on the district website all amendments and revisions to the district constitution and the minutes of all meetings, and notify the District Governor(s), the National Council, and officers. The Secretary/Treasurer shall locate and correct all typographical/grammatical errors and remove all expired grandfather clauses from the District Constitution. The Secretary/Treasurer shall submit reports, on December 1st and April 1st, of all changes to each chapter, District Officers, and District Governor(s). The Secretary/Treasurer shall control the receipts and disbursements of all moneys of the District. The Secretary/Treasurer will be required to submit an itemized list of all District expenditures on the following dates: December 1st and April 1st. Copies of the itemized expenditures list will be furnished to all District Officers, the District Governor(s), and the National Headquarters. The Secretary/Treasurer will chair the Ways and Means Committee and shall distribute a District Constitution to each chapter in the fall term following a spring District Convention. The Southwest District Constitution shall be maintained electronically, to be circulated to all new Secretary/Treasurers and chapters. Corrections and modifications shall be made following each District Convention. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep records of all chapters in attendance at District Convention with regards to official delegate and chapters they proxy for. This information will be used to assist the District Vice-President with encouraging less active chapters to participate in District Activities.

2.12 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.

2.12 Each District Officer shall be required to submit an article or letter for publication in each issue of the New ALTO.

2.13 All District Officers are authorized to organize a committee within their own chapters to assist in the operation of the office. It is the responsibility of the officer's chapter to support the officer in any way needed.

2.14 All officers serve without compensation. Expenses of the officers, when authorized by the District Governor(s), shall be paid by the District upon the presentation of a valid receipt for money dispersed in the name of the District.

2.15 In the event the office of President becomes vacant prior to the end of the term of office, the highest ranking member shall automatically succeed to the office of President until the next convention. In the event of a vacancy in the offices of Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, or Members-at-Large, the District Governor(s) shall notify all chapters of the vacancy. Any active members of the district may apply to the District Governor(s) for the position. After 30 days of such notice, the remaining officers, subject to the approval of the District Governor(s), shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy. Persons filling vacancies shall serve until the next District Convention.

2.16 After January 1st, all vacant District Offices shall be appointed by the District Council. Current District Officers shall not be eligible for any vacancies after January 1st. All appointments are subject to approval of the District Governor(s). The Council shall immediately notify all chapters of the appointments.

### **Section III: Committees**

3.01 The standing committees of the district shall be Ways and Means, Jurisdiction, Nominations, Publications, Convention Site, Colonization and Membership, History and Traditions, Spirit, Joint Action Committee, and Judging. The District President may appoint other committees or restructure a standing committee as deemed necessary with the advice of the District Council.

3.02 No later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening separate session of convention, all committee chairs shall be selected and all committee charges shall be published and made known to the chairs.

3.03 Committee Chairs and members shall receive any and all necessary paperwork from their respective District Officers at District Convention. This includes any and all changes in the committee charges that have been submitted to the District Council.

3.04 Committee chairs shall be assigned by the President unless stated otherwise in this Constitution. The President shall have the authority to appoint advisors to committees as he/she deems necessary. Notification of assignments will be sent out to each chapter prior to the District Convention.

3.05 The Ways and Means Committee will examine, recommend, and submit all propositions related to the finances of the District. It will prepare an operating budget for the ensuing year and present it to the District Convention for approval. The committee will be chaired by the Secretary/Treasurer.

3.06 The Jurisdiction Committee shall examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention, all propositions, revisions, and alterations for the amending of the District Constitution.

3.07 The Nominations Committee shall examine and submit to the District Convention, a list of all constitutionally qualified nominees for each office. The committee will also recommend one candidate for each office that it feels is the best qualified to be a District Officer. No member of a chapter with a candidate for district office shall serve on the Nominations Committee.

3.08 The Publications Committee shall review the qualifications of the chapter(s) bidding for the publication rights of the District Newsletter and present its recommendation to the convention. The Publications Committee will also be responsible for evaluating the District Website and recommending any changes. This will be a joint committee with Tau Beta Sigma. No member of a chapter presenting a bid may serve in any capacity on this committee.

3.09 The Convention Site Committee, a joint committee with Tau Beta Sigma, will review the qualifications of chapters bidding to host the next convention based on criteria established at the previous District Convention, and present its recommendation to the convention. This committee shall also reevaluate the criteria to be used at the next convention by those submitting bids. No member of a chapter presenting a bid may serve in any capacity on this committee.

3.10 The Committee of Colonization and Membership shall examine, recommend, and submit to the District assembled at the convention, all propositions related to colonization and reactivation within the District. The committee shall also consider matters of internal expansion and maintenance of active membership. This committee shall be chaired by the District Vice-President.

3.11 The History and Traditions Committee shall examine, recommend, and submit to the District all propositions related to the history and traditions of the Fraternity.

3.12 The Spirit Committee shall examine the spirit of Brotherhood and participation at the annual District Convention and shall publicly recognize the winning chapter at the closing banquet. The Spirit Award shall be granted as per guidelines established in Appendix 3 of this Constitution. The Spirit Committee will also determine the recipient of The Spirit of the Southwest Award ("The Cup") established in Appendix 4 of this Constitution. No member of a chapter eligible for awards granted by the Spirit Committee at District Convention shall serve on the Spirit Committee. No member of a chapter eligible for awards granted by the Spirit Committee at District Convention shall serve on the Spirit Committee.

3.13 The Joint Action Committee, with Tau Beta Sigma, shall discuss matters pertinent to the advancement of music education and submit ideas to chapters throughout the district that will help to stimulate local music programs. In addition, JAC will budget the previous year's funds into portions not to exceed 1/3 each for the following: an educational speaker or conductor, a cash gift, and the Service to Music Education Grant.

- The guest conductor, artist or music education speaker will be selected by the host chapter (must be included in the bid with budgeted amount) or at the discretion of the district councils.

- The cash gift will be to a middle or high school music program, local to the host chapter, in need of monetary support.
- The Service to Music Education grant will be awarded to a select submitted proposal. All grant proposals will be due by the end of the first Joint Session. Grants must have final approval by Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Governor(s) and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Counselor(s). Additional requirements will include a follow-up article in any southwest district and/or national publication. The submitted proposal must include:
  1. Application form.
  2. Current chapter budget and status of chapter account.
  3. An essay detailing the proposed service project/use of the money requested and how it may affect the community.
  4. A letter of recommendation from the Director of Bands and/or Sponsor.
- The amount of the Service to Music Education grant will not exceed the amount of available JAC funds provided by the previous convention's JAC fees. If budgeted funds are not used, the JAC may redistribute funds as they see fit. This redistribution will not affect the standing budget of 1/3 to each JAC program for the following year.

3.14 The Judging Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and evaluating all applications for the D.O. Wiley award, and selecting a recipient at each convention as outlined in Appendix 1 of this Constitution.

#### **Section IV: Delegates and Proxies**

4.01 Each chapter in the district having paid its National, District, and past due assessments, shall be represented at the District Convention by delegate or proxy, as defined by section 5.601 of the National Constitution. This status will be determined by a listing from the National Office at a date one week prior to the opening session of the District Convention.

4.02 Each delegate and the alternative delegates of a chapter shall have an official statement signed by the local President and Sponsor to the effect that they have been duly elected by their chapter. Each chapter in attendance at the District Convention may be assessed a delegate fee, payable to the Secretary/Treasurer, in an amount to be determined by the Ways and Means Committee. This fee is assessed at the discretion of the District Council with approval of the National Executive Director.

4.03 The District President shall seat each chapter delegate alphabetically from the active chapters present. If at the end of the first roll call, there are any lacking representatives, those chapters seated will be called upon alphabetically to serve as proxies for the absent chapters. The first proxy shall come from the chapter following the last chapter to provide a proxy at the previous convention. No chapter shall hold more than two (2) proxies (i.e. shall hold more than three [3] voting seats). Should official delegates appear following the seating of the proxies; the chapter's proxy shall cede the seat to the official chapter delegate.

4.04 An active chapter shall submit a written proxy designating any other active chapter, from its District, to represent at the District Convention. The written proxy must be submitted to the District President by the opening separate session of the Convention. The chapter issuing the proxy and the chapter designated as the proxy holder must be active with the National Headquarters. All proxies not meeting the above requirements are void.

## **Section V: Meetings**

5.01 A regularly called District Convention shall be held every year. The location is to be determined by the previous convention. In the absence of a decision by the convention, a site will be chosen by the District Governor(s). The date of the convention will be determined by the host chapter.

5.02 All chapters shall submit the necessary forms and/or award applications to the respective District Officers no later than two (2) weeks prior to opening session of a regularly scheduled District Convention.

5.03 Special District Conventions may be called upon a favorable vote of 75% of the chapters in good standing, or upon recommendation of the District Governor(s) and the entire District Council.

5.04 Special Officer Meetings of the district may be called by the president or District Governor(s) at their discretion.

5.05 Official delegates from the majority (51%) of the chapters of the district in good standing together with at least two (2) District Officers shall constitute a quorum at a District Convention.

5.06 All chapters sponsoring the Southwest District Convention will be required to notify all participating chapters sixty (60) days in advance concerning service charges and information concerning dates and planned activities as approved by the National Council. The District Council will provide the host chapter such information as is required at least two (2) weeks in advance of this date.

5.07 The Southwest District will be divided into six (6) areas as indicated in Appendix 4. Each area will have a workshop for the chapters in that Area. Workshops will be held on a Saturday sometime before the District Convention (preferably in the early spring semester). Workshops should include informational topics relating to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma on the National, District, or Chapter level. Separate or joint sessions should include open forums to get more people involved. At least one District Officer should be on hand to discuss issues relating to the District and the upcoming Convention. Chapters that are unable to attend their assigned workshops are encouraged to attend the workshop closest and/or most convenient to them. Each area will host an annual workshop. The host(s) of each workshop will change every year based upon a rotation schedule maintained by the Joint District Council. The rotation will be created by chapters who have submitted an application to the Joint District Councils. If a site is not chosen for a workshop, the site will be up to the Joint District Councils to ask a chapter to host the next workshop. Location and tentative dates for each workshop will be presented to the District Officers at the preceding District Convention. At least thirty (30) days' notice should be



given to the chapters in an area on the date and the host chapter(s) should keep costs a minimum. There will be no compensation from the District accounts to host a workshop.

5.08 Each District Convention is encouraged to have a Keynote Speaker at the opening joint session. The speaker must either be active, alumni, life, or an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma. The following guidelines will be followed in the selection of the keynote speaker:

A. The host chapters will notify all chapters in the district of the convention theme and the speaker deadline by October 1. The keynote Address shall include items of interest to both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma relating to music, band, or the organizations and should incorporate the district theme whenever possible. Each nomination must also be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from his/her chapter by December 1.

B. The joint host chapters shall review the nominations and select the top five candidates to be submitted to the Joint District Officers by January 15 for the final decision. The Keynote Speaker will be notified by January 31. Should the first selection be unable to attend, the second selected candidate shall be notified, etc. The candidates' speeches that are not selected will be given to the New ALTO for possible publication.

C. The selected speaker shall have his/her district registration fees paid and their transportation costs paid, not to exceed \$150.00. The fee allotment shall be divided equally between the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Any amount exceeding the amount budgeted by the district will be covered by the host chapters.

D. The host chapters shall take care of all the arrangements for getting the speaker to the convention.

5.09 All chapters bidding to host Southwest District Convention shall be allotted seven (7) minutes to present their bid to the delegation, followed by a three (3) minute question and answer session with the delegation.

5.10 Within thirty (30) days following convention, the elected Host Chapter(s) shall submit a copy of all proposed contracts to the District Governors, Counselors, Chapter Sponsors, and Legal Advisors. Reviewers must respond within ten (10) days after receipt of the proposed contracts. If the review is found unsatisfactory, the Council will have the option of determining the best course of action.

5.11 Host Chapter(s) shall honor the bid presented and voted on by the delegation. If Host Chapter(s) must make changes, they should inform the Governor(s), Counselor(s), and the Councils, and notification of changes should be made to all Chapters in the District if the Councils deem it necessary.

5.12 Host Chapter(s) should add 5% to their registration and banquet costs to cover any unexpected expenses that may arise. Any profit made over \$300.00, not including chapter fundraisers, must be donated to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. The money should be divided as follows—one third-National Headquarters, one third-Kappa Kappa Psi SWD, and one third-Tau Beta Sigma SWD.

5.13 Host Chapters should add a \$2.00 fee to the final registration fee as a collection for the Joint Action Committee. All proceeds collected through this fee shall be submitted to the District

Secretary/Treasurer no later than forty-five (45) days after the close of convention. These funds are to be used by the Joint Action Committee as specified in article 3.13.

5.14 When problems arise, Host Chapter(s) should contact the following people in respective order: Sponsor, Band Director, Governors and Counselors, District Officers, National Headquarters, and National Council.

## **Section VI: Finances**

6.01 All National dues and fees will be paid to the National Executive Director who will in turn deposit per capita to the district fund in two (2) annual payments, as stated in the National Constitution. The National Executive Director will deposit \$2.00 for each member dues paid prior to January 1 and \$2.00 for each initiate fee paid during the academic year. In addition, \$2.00 for each member dues paid prior to January 1 will be placed in a special fund which is divided equally among the six (6) districts.

6.02 Any active member dues received after January 1 will not be dispersed to the District.

6.03 District funds will be deposited through the National Headquarters. Checks will be issued from the National Headquarters, after approval from the District Secretary/ Treasurer and the District Governor(s).

6.04 All District Officers shall have a budget allocation (set at the convention prior to their term) from district funds to be used to carry out their duties and obligations.

6.05 All District Officers shall submit their final purchase requisitions to the Secretary/ Treasurer by the end of a two (2) week period after the close of that year's District Convention or date of resignation, whichever is earlier, or forfeit any possible reimbursement.

6.06 At the end of each fiscal year, all unused funds and any Southwest District NIB scholarship funds that are not awarded will remain in the Southwest District account, of which the total NIB amount and 50% of the remaining funds will be used for commissioning works. The fiscal year will start with the close of the Southwest District Convention and end with the close of the following district convention.

6.07 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).

## **Section VII: Reports**

7.01 Each district officer, committee chairman, and chapter shall submit a report at each District Convention. An electronic copy of this report shall be submitted to the Secretary/ Treasurer for their records. The year's convention minutes shall be accessible by all chapters.

## **Section VIII: Publications**

8.01 The District newsletter shall be called the New ALTO. The New ALTO shall be published primarily as on online presence in the form of a website. A print publication of the New ALTO should also be created and made available online in a PDF format (able to be downloaded). A digital copy will be sent to National Headquarters, National Officers, and the Boards of Trustees for both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

- The New ALTO will be published by the Southwest District Council. The Council will select qualified members to serve as the following positions: formatting and design editor, two copy editors, and a publication webmaster. These members may be appointed as needed and shall be active or associate members in good standing. The Council will create any necessary application processes and may require application materials that it deems necessarily, such as cover letters, portfolios, letters of recommendation, or any other materials.
- The New ALTO shall be published twice a year. Publication dates will be November 15th and April 1st. The Southwest District Council (or any appointed publications managers) shall set deadline dates for submission of articles, and shall also inform all chapters of the district at least six weeks in advance of the submission deadlines.
- Financing of the New ALTO shall be the responsibility of the District. Any reimbursements shall follow standard reimbursement policies of the National organization.
- The Southwest District shall maintain a common domain name and e-mail address for publishing the New ALTO.

8.02 A Southwest District Webmaster, appointed by the District Council, shall be charged with the design and maintenance of the New Alto website.

8.03 Bids for the New ALTO must be accepted at each District Convention before the close of the first day. If no chapter is selected to host the New ALTO, the joint District Councils shall select a host for the New ALTO.

8.04 All materials pertaining to the New ALTO shall be turned over to the new host chapters as well as the newly elected (District Vice President of Special Projects/District Member-at-Large) at District Convention.

8.05 The New ALTO shall be published twice a year. Publication dates will be November 15th and April 1st. The host chapters shall set deadline dates for submission of articles. They shall also be required to inform all chapters of the district at least six weeks in advance of the submission deadlines.

8.06 Financing of the New ALTO shall be the responsibility of the District. The host chapters of the New ALTO are responsible for submitting all expenditures to the District Secretary/Treasurers each semester following publication. Deadlines for submitting receipts shall be (decided by the District Sec/Treas. OR Dec 31 and May 15 – pick one, but we would like it to be the same in both constitutions).

8.07 Chapters interested in bidding for the New ALTO shall provide a packet to each committee member, chair, and advisor. The presentation bid should include the following:

- a) Mock up examples of New ALTO in printed form
- b) Detailed budget and operating costs
- c) Letter of Intent from chapters
- d) Letter of Support from Chapter Sponsor
- e) Signed agreement
- f) List of proposed staff including, but not limited to, Publication Editor and Blog Administrator

8.08 Publishing chapters shall, with the assistance from the (District Vice President of Special Projects / District Member-at-Large), maintain a common domain name and e-mail address from publishing the New ALTO.

### **Section IX: Awards**

9.01 All chapters considered for awards must be in good standing with the National organization and with the District.

9.02 The host chapter may not be eligible for any awards except a Superior Achievement Award, National Service Showcase Award, Steven C. Nelson History Award, and the D.O. Wiley Award.

9.03 The District Council will be responsible for issuing all of the following awards: The Chapter Participation Award shall be given to the chapter with the greatest number of active members in attendance at District Convention. The chapter receiving the award shall not be eligible for the Chapter Percentage Award. In the event of a tie, multiple awards shall be given.

9.04 The Chapter Percentage Award shall be given to the chapter with the highest percentage of active members in attendance at District Convention. The chapter receiving the Chapter Percentage Award is not eligible to receive the Chapter Participation Award. In the event of a tie, multiple awards shall be given.

9.05 The Chapter Distance Award shall be given to the chapter that has traveled the most miles to attend District Convention. The mileage shall be calculated by multiplying the number of chapter members in attendance by the mileage of the most direct route to convention. In the event of a tie, multiple awards shall be given.

9.06 The following awards shall be given for chapter displays at the District Convention. There shall be an award for the best displays in the categories of free-standing and table-top. Table-top is defined as a display which can be set on one regular square or rectangular folding table. There shall be an award for the overall best display, which may not be winner of one of the other two categories. The criteria will include emphasis on the theme of the convention, chapter activities over the past year, variety of content, and originality. This award shall be presented by the District Councils at the closing banquet of the District Convention. No chapter can win more than one display award per Convention.

9.07 An Outstanding Service to Music Education Award will be presented to a chapter that meets the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution.

- 9.08 The Steven C. Nelson History Award will be presented to any chapter that meets the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution.
- 9.09 A Superior Achievement Award will be awarded to any chapter in the district meeting the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution.
- 9.10 A National Service Showcase Award Recipient will be determined at each convention to any chapter that meets the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution.
- 9.11 The D.O. Wiley Award recipient will be selected at each district convention based on the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution.
- 9.12 A Best Chapter Scrapbook Award shall be given for the best scrapbook at the District Convention, as decided by judges selected by the host chapter. Criteria and judging will be based on the following:
- Chapter activities over the past year
  - Adherence to the precepts of the fraternity as set down in the Preamble and its five purposes
  - Variety of content
  - Originality
  - Craftsmanship

## **Section X: Headquarters**

- 10.01 The District Governor(s) shall establish an area to serve as District Headquarters.
- 10.02 The District Headquarters shall house all of the District Records, which should include annual chapter reports, newsletters, District Correspondence, scrapbooks, convention minutes, District Constitutions, and other items of interest.

## **Section XI: Traditions**

- 11.01 The Southwest District Spirit Drum shall be passed from chapter to chapter within the district.
- 11.02 The Southwest District Mascot, Andy the Armadillo, shall be passed from chapter to chapter within the district as per criteria established in Appendix 2 of the constitution.
- 11.03 Chapters having the Southwest District Spirit Drum and Mascot, Andy, must submit an article regarding their whereabouts to The New ALTO. In the event that an article is not submitted regarding the Spirit Drum and Andy, it is recommended that an article be published by the editors of The New ALTO as to their whereabouts.

## **Section XII: Impeachment**

- 12.01 Any elected District Officer may be impeached by a 75% vote of the active chapters assembled in District Convention, or by written petition of 75% of the active chapters of the district as shown by National Headquarters records. Such a petition must be presented to the National Executive Director, subject to the approval of the District Governor(s).

### **Section XIII: Disclaimer**

13.01 The Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity neither approves of nor is responsible for action (commonly referred to as hazing) of members of local chapters which may result in injury to persons or damage to property. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such actions and situations may include, but are not limited to: paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical or psychological shock, scavenger hunts after dark, one-way road trips which leave an individual to find his or her own return transportation, compulsory wearing of apparel inappropriate to the situation, required engagement in public stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading games or humiliating activities, compulsory consumption of any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, and any other activities which are not consistent with the regulations and policies of the Sheltering Institution.

13.02 Recognizing the dangers and problems associated with the use and abuse of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances, Kappa Kappa Psi does not condone the use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances at any Fraternity event, function, or meeting. Each chapter is encouraged to develop an alcohol and controlled substances awareness program highlighting the responsibilities and liabilities of alcohol and controlled substances possession, consumption and distribution.

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix 1: Awards**

#### **Outstanding Service to Music Education Award Criteria**

Chapters will apply and be recommended by their Director of Bands for this award. This award should recognize service specifically furthering music education at the university or in the community. The chapter should submit an application, an essay outlining the activity, a letter from at least one of the beneficiaries, and a supplemental letter of support from the Director of Bands. All activities must be a form of philanthropy or charity and may not have a charge or fee associated with the beneficiaries of the activity.

#### **Southwest District Superior Achievement Award Criteria**

Each Southwest District Chapter fulfilling all of the following seven (7) criteria will receive a Superior Achievement Award at the regular District Convention. These criteria will be reviewed by the district Council who will then notify the district of the chapters that meet these criteria. A chapter need not be present at convention to receive this award.

- a) Submit the previous year's chapter summary report by June 1.
- b) Submit the Chapter Personnel Report by September 30.
- c) Submit the Fall Activity report by December 1.
- d) Clear all financial obligations with the National Headquarters by January 1.
- e) Submit a SWD Chapter Delegate/Proxy Form
- f) Attend District Day
- g) Attend Chapter Leadership Conference

### **Southwest District Steven C. Nelson History Award Criteria**

Each Southwest District Chapter is eligible to apply for the Steven C. Nelson History Award by fulfilling the following three (3) criteria. A list of all chapters that meet these criteria will be determined by the District Council, who will in turn notify the district of chapters that meet these requirements. Chapters need not be present at convention to receive this award

- a) Submit an article to either the fall or spring edition of the New ALTO.
- b) Submit a standardized and updated Chapter History Form.
- c) Submit materials to the Southwest District Scrapbook.

### **D.O. Wiley Award Criteria**

Each Southwest District Chapter fulfilling all of the six (6) criteria shall be eligible to apply for the D.O. Wiley Award at District Convention.

- a) Submit the previous year's chapter summary report by June 1
- b) Submit the chapter personnel report by September 30
- c) Submit the fall activity report by December 1
- d) Clear all financial obligations with national headquarters by January 1
- e) Submit a Southwest District Delegate Proxy Form no later than two weeks prior to District Convention
- f) Be in good standing with the Fraternity from the respective chapter's first day of classes in the fall term to opening separate session of convention

Each chapter wishing to apply must submit an application to the District President no later than two weeks prior to convention. Any chapter wishing to bid must also submit an electronic draft of their packet to the District President no later than one (1) week prior to convention. All bidding chapters must submit five final copies of their packet at Opening Separate Session of District Convention. Packets should be compiled in a binder of no more than one inch and include the following materials:

- a) Cover sheet
- b) Table of contents

- c) Completed D.O. Wiley Award Fact Sheet
- d) Completed D.O Wiley Questionnaire
- e) Recommendations from both Sponsors and Director of Bands
- f) Other pertinent information such a pictures, projects, summaries, articles, completed applications, etc.

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.

### **Spirit Award**

Guidelines for the Spirit Award, also known as the "Spirit Stick," shall be as follows:

- a) Have at least 20% of the active chapter members or more in attendance at the convention – (10 pts)
- b) Chapter presentation of Display (10 pts), scrapbook (10 pts), and submission of district scrapbook page (5pts)
- c) Chapter participation in the reading band at the convention – (10 pts)
- d) Chapter dress displaying unity – (20 pts)
- e) Public performances of pep song, anthem, stomp, chant, etc. – (5 pts possible)
- f) Fellowship well with other chapters at the convention – (15 pts possible)
- g) Good morale and attitude as well as any other optional activities or events requested by the District Officers – (20 pts possible)

Committee members shall elect five chapters through observation of the chapter's activities during the convention. Chapters will be selected on the point system listed above. The chapter with the highest average points total will receive the Spirit Award at the closing banquet. The Members-at-Large should be in charge of the maintenance and whereabouts of the Southwest District's spirit drum and spirit stick.

### **Spirit of the Southwest**

The guidelines for the Spirit of the Southwest Award, hereafter referred to as "The Cup," shall be as follows:

- a) Chapter correspondence via hard copies (cards, newsletters, letters, and invitations, etc.)  
The Chapter will be awarded one point per mail out for a total of unlimited points. A mail out is defined as a group of correspondences sent, not for each individual piece sent.



- b) Chapter correspondence via social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) 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.
- c) Chapter participation on the National Listserve or Yahoo Group. Chapters will be awarded one point per semester for a total of two possible points. The chapter applying shall be responsible for documenting chapter activity.
- d) Chapter visitation shall require a minimum of two actives, not including District Officers. The Chapter shall submit a letter from a chapter visited including the number of people who visited and the activities during the visitation. Points will also be awarded for hosting a special event, not including area workshops or District Day. One point will be awarded per visit or event hosted for a total of unlimited points.
- e) Have at least 10% of the chapter's active membership in attendance at National Convention in applicable years for a total of three points.
- f) Have at least 30% of the chapter's active membership in attendance at an Area Workshop. One point will be awarded for each workshop attended for a total of six (6) possible points. The hosting chapter shall send a confirmation email following the event stating the number of members in attendance to each chapter along with a master list to the District Council. At District Convention, the District Council will compile a list and submit it to the Spirit Committee.
- g) The District officers will contact national headquarters for a membership report for the District to verify chapter numbers for all events.
- h) Have at least 10% of the chapter's active membership in attendance at District Day and at District Convention as well as three (3) members in attendance at the District Presidents' Leadership Retreat. Two (2) points will be awarded for each event attended for a possible total of six (6) points. The hosting chapters shall be responsible for submitting roll sheets.
- i) The Chapter may submit an article to the Podium/News Notes. One point shall be awarded for each semester an article is submitted for a possible total of two (2) points.
- j) Any mandatory events are excluded from points possible on the application, unless additional correspondence is made (ex: mandatory football game with planned event after).
- k) The Chapter will be awarded one (1) point for a District Scrapbook and/or History Book submission for a possible total of two (2) points.
- l) Each chapter seeking the award, shall give a presentation of no more than five (5) minutes, and will entertain questions from the Spirit Committee for an additional five (5) minutes. Each chapter will be allowed a total of three Brothers to present to the committee. No PowerPoint presentations will be allowed.
- m) In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined based on the percentage of active members of the chapter in attendance at the current district convention where the award will be presented.

Chapters will be selected using the point system listed above. The chapter with the highest point total will receive the Spirit of the Southwest Award at the closing banquet. The Members-at-Large will be in charge of the maintenance and whereabouts of The Cup. The chapter shall be in charge of engraving the following information on The Cup: Chapter name, recipient year, school name or mascot. Please provide hard copies when submitting application.

### **National Service Showcase Award**

Each chapter in the Southwest District is eligible to apply for this national service award. Criteria for this award can be found by downloading the application from the National Website. Chapters need not be present at convention to receive this award.

### **Appendix 2: District Mascot Requirements**

The official mascot of the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi shall be Andy the Armadillo. He will stand for service, duty, and loyalty of our commitment to the band programs and the Southwest District. He shall visit all the chapters throughout the district updating the district on each chapter's activities and progress.

1. Andy's length of stay shall be from convention to convention. He will move on to another chapter after the banquet at each District Convention. The chapter currently in possession of Andy will decide on the next chapter to receive him.
2. Andy must submit an article to the New ALTO telling every one of his activities and whereabouts.
3. Andy must wear an "official" shirt or uniform of the school (or band) that previously hosted him. This shirt/uniform must be worn at all times until Andy moves on to another school. The old shirt/uniform will then be sent to the District Officers to be placed in the District Archives located at the National Headquarters.

### **Appendix 3: Areas of the District**

The Southwest District will be divided into seven (7) areas. They will be the North Texas Area, the East Texas Area, the South Texas Area, the West Texas/New Mexico Area, the Oklahoma Area, the Arkansas Area, and the Louisiana Area.

Throughout the spring term, there will be 7 Area Workshops with content chosen by the District Council. Logistics, facilities, and a feature workshop will be the responsibility of the Host Chapter. The Feature workshop must be approved by the District Council prior to the Workshop.

The North Texas Area will consist of the following schools:

East Texas Baptist University  
Midwestern State University  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Wesleyan University  
Texas College  
Tyler Junior College  
University of Texas—Arlington  
University of Texas—Tyler

The East Texas Area will consist of the following schools:

Baylor University  
Blinn Junior College  
Houston Baptist University  
Lamar University  
Prairie View A&M University  
Sam Houston State University  
Stephen F. Austin University  
Texas Southern University  
University of Houston

The South Texas Area will consist of the following schools:

Texas A&M University—Kingsville  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas State University—San Marcos  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
University of Texas—Austin  
University of Texas—Pan American  
University of Texas—San Antonio

The West Texas/New Mexico Area will consist of the following schools:

Angelo State University  
Eastern New Mexico University  
Howard Payne University  
McMurry University  
Texas Tech University  
University of New Mexico

## West Texas A&M University

The Oklahoma Area will consist of all schools within the state of Oklahoma that has either an active Kappa Kappa Psi chapter or an active Tau Beta Sigma chapter.

The Arkansas Area will consist of all schools within the state of Arkansas that has either an active Kappa Kappa Psi chapter or an active Tau Beta Sigma chapter.

The Louisiana Area will consist of all schools within the state of Louisiana that has either an active Kappa Kappa Psi chapter or an active Tau Beta Sigma chapter.