

Kappa Kappa Psi

Southwest District Convention 2016



Minutes — Final Officer Reports — Committee Reports

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Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention 2016

Opening Joint Session: Friday, April 15 @ 4:00 P.M.

- 1. Southwest District Joint Ceremony**
- 2. Call to Order – 4:25 P.M.**
- 3. Introduction of 2015-2016 Joint Southwest District Council**
- 4. Introduction of Visiting Dignitaries**
 - a. National Headquarters Staff
 - i. Steve Nelson – National Executive Director
 - ii. Robert Bratcher – National Publications Manager and Director
 - iii. Yvonne Daye - National Chapter and Colony Education Coordinator
 - b. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
 - i. Mike Napolitano – Chair of the Alumni Association
 - ii. Zac Humphrey – National Vice President of Student Affairs
 - iii. Evan Thompson – National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
 - iv. Jack Lee – National Executive President
 - v. Christine Beason – Immediate Past National President
 - c. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - i. Erika Pope – National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
 - ii. Adrienne Rall – National Vice President of Special Projects
 - d. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
 - i. Eric Morson
 - ii. Danny George
 - e. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - i. Jennifer Pitts-Taylor – Vice Chair and Programming Director
 - f. Distinguished Guests
 - i. Lance Koochyouma – Western District Governors
 - g. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
 - i. Lisa Croston
 - ii. Dr. Nicole Sanchez
 - iii. Janet West Miller
 - h. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - i. Katie Rixon – Programs Committee Chair
 - ii. Amanda Dickson – Affiliate Relations Committee Chair
 - iii. Chris Foster – Vice Chair of the Executive Council
 - iv. Tyra Yiare – Finance Committee Chair
- 5. Recognition of Graduating Seniors**
- 6. Recognition of Life Members**
- 7. Final Call for Convention Host Bids**
- 8. Opening Announcements/Convention Summary**
 - a. First committee block is at 7:00 PM tonight

- b. The Secretary/Treasurers have put up an Online Marketplace for everyone to use. Please only sell merchandise during appropriate vendor times. Not during workshops or business sessions.
 - c. Talent Show tonight at 10:30 PM in Exhibit Hall B
 - d. Performing Jazz Band meeting tomorrow at 7 AM in Salon A
 - e. Penny Wars Service Project
 - f. Cat Convention – be respectful of our separate spaces, be respectful of the hotel part of the hotel/convention center.
9. **Recess until Saturday, April 16th at 5:30 PM**

Opening Separate Session: Friday, April 15 @ 4:45 P.M.

- 1. **Call to Order – 4:45 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 Epsilon Delta
 - b. Random seating ends with Epsilon Beta, and will begin with Epsilon Delta in 2017
- 4. **Delegate Instruction**
- 5. **Suspension of the Reading of the Minutes of the 2015 Southwest District Convention**
 - a. Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the 2015 Southwest District Convention
 - i. Epsilon Epsilon Moves
 - ii. Alpha Psi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 6. **Final Officer Report of Kalem Graham, Southwest District Governor**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Kalem Graham, Southwest District Governor
 - i. Delta Alpha Moves
 - ii. Alpha Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 7. **Motion to Table Final Officer Reports of Connor Terry and Rob Morris**
 - a. Gamma Phi Moves
 - b. Zeta Zeta Seconds
 - c. Motion Passes
- 8. **Motion to Accept the Minutes of the 2015 Southwest District Convention**
 - a. Lambda Moves
 - b. Epsilon Zeta Seconds
 - c. Motion Passes
- 9. **Announcements**
 - a. Final call for District Office Candidate, D.O. Wiley, Spirit of the Southwest, and Outstanding Service to Music Education Packets
- 10. **Introduction of District Office Candidates**
- 11. **Recess until Saturday, April 16th at 8:00 AM**

- a. Mu Mu Moves
- b. Beta Lambda Seconds
- c. Motion Passes

Separate Session #2: Saturday, April 16th @ 8:00 A.M.

1. **Call to Order – 8:05 AM**
2. **Townhall Meeting with National Dignitaries**
3. **Introduction of Headquarters Staff by Steve Nelson**
 - a. Yvonne Daye
 - b. Robert Bratcher
4. **Final Officer Report of Connor Terry, Co-Member-at-Large**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Connor Terry, Co-Member at Large
 - i. Alpha Moves
 - ii. Delta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
5. **Final Officer Report of Rob Morris, Co-Member-at-Large**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Rob Morris, Co-Member at Large
 - i. Lambda Moves
 - ii. Epsilon Beta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
6. **Final Officer Report of Jared Holt, Secretary/Treasurer**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Jared Holt, Secretary/Treasurer
 - i. Epsilon Beta Moves
 - ii. Zeta Zeta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
7. **Motion to Table Final Officer Report of Justin Chesak**
 - a. Delta Chi Moves
 - b. Gamma Phi Seconds
 - c. Motion Passes
8. **Announcements**
 - a. District Office Candidates, as well as D.O. Wiley Applicant Chapters, meet the respective committee chairs
 - b. Music Hour location announcements
9. **Motion to recess until Saturday, April 16 at 4:15 P.M.**
 - a. Gamma Sigma Moves
 - b. Theta Nu Seconds
 - c. Motion Passes

Separate Session #3: Saturday, April 16 @ 4:15 P.M.

1. **Call to Order – 4:20 P.M.**
2. **Final Officer Report of Justin Chesak, Vice President**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Justin Chesak, Vice President
 - i. Gamma Iota Moves
 - ii. Beta Lambda Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
3. **Report of the Ways and Means Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the Report of the Ways and Means Committee
 - i. Eta Nu Moves
 - ii. Rho Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
4. **Report of the Membership Education Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the Report of the Membership Education Committee
 - i. Epsilon Rho Moves
 - ii. Theta Kappa Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
5. **Report of the History and Traditions Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the report of the History and Traditions Committee
 - i. Gamma Omega Moves
 - ii. Delta Sigma Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
6. **Report of the Nominations Committee**
 - a. Announcement of the slate
 - i. President – George Ishii
 - ii. Vice President for Membership – Rob Morris
 - iii. Vice President for Programs – Jayden Goeringer-Evans
 - iv. Secretary/Treasurer – David Cox
 - v. Member at Large – Arjun Jeetan
 - b. Motion to accept the report of the Nominations Committee
 - i. Lambda Kappa Moves
 - ii. Theta Phi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
7. **Recess**
 - a. Motion to recess until Sunday, April 17th at 8:30 A.M
 - i. Mu Lambda Moves
 - ii. Epsilon Theta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

Joint Session #2: Saturday, April 16 @ 5:25 P.M.

1. **Call to Order – 5:25 P.M.**
2. **Announcements**
 - a. Workshop Attendance Awards
 - i. Bre Hawkins – Kappa Kappa Psi - Delta
 - ii. Hannah Talton – Tau Beta Sigma - Alpha Omicron
 - iii. Natalia Lambert – Tau Beta Sigma - Alpha Omicron
 - iv. Chapter Percentage Award – Kappa Kappa Psi - Epsilon Beta
 - v. Chapter Percentage Award – Tau Beta Sigma - Beta Nu
 - b. Coming up is the SWDCon Joint Picture. Be careful around the pool.
 - c. Banquet Logistics
 - i. Those staying in the convention hotel get preferential seating for convention, from 7:30-7:45, if the whole room is present. General admission starts at 7:45.
3. **Preliminary Report of the Convention Site Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the Report of the D.O. Wiley Committee
 - i. Iota Upsilon Moves
 - ii. Gamma Omicron Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
4. **Announcements**
 - a. SWDAA Race to the Top
 - b. District T-Shirt Fundraiser Announcement
 - c. Letter of Encouragement Service Project
5. **Motion to Recess until Sunday, April 17 at 12:00 P. M.**

Closing Separate Session: Sunday, April 17 @ 8:30 A.M.

1. **Call to Order – 8:51 A.M.**
2. **Final Report of the Spirit Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Report of the Spirit Committee
 - i. Epsilon Epsilon Moves
 - ii. Delta Alpha Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
3. **Special Presentation of Andy the Armadillo and the Spirit Drum**
 - a. Andy the Armadillo
 - i. Presented by Beta Lambda
 - ii. Won by Gamma Iota
 - b. Spirit Drum
 - i. Presented by Theta Phi
 - ii. Won by Epsilon Beta
4. **Report of the D.O. Wiley Committee**
 - a. Motion to accept the Report of the Ways and Means Committee
 - i. Alpha Psi Moves
 - ii. Gamma Phi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
5. **Report of the Jurisdiction Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Report of the Jurisdiction Committee
 - i. Lambda Moves
 - ii. Alpha Omicron Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- b. Motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Constitution as read
 - i. Theta Kappa Moves
 - ii. Eta Nu Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 6. Final Officer Report of Clinton Wieden, Southwest District Governor**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Clinton Wieden, Southwest District Governor
 - i. Alpha Moves
 - ii. Epsilon Epsilon Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 7. Final Officer Report of Toni Castle, Southwest District Governor**
 - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Toni Castle, Southwest District Governor
 - i. Beta Sigma Moves
 - ii. Epsilon Delta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- 8. Motion to Recess for 10 Minutes**
 - a. Zeta Beta Moves
 - b. Alpha Psi Seconds
 - c. Motion Passes
- 9. Presentation of Awards**
 - a. Spirit Stick
 - i. Presenter: Jayden Goeringer-Evans
 - ii. Winner: Lambda
 - b. Superior Achievement Award
 - i. Presenter: Graham Delafield
 - ii. Winner: Epsilon Beta
 - c. Andy the Armadillo
 - i. Presenter: Beta Lambda
 - ii. Winner: Gamma Iota
 - d. Spirit Drum
 - i. Presenter: Theta Phi
 - ii. Winner: Epsilon Beta
- 10. Elections**
 - a. President
 - i. Slated Candidate
 - 1. George Ishii
 - ii. Motion to open the floor for nominations
 - 1. Gamma Alpha Moves
 - 2. Epsilon Epsilon Seconds
 - 3. Motion Passes
 - iii. Floor Nominations

1. Lambda nominates Rob Morris
 - iv. Motion to close the floor for nominations
 1. Zeta Beta Moves
 2. Gamma Phi Seconds
 3. Motion Passes
 - v. Nominated
 1. George Ishii
 2. Rob Morris
 - vi. Motion for a 5-minute, unmoderated caucus
 1. Zeta Beta Moves
 2. Zeta Kappa Seconds
 3. Motion Passes
 - vii. Elected
 1. George Ishii
- b. Vice President for Membership
 - i. Slated Candidate
 1. Rob Morris
 - ii. Motion to open the floor for nominations
 1. Theta Phi Moves
 2. Kappa Phi Seconds
 3. Motion Passes
 - ii. Motion to close the floor for nominations
 1. Zeta Beta Moves
 2. Nu Beta Seconds
 3. Motion Passes
 - iii. Nominated
 1. Rob Morris
 - iv. Motion to vote by acclimation
 1. Zeta Beta Moves
 2. Epsilon Zeta Seconds
 3. Motion Fails
 - v. Elected
 1. Rob Morris
- c. Vice President for Programs
 - i. Slated Candidate
 1. Jayden Goeringer-Evans
 - ii. Motion to open the floor for nominations
 1. Delta Delta Moves
 2. Theta Kappa Seconds
 3. Motion Passes
 - iii. Floor Nominations
 1. Delta Delta nominates Carter Freeman
 - iv. Motion to close the floor for nominations
 1. Zeta Beta Moves
 2. Nu Delta Seconds
 3. Motion Passes

- v. Nominated
 - 1. Jayden Goeringer-Evans
 - 2. Carter Freeman
- vi. Motion to add three minutes to Question and Answer session
 - 1. Lambda Moves
 - 2. Delta Delta Seconds
 - 3. Motion Fails
- vii. Motion for a 5-minute, unmoderated caucus
 - 1. Lambda Xi Moves
 - 2. Epsilon Delta Seconds
 - 3. Motion Passes
- viii. Elected
 - 1. Jayden Goerginger-Evans
- d. Secretary/Treasurer
 - i. Slated Candidate
 - 1. David Cox
 - ii. Motion to vote by placard
 - 1. Delta Sigma Moves
 - 2. Nu Delta Seconds
 - 3. Motion Passes
 - iii. Elected
 - 1. David Cox
- e. Member at Large
 - i. Slated Candidate
 - 1. Arjun Jeetan
 - ii. Motion to open the floor for nominations
 - 1. Zeta Kappa Moves
 - 2. Gamma Phi Seconds
 - 3. Motion Passes
 - iii. Floor Nominations
 - 1. Delta Delta nominates Carter Freeman
 - iv. Motion to close the floor for nominations
 - 1. Zeta Beta Moves
 - 2. Nu Delta Seconds
 - 3. Motion Passes
 - v. Nominated
 - 1. Arjun Jeetan
 - 2. Carter Freeman
 - vi. Motion for a 2 minute, unmoderated caucus
 - 1. Gamma Phi Moves
 - 2. Zeta Beta Seconds
 - 3. Motion Passes
 - vii. Elected
 - 1. Arjun Jeetan

11. Final Officer Report of Graham Delafield, Southwest District President

- a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Graham Delafield, Southwest District President
 - i. Delta Moves
 - ii. Beta Sigma Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

12. Installation of the 2016-2017 Southwest District Council

13. Presentation of the 2016 District Scrapbook

14. Adjourn at 12:33 P.M.

- a. Motion to adjourn 2016 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Separate Session
 - i. Gamma Phi Moves
 - ii. Gamma Sigma Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

Closing Joint Session: Sunday, April 17 @ 12:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order – 12:42 P.M.

2. Presentation of Talent Show Awards

- a. Most Artistic Display
 - i. Presenter: Graham Delafield
 - ii. Winner: Kurt Hall
- b. Best Original Rap About Wava Literally Ever
 - i. Presenter: Ashlyn Kubacak
 - ii. Winner: Sara Remoy
- c. Best Performance with a Human Mic Stand
 - i. Presenter: Sami Belford
 - ii. Winner: Kappa Kappa Psi - Lambda
- d. Best Overall Performance
 - i. Presenter: Jared Holt
 - ii. Winner: Kappa Kappa Psi - Zeta Kappa

3. Presentation of Display Awards

- a. Best Kappa Kappa Psi Display
 - i. Presenter: Justin Chesak
 - ii. Winner: Iota Sigma
- b. Best Tau Beta Sigma Display
 - i. Presenter: Ashlyn Kubacak
 - ii. Winner: Gamma Phi
- c. Best Overall Display
 - i. Presenter: Sami Belford
 - ii. Winner: Tau Beta Sigma - Beta Nu

4. Introduction of the 2016-2017 Joint Southwest District Council

5. Final Report of the Joint Action Committee

- a. Motion to accept the Report of the Joint Action Committee
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi - Zeta Kappa Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Upsilon Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

6. Slate of the Convention Site Committee

- a. Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha and Tau Beta Sigma - Alpha Omicron

7. Convention Bid Presentation

- a. Motion to extend Q&A to 5 minutes
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi - Zeta Beta Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Upsilon Moves
 - iii. Motion Fails
- b. Motion to suspend Bylaw 5.09 in the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Constitution
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi - Gamma Phi Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma - Theta Theta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- c. Motion for a 2 minute, unmoderated caucus
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi - Zeta Beta Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma - Epsilon Beta Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- d. Motion to vote by placard
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi - Epsilon Beta Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma - Alpha Omicron Seconds
 - iii. Motion Fails

8. SWDAA Announcements

- a. Race to the Top Winners
 - i. Tau Beta Sigma - Psi
 - ii. Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha
- b. District Day – June 4th in Eules, TX

9. Announcement of 2017 Workshop Hosts

- a. Arkansas Area – Southern Arkansas University
- b. Louisiana Area – Louisiana State University
- c. Oklahoma Area – Cameron University
- d. North Texas – Midwestern State University
- e. East Texas – Blinn Junior College
- f. South Texas – University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- g. West Texas/New Mexico – McMurry University

10. Penny Wars Service Project Results

- a. Tau Beta Sigma – \$517.36
- b. Kappa Kappa Psi – \$783.70
- c. Total – \$1281.15

11. Announcements

- a. Transition meeting for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Joint District Councils.
- b. Be safe travelling home!

12. Adjourn at 1:40 P.M.

- a. Motion to adjourn 2016 Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi - Delta Moves
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma - Psi Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes

APPENDIX

Appendix A – Final Officer Report: Co-Member at Large Connor Terry

Dear Brothers of the Southwest District,

I am both sad and filled with pride to be addressing all of you today in order to read my final report. When I attended my first convention in Waco, Texas back in 2013, I witnessed first-hand how important the district council is for our district to function. Immediately after that, I wanted and desired to serve on that council. When I missed my opportunity to run for office the following year, I was lucky and graced with an opportunity to run for the open Member-At-Large position. I cannot begin to describe to you that significant impact being on council has had on my overall experience of being a brother, but I can try.

When I stepped into my role as Co-Member-At-Large, I was in a unique position where I was not given any instructions on what had been done in years past, any past records of officer reports or charges. Essentially, I walked into my office blind, using only my knowledge from the constitution and a large array of questions to guide my path through my time in office. So it was basically up to me to figure out my own goals for office. And while there were a few setbacks that occurred throughout the year such as temporarily fulfilling the duties of both MAL positions, I was still able to achieve many of the things that I set out to do. After being appointed into office, I had four main goals for the year:

1. To communicate as much as possible with chapters, to the extent that I could have over communicated information.
2. To unite the chapters of the district on a larger scale, through encouraging correspondence and joint chapter events when possible
3. Create the biggest and best Southwest District Scrapbook to date, with pictures that showcase the amazing talent and projects of chapters all across our great district.
4. Simply have fun during my term as a District Officer.

Communication is always, and forever will be a point of concern, contention, and debate at the end of each convention season. I implore you, however to consider well what I am about to say. Your district council have lives just as much as you, and we do all that we can to give you the information about district events, workshops, convention, new alto submissions and whatever else you may need to know. However, there is only so much we can do or know that you need. If you have questions, concerns or your chapter needs clarification on what is happening, you need to contact us. This year, I have been contacted personally by only a few number of chapters. We are resources for you to use, and within the coming year, please contact us. We can only help when we know our help is sorely needed.

This year, I commissioned the Brotherhood project, which served to pair up chapters who were geographically close to one another, but do not interact or socialize together. I found it so strange that there were chapters out there who were less than an hour or two hours away, but yet never talked to one another or even knew the other chapter existed. From my time as an active, we always had great relations with the Delta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, despite the

80 mile distance between us. I felt inclined to instill this opportunity across the district, and set out to accomplish this. While the number of responses were many and after spending about two hours pairing up chapters, the amount of participation I witnessed was far under my expectation. If you signed up for the project, don't think of it as being over when I leave. I challenge you to continue building relationships with those chapters, and growing your brotherhood within the district. If you did not sign up to participate, now it's your time to "Answer the Call." Get to know another chapter. Whether they are in your district area, in another district area, or in the state of New Mexico, there's no excuse to isolate yourselves from your fellow brothers.

As for the scrapbook, you'll see that later on during convention. But let me just say that I appreciate all the chapters who sent me pictures throughout the year. This year 21 chapters out of the 54 send in pictures for the scrapbook. While this is still under the halfway mark, this is still a wide improvement from submissions in the past. Chapters, please for the sake of my replacement, submit photos regularly and often to the scrapbook. Also a huge thank you to all the chapters who unknowingly submitted pictures to my computer by posting them on their facebook pages. The scrapbook has been the product of almost 30 hours of work, and after this convention, it is my hopes to have the file posted onto the district website, so your members who aren't here can still see what they missed out on, and see how amazing our district is and can be again for many years to come.

I was also in charge of running the District Instagram account. So, if you have been following and liking the photos of @kkpsi_swd (shameless plug, I'm not sorry, follow us on Instagram) then you've been theoretically following me all year. It is my hopes that in the coming years with more scrapbook submissions, we can continue to showcase all the amazing things that our chapters do year round. Originally this was my attempt with the account and many of our less known off and less featured chapters. So if you want to be featured on the Instagram, it's as simple as sending your District Council an email with photos and what you did.

As for the last goal, sometimes being on district council can appear to be intimidating, stressful and hard. And I cannot lie to you and say that it is not. There are days when you feel like there are too many things happening, and you're going to go insane at any moment, or that you are incapable of achieving a goal you set out to finish. But I can honestly say that my time on council has helped me grow as a professional and as a brother. The people sitting up here with me have become my family, and though we joke constantly about how much we hate each other, they changed the entire outlook of my senior year. From the many restless nights at National Convention and committee meetings with the other district officers, to copious amounts of laughs during winter council, these people have been there for me in my highs and lows. They've made me a better person.

I have had the amazing privilege to explore the areas of the District this year, where I attended the Oklahoma, East Texas, North Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and West Texas/New Mexico workshops. The friendships, discussions, and memories that I made along the way have meant the world to me, and they will be the things that I remember most about my time on this council. Meeting with you all and being able to truly get to know you and your chapters made the 8,700 miles I travelled this year worth it. You all Answered the Call this workshop season, because on numerous occasions I witnessed some of the most attended Area

Workshops I have ever seen or heard of in my time as an active brother. You have made this year enjoyable and fun, and I challenge you all to continue to answer the respective calls that your chapter and district needs you to in the future.

If that is not reason enough to run for council, then I don't know what more to tell you. Being on council will change you, and open your eyes to the fact that there is so much more that happens outside of your chapter.

Now for the ever sappy and horrible thank you's for the council.

To Graham,

Thank you for believing in me from day one. You always manage to make me laugh, mostly through your sarcasm and witty insults. Being on council would have been completely different had you not be in charge of our crazy band of misfits. You're a bright kid with a great future ahead of you. But remember, whatever happens, its fine.

To Justin,

First of all, I never told you this but I knew of you long before you were on council. Because back at National Convention, my little came up to me and said "Hey I matched with a brother from New Mexico today. His name was Justin something." And from there I learned who you were, and how strange you can be constantly. So my thank you ends at thank you for swiping right. Just kidding, that's not all. I want to say thank you for always being there to brighten my day, and make me laugh when you're driving your motorcycle around town in 20 degree weather. You're crazy and I love it. Keep doing you, because it's awesome.

To Jared,

I have never regretted the day that I messaged you on facebook after district convention. To this day I don't know what I said, and I don't know what caused me to do it. But you have been by my side since day one of our being on council, and at the same time you've been my best friend. You are there for me whenever I need you, and I feel like out of all the people up on the stage here today, you know me the most. If there is anyone I'm remorseful about not seeing on a weekly basis, it's your face. Also, try not to break your foot again this summer. Because then you'll become my favorite cripple again. Keep in touch, and never let your flame die.

To Rob,

You have been the person I've known the longest on council. You are constantly making me laugh, and I personally enjoyed being able to share the extremely long drive to Houston together. Despite the fact that our musical tastes are slightly on...well opposite ends of the planet, you are an incredible musician, and your passion for music is constantly inspiring. I have enjoyed the countless times I have stayed on your couch. In fact I think that this year holds the record for the amount of times I have couch surfed ever. And, the most amount of

times that I have entered Arkansas....in my entire life. I appreciate all of the money you've helped me save this year, and all the reimbursement forms to send off to national headquarters.

To the district governors,

Although my contact with you has been limited to district events due to the distance that exists between us and the fact that you have professional lives. But the time that I have spent with you all has helped me grow as a brother and professionally in my relationships. Don't worry about never seeing me again, because I'll be back year after year in some capacity.

To Sami,

Thank you so much for all that you have done for this Joint council. You have answered the call in so many ways, from planning district convention, getting our website set up, and basically everything else in between. It has been my distinct pleasure to get to know you even more this year, especially during National Convention. Please be expecting the box of uneaten bananas from Chapter Leadership Conference in the mail for your wedding gift.

To Ashlyn,

I literally cannot wait for you and Curtis to get married. Like, it's going to be my favorite moment in life thus far. You have been an amazing support during workshop season, and I still love how you sent me a text asking me if I filled out the workshop survey and said, "Did you really write that your favorite workshop was yours because you're sexy?" But the answer is still no. Thanks for always buying our donuts, and for being an awesome sister.

To Colin,

Despite the fact that you never text me back, I have enjoyed getting to know you immensely and making fun of your laugh. The time that we spent together in Houston will forever be etched in my memory. Never forget that the Three Flamingos are truly all powerful, and we make up the true Illuminati council.

To Meri,

Your constant passion for service has been inspiring to say the least. I have admired your ability to always do your best in all that you set out to do. Had it not been for your great mind we never would have had such a great district fundraiser to actively take the place of the service project, and also provide much needed instruments to a school who previously did not have them. Good luck in all that you do!

To the brothers of the Alpha Chapter,

I cannot express how thankful I am for your constant love and understanding. I know that I have been absent for a lot of events this year in order to attend Area Workshops, council meetings and other obligations, but you have never stopped loving me for who I am. I am so

happy to have been a part of our chapter, and to have seen the amazing progress that we as a chapter have made over the past four years. You are moving in a wonderful direction, and you have only just met your threshold of potential. Keep striving.

And lastly, to my boyfriend Chris,

Since the first day that we met at National Convention, you have been by my side. You have always listened to me when I'm frustrated or upset, and know exactly what I need to hear in order to relax. Despite that you live a thousand miles away from me, you've been my biggest cheerleader, even when I'm about to give up. Despite the fact that you'll never hear this (because he's actually in the TBS Separate session, so I could say whatever I want about him and he'd never know), I owe a lot of my success and dedication while in office to you. Thank you, from the moon and back, and I love you.

Charges to the 2016-2017 Member At Large:

1. Work with the rest of the council, governors and National Headquarters to build and maintain an electronic database for the Southwest District Archives.
2. Promote to the district the new Chapter History form, and create a way for submissions to be accessible online.
3. Hound chapters for photo submissions year round. Sometimes chapters need 14 reminders in order to send you pictures amidst their crazy lives.
4. Communicate often with the SWD Alumni Association, and offer your help in any capacity needed.
5. Use the district Instagram account to inform chapters of important district events, updates or simply to showcase the activities of the council during the year.
6. To encourage and advertise the Chapter History Form to chapters in the District
7. To publish responses to the Chapter History Form in a readable document on the District Website.
8. To create and maintain the Southwest District Archive hosted on the District Website under History, and maintain backups of all documents hosted on that database.

Fraternally Submitted,

Connor Terry

2015-2016 Member At Large

Appendix B – Final Officer Report: Co-Member at Large Rob Morris

Brothers of the Southwest District,

Jumping into this office mid-september was an interesting and kind of scary experience, but the friends i have made, the opportunities to grow i've had, and the chance to serve Kappa Kappa Psi on a larger scale has made it all well worth it.

My first task as Co-Member-At-Large was getting involved with the New ALTO, and making sure it was done well, and on time. The New ALTO staff made this process an easy one, as all i had to do was say when things needed to be done, and they effectively completed their tasks on

time. With their hard work, we were able to publish two fantastic editions of the New ALTO, and get the stories from around our district out there for brothers and sisters alike to enjoy.

Winter Council time rolled around. Sami, Ashlyn, and myself piled into my car and began the short drive down to Dallas, in which Ashlyn and I frightened Sami with our unconventional tastes in music. Once in Dallas, i got to know the other members of the council, and meet a few for the first time, and we began the planning District Convention in earnest.

I was put in charge of the music drive, service drive, and the conductors forum. For the Music Drive, Meri and I, along with the council, chose to take a different approach than past years, and held a Penny war between the two organizations, with the prize being the winning Council pieing the other council in the face. For the service project, Meri and I again took a different approach and gave members of the southeast the chance to encourage younger musicians and band directors through letters of encouragement. As far as the conductors forum went, Dr. Benjamin Lorenzo made planning a very easy experience, as his knowledge in the field of conducting left little for me to worry about.

Workshop season was a stressful experience, as this was the first time I would present ideas about the fraternity in front of people I hadn't met before. Due to a family emergency i was unable to attend the number of workshops i wanted to, but was still able to make the West Texas/New Mexico, Arkansas, and East Texas workshops. At West Texas/New Mexico I gave a presentation on the elimination of fine systems within chapters that led to some great conversations on why we have problems like this in the first place, and at East Texas i got the opportunity to share with brothers and sisters from all walks of life in our love for music.

Overall this experience will be among the favorite i have from my college career, and I look forward to seeing what the Southwest District accomplishes in the coming months and years.

Thank You's:

Graham,

Your leadership in this very interesting year on council is what got us through the task of planning a convention without a host chapter, and it turned out great. The southwest was very lucky to have someone like you to step in when things went south post convention last May.

Justin,

Even though we've only gotten to hang out in person like twice or something, your sense of humor made Council an enjoyable experience. The work you did planning workshops, assisting colonization, and assembling the jazz band was praise worthy.

Jared,

I honestly think you might me the sassiest man alive, and it surprisingly hasn't gotten old yet. I know you had a lot of crap thrown at you with the awkward officer transitions, and had to go digging to get us the info we needed, but you got it done, and most of this convention would have been impossible without you.

Connor,

Hanging out with you is always an interesting experience, but Houston was something else. Your work on the scrapbook was incredible, and your love for Alumni relations is something more of us could emulate.

Governors,

The tireless effort put in by the three of you is one of the reason we have a convention this weekend. Without your combined past experiences and knowledge i'm certain things would not have gone anywhere close to smooth

Sami,

Your energy and leadership is contagious, and i really enjoyed getting to see you do what you love most, team building activities.

Ashlyn,

I will never forget our long talk on drive back from West Texas/New Mexico, or your presentation at Arkansas area, both of which helped me during a difficult period in my life.

Meri,

Although you came in halfway through the year, your hard work, and refusal to quit has shown. Your love for these organizations is apparent, and i look forward to seeing what you do in the future.

Colin,

Although i didn't get to interact much with you, I count you as a friend after the Houston experience, and i'm beyond impressed with you managing to student teach and hold this office at the same time.

Counsellors,

The two of you are an incredible pair. I know I speak for the Tau Beta Sigma district council as well as my own when I say thank you for all of the hard work, especially with the music hour planning

To the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi,

All that i have accomplished is thanks to the lessons i learned through involvement with you. Our chapter has changed in the past few years, and we have become stronger through these changes. I am honored to be a part of our legacy. 1924!

To the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma,

You all accomplish so much on both a district and local level, and your example of excellence is one that i hope to emulate throughout the rest of my life. Keep doing what you do, and we all will be better for it.

Charges to 2016-2017 Vice President of Programs

1. See to the completion of the New ALTO on time in both the spring and fall semesters.
2. Revisit how we conduct the music drive.
3. Contact chapters more often regarding district events and due dates.
4. Work with the VPSP for Tau Beta Sigma on all joint projects, specifically the joint service project

Thank you all again, and may we continue to strive ever higher.

Fraternally Submitted,
Robert Allan Morris
2015-2016 SWD Co-Member-At-Large

Appendix C – Final Officer Report: Secretary/Treasurer Jared Holt

Brothers of the Southwest District,

It is with a sense of gratitude, sadness, and incredulity that I present to you my final officer report. Going into last year's convention without having announced candidacy for any office and with my graduation fortunately looming just a year in the distance, I never could have anticipated standing here before you today. Leaving convention, I had no intention of applying for office, as I had recently been reelected Chapter President and wanted to focus my efforts there, but after receiving encouragement to do so from our outgoing District President, and more importantly, my mother, I began working on my packet.

My time on District Council began as most others' do: at 10:00 PM, sitting on my parents' couch with a broken ankle, furiously texting Connor to find out if we had been selected for our respective offices. Obviously, we had. Receiving back-to-back phone calls informing us of our appointments to Council, Connor and I were officially – as he likes to put it – the second string of your District Council.

My first event as an officer of the Southwest was District Day, hosted by the Southwest District Alumni Association, and it was my first chance to meet my fellow officers Connor and Colin in person. We didn't know it then, but that was the start of a beautiful new trio. Flamingos for life. Following that was National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, which I can definitely count among the best and most illuminating experiences of my life, despite the three hour Jurisdiction report we all had to sit through. I had been dead-set on attending after I wasn't able to go to the 2013 convention, but had never anticipated the opportunity to represent the Southwest in such a large capacity. During an impromptu joint meeting in the TBS council's hotel room, our convention theme was born, and we had a vision for the upcoming year. Shoutout to Ashlyn for coming up with not only the concept, but also the name "Answer the Call," because it was entirely her idea and definitely not Connor's. After National Convention, we had two vacancies on our council to fill, and were fortunate enough to find replacements as great as Justin and Rob, who were ready to hit the ground running as soon as they got started.

Next came Winter Council, right here in Mesquite, where the five of us finally assembled together for the first time. We were fortunate enough to have Kathy living just a few minutes away, so our joint councils could have a big ol' sleep over for the weekend. Without a convention host, Winter Council consisted of a lot of planning that wouldn't have naturally fallen to us, but we still managed to pack it all into one weekend and created a whole slew of new, obnoxious inside jokes at the same time.

The spring semester brought with it Workshop Season. Unfortunately, due to my busy schedule, as well as a nasty stomach bug, I was only able to attend the East Texas Area Workshop in Houston, Texas, and the Arkansas Area Workshop in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where I had the opportunity to present over conflict resolution and healthy confrontation, a

topic that is very near and dear to my heart. Thank you to the host chapters of Gamma Omega and Lambda Kappa for the two best workshops I've had the pleasure of attending in my time as an active Brother.

My term in office was one of the most simultaneously challenging and gratifying things I've ever done. My biggest task for the year was to continue the use of the online marketplace, but to make it something fun, voluntary, and permanent, rather than a last minute solution to a problem. Due to issues with our old district website and the wait time for the new one to be up and running, this task unfortunately took much longer than we had hoped, but I'm very happy to say that – thanks to a lot of help from Sami – the District marketplace is up, running, and ready for (hopeful) continued use in the Southwest.

My other main task for the year, as with all Secretary-Treasurers, was to come up with a successful fundraiser for the Southwest. This year, Colin and I strove to find an idea for a fundraiser that "keeps on giving," and from this, the official Southwest District T-shirt was born. But of course, this task couldn't be simple. As anyone who has ever ordered T-shirts online can tell you, it's annoying and costs way more money than it probably should. Fortunately, thanks to Di from National HQ, I was able to get in touch with one of our national vendors and he got us taken care of in no-time. Shoutout to Charlie Gemeinhardt for being so quick, helpful, and reliable. He's a vendor here at convention, so everybody should go show our appreciation as a District and check out his vendor table. I'd also like to thank the Southwest District Alumni Association for being willing to help us sell shirts for us while we're all busy running convention.

This was a year full of obstacles for our council, but not insurmountable ones by any means. In spite of all our vacancies, either left after convention, or created during the year, we managed to find a pretty awesome group of people to fill them, if I do say so myself. And not having a convention host this year only challenged us to work harder and strive higher to fill the role that our district needed. That being said, let's never let it happen to anybody ever again.

To anyone out there who might be on the fence about running for District Council in the future, I urge you to go for it. I technically missed my last normal chance and only had the opportunity to serve on council due to a vacancy. Being on council has afforded me experiences that I never would have come close to having had otherwise. I got to meet people, go places, and do work for the District that I would have had to miss out on otherwise. Again, if you want to run for Council, *do it*. The absolute worst thing that can happen is that you don't win. If you'll forgive the cliché, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

And now, the moment you've all been waiting for, my thank yous.

To Graham, thank you for your amazing leadership of our rag-tag council of replacement officers. I'm sure working with our council was similar to herding cats – pun intended – and thank you for being the first person I've ever met with a sense of humor as dry as mine. I'm sorry I said that when I first met you, I thought you were the most boring person I'd ever met. I didn't realize just how different Business Graham was from Everywhere Else Graham. Also, thank you for sharing my love of words. I'll never forget the time you called me 'pusillanimous.'

To Justin, thank you for stepping up to fill the vacancy for an office as big as Vice President. The Council wouldn't have been the same without your attitude and sense of humor and I'm sure we all are glad to have had you, despite how much shade we throw about New Mexico.

To Rob, thank you for the plethora of jobs you filled for us once you joined council. I've enjoyed our dry banter over the past year more than I can say. It was a pleasure working with you, but an *honor* being your mic stand.

To Connor, there's nobody I would rather have joined Council at the same time as. From that first night of checking constantly to see if the other had heard about the positions, I guess you could say we've been answering the call since before it was cool. Thank you for the numerous best friend pep talks you've given me, unsolicited, and for always being ready and more than willing to throw all my attitude back in my face, and then some. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I've found a friend for life in you.

To Sami, thank you so much for everything you've done for the Southwest this year. Without you, not only would the Marketplace honestly probably never have gotten finished, but probably a thousand other things, as well.

To Ashlyn, thank you for your incredible work this year, especially on making sure Area Workshops went smoothly, but more importantly thank you for teaching me that it is possible to be happy and excited literally all the time.

To Meri, I know it must have been hard coming into council so late in the year, but you didn't let any of the obstacles you faced stop you. Thank you for how much you managed to contribute in such a little time and for your ceaseless positivity and energy. And especially thank you for being my back-up Colin for the weekend.

To Colin, I couldn't have asked for a more perfect counterpart. I wasn't quite sure what I was getting into after our first Google Hangout meeting, but working with you has been a pleasure and also nothing short of a riot. Though you weren't able to be here this weekend – which, yes, almost caused me to have a panic attack – everything you've done over this year has made this weekend smooth sailing for me. Thank you for everything. I know we'll be friends for life.

To the Governors and Counselors, thank you for all that you did this year. In a year as hectic and challenging as this one, not only did you guys keep our ship from sinking, but you managed to keep us all calm while you did it. I feel I speak for all of us when I say we literally could not have done this without you.

Finally, to the Epsilon Beta chapter, thank you for everything. You guys are my best friends and my biggest fans. Serving as your President has made the past two years some of the best of my life, and without your support, I never would have been able to fulfill my role on District Council. Looking back to the chapter I joined and how far we've come over the past few years, it's hard to believe I'm even still looking at the same Epsilon Beta. I'm so proud to see how hard you've all worked this year to strive higher than we ever have before. The future of our chapter is so bright, and I cannot wait to see where you guys are after another few years. Again, thank for everything. ily you guys sm.

I charge the 2016-2017 Secretary-Treasurer with the following:

- Continue the use of the Southwest District Marketplace
- Continue the sale of the Southwest District T-shirt
- Have a successful District Fundraiser
- Better promote the Southwest's Chapter Assistance Fund
- Stay on top of fund requisitions. There is literally nothing worse than letting them pile up. Trust me, I know.

Finally, Go Bears.

Fraternally submitted,

Jared T. Holt

Epsilon Beta – University of Central Arkansas

2015-2016 Southwest District Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix D – Final Officer Report: Vice President Justin Chesak

Brothers of the Southwest District,

This year has certainly been unprecedented in our district's history, and it has been my honor to serve the district in this capacity.

This journey for me began, as it did many of you, as we left the 2015 Southwest District in Convention in Fayetteville. You may recall, we left that convention without a Southwest District Sec/Treas and Co-Mal and I was not the Southwest District Vice-President, but in the Southwest things have a way of changing as my predecessor has certainly experienced.

As we left Fayetteville, I was overwhelmed with that ambitious feeling that many of us get leaving convention, fresh with new ideas, and bigger goals for my chapter and the district, as my grand little so eloquently expressed in the 12 hour ride home, it lit a fire under my butt . With the support of my chapter I opted to put my name in for the district Secretary/Treasurer spot. However, as fate would have it, a very strong candidate arose from the Epsilon Beta chapter and the district was whole again, if only for a moment.

Summer arrived, and my chapter began the twenty-two hour long trek to National Convention in Lexington, and I hope I can speak for the brothers who attended when I say, it was an amazing experience. I was very excited to work with brothers from across the country and engage in this dynamic experience, as well as have the opportunity to represent the district as a committee chair. As we got back, I had an even stronger sense of Ambition and Dedication to Kappa Kappa Psi. And lucky enough I had another opportunity to serve the Southwest.

I applied (again) and was very thankful to have been given this great opportunity and I thank the members of the council who had a part in my appointment. Afterward, I was eager and excited to get to work and serve the district. As Ashlyn and I worked on the workshop hosts, I decided to visit some of our chapters and see what all they had going on. Over my fall break my roommate and I took a 3 day / 3 chapter visit to see the closest chapters to us. We visited the 22 Membership Candidates of Alpha Psi, the Whippin' and NayNayin' Goin' Band and the

Alpha Omicron Chapter, and of course the brothers at Beta Lambda who always make us feel right at home, it was a great trip getting to know your chapters better.

Arguably one of my favorite moments on this journey was welcoming another chapter to New Mexico, and to our district. I was very pleased to witness the Gamma Eta chapter at New Mexico State be installed. Welcome to the Southwest, were all excited to have you as brothers and I truly can't wait to see your future accomplishments and endeavors. The installation was followed up as only a New Mexico event can be, with some great enchiladas, dancing, and a few funny pictures.

Shortly after, the fall semester and marching band season ended, and after a sad loss in the (World Famous) Gildan New Mexico Bowl, it was time for winter council. I was very excited to make the 10 hour trip to see our convention site and meet my fellow council members in person for the first time. The week was highlighted with many triangles, good food, great memories, and getting prepared for the spring semester, workshops, and ultimately convention. I still recall the mild terror as we realized how many of these rooms we had to fill in this great hotel, thankfully by what we've witnessed from the brothers and sisters of Southwest District, you all stepped up and answered that call. Also, another big thanks to Kathy Webster for hosting the council in your home all weekend.

Upon returning to Albuquerque, it seemed like mere days past before we all met back up in Durant for the Oklahoma Area Workshop and the first workshop of the season. From there, it was a workshop season to remember. Through flooded roads, noxious clouds of death, long night drives and great days with brothers and sisters from every corner of the district the workshop season was one to remember. I want to thank our host chapters, Eta Nu, Kappa Phi, Alpha Omicron, Eta Pi, Lambda Kappa, Theta Alpha, and Gamma Omega of Kappa Kappa Psi and Iota Beta, Beta, Theta Nu, Eta Epsilon, and Beta Omicron of Tau Beta Sigma. Without your help and willingness to serve the fraternity we would not have seen as many successful workshops as we did. Furthermore, the workshop would have lacked worthwhile content without our amazing presenters from all over the country, thank you for your time and energy.

Another major portion of my job for this year was the organizing of the Southwest District Jazz Band. At last year's convention we saw the district jazz ensemble perform at the banquet, and through the charges of my predecessor, I opted to take the group in a direction that is more functional based on instrumentation, and to have an application process that allow brothers and sisters to apply from across the district to be able to perform at Banquet. Thankfully, in working on this process I had a former mentor and Brother to assist as our guest director. Thank you, Mr. Rene Pena of the Delta Sigma chapter for your contributions and service to this project.

I started off by reminding you about our time leaving Fayetteville, and having an incomplete council. I'd like to take this time to urge any brother who is interested in district office to give it a shot. I won't lie, it's a time commitment and half, and it can be stressful, no doubt. However, the reward of getting the opportunity to serve the district, meeting more people than you can imagine, and having a great time doing it, makes being a district officer an experience truly unlike any other. The Southwest District cannot meet its full potential without brothers leading the way. Therefore, I encourage you to rise to the occasion; I promise you will not regret your time as a district officer.

With that I now have several charges,

To the 2016-2017 Southwest District Vice-President

- Continue refining the methods selecting the finalists for the District Jazz Band.
- Maintain better contact with your chapters and especially the host chapters even if replies are sparse.
- Continue to develop the District CMEP
- Ensure new and struggling chapters as well as colonies remain in close contact with the district

As I look back on my district experience, it was not accomplished alone. I have too many thank you's to count.

Meri- It was a relief for Rob and I to not be the newest kids on council for the last few months, and although your time has been short so far on council, you handled it very well.

Colin- It may come as a surprise that I shamelessly lived through your marching band experience and was super jealous of your awesome Facebook profile video. However, I'm bummed I never actually got to meet you.

Ashlyn- I remember when we had our first counterpart meeting, I was nervous about all the things you had been working on that I needed to catch up on, your experience showed and we could not have had such a smooth workshop season without it. Thank you and good luck, wherever you go for grad school, they are definitely getting a great student! Congratulations on your engagement and keep rocking!

Sami- You're probably one of the busiest people I've met and it never ceases to amaze me all the things you do while still maintaining your commitments and planning a wedding. You're going to do great things! Good luck with your wedding and congrats. Oh #TubaPower

Connor- The shadiest of council members (If I had a dollar for all the shade you're threw my way I could pay dues), despite that you're fun to hang out with, our random text conversations and fairly constant back and forth shade-fests have been a highlight of my council experience. I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors, and I have a feeling I'll be seeing you soon.

Rob- I don't know what it was, but we hit it off pretty well even though we only saw each other 3 or 4 times while we were on council. Maybe it was our experience as "the new guys", getting fired daily for our minor errors, but overall it's been fun. You and Ashlyn's tastes in music is pretty great and I wish we could've shared some of our musical selections, but there's still time. I wish you the best of luck in your future with Kappa Kappa Psi.

Jared-The guy who speaks better Spanish than the New Mexico guy, It's a strange twist of fate that we're on council together after we both applied for the Sec/Treas position, but that has a way of happening on council and I couldn't be happier that I got the opportunity to work with you, it worked out all right. Turn down the sass and good luck after graduation.

Graham- As the leader of our ragtag council, you definitely had a "just roll with it" vibe that was really reassuring over the course of this more bizarre than usual convention experience. It took a while to get used to your dry and self-admitted, self-deprecating, sense of humor. But still, your leadership in these interesting times has held us through to now.

To the Governors- While I didn't get to interact with you nearly as much as I would've enjoyed, your incredible work to facilitate and organize this convention is something that the council and all of the brothers and sisters of the district are very grateful for. And mostly, your guidance, and ensuring our time on council is as productive as it is enjoyable. You've made this wild experience very manageable.

And last, to the Gamma Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi- I can't thank you enough for supporting me through this adventure, Drew for dragging me around on this convention and all of you for suffering through my occasional rants and raves about district happenings, I can't thank you enough. I could not have done this without your ongoing support, from urging me to apply, to supporting me in my stressful moments. My home is and always will be with the Gamma Iota Chapter.

Fraternally Submitted,

Justin Chesak
2016 Southwest District Vice-President
Gamma Iota- University of New Mexico

Appendix E – Final Officer Report: Governor Clinton Wieden

Brothers of the Southwest District,

It's nice to see you all from the podium again. It's been a while.

I last addressed this delegation nine years ago as I finished my second term as district president, and while I've remained involved with Kappa Kappa Psi in different ways since then, I have missed the stage at Southwest District Convention. This is my second home in the Fraternity, after my home chapter, and I'm beyond thrilled to be back as a governor.

But coming in as a first-year governor, particularly with an established colleague, can be daunting. I've done a lot of observing this year to catch up on our current district procedures, and it was immensely helpful to have someone else on board that had familiarity with those procedures so I could ease into this role. It was also helpful to have a partner learning the ropes at the same time I was, reminding me I wasn't alone in figuring things out.

I was privileged to jump right into my work by presenting workshops at the Chapter Leadership Conference and the Oklahoma Area Workshop. If you attended my communication workshop at CLC, I promise it will be better next time. If you attended my presentation at Oklahoma Area, I hope sharing my organizational hobby was worthwhile and that you learned something about Fraternity history.

I was also fortunate to attend the Arkansas Area Workshop, and see firsthand the progress Lambda Kappa has made from the new chapter I remember from “back in my day” to the strong group of today that hosted an excellent event. Well done, brothers.

And speaking of kudos, I have to commend this year’s district council. These five brothers have been exemplary this year, fulfilling their responsibilities at a high level and seeking ways to expand the scope of their work. They have handled many unexpected hurdles without complaint, and simply made sure the extra work was held to the same standard as their regular work. In many ways, they have been a model district council, and I couldn’t have asked for a better group. They helped make my transition into this role a smooth one, and I will always be thankful that they were my first council as governor.

That said, there has been one big problem with this year’s district council: only one of them was actually elected by the delegation at last year’s convention, and even he is in a different office. Not having enough candidates to fill out the district council through the election process is not a problem the Southwest District faces often, and certainly not to the degree in which we did last year. I’m hopeful that was just an aberration.

There are some other areas where we have room for improvement. Take a look at the New ALTO this year. Of the 70 articles published across the two editions, only 18 were Kappa Kappa Psi articles, and ten of those were by the district council. Only six chapters submitted New ALTO articles this year, and one of those was an Andy the Armadillo update. Our sisters have been outstanding in submitting content for the New ALTO, and we must match their efforts. I hope next year that your chapters will share their thoughts and stories as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of district publications.

Take a look at paperwork submissions. Seven chapters are marked as having late Chapter Personnel Reports this year. Four had late reports of fall initiates. Eleven were late with Fall Activity Reports. 15 had late Chapter Summary Reports last year. Now, we’re a big district, and to be fair, I’ve seen worse numbers. But we can do better with this – a lot better.

Look where we are today. Conventions in hotels aren’t new for the district, but not having a host chapter is. That no school would bid to host the Southwest District Convention was once unfathomable. Thankfully, there’s a chance we won’t face this issue next year, but we shouldn’t have faced it in the first place. I am so grateful to the chapters that have assisted with this convention, and I hope they inspire all of you to strengthen your service when the district is in need.

The joint district councils chose “Answer the Call” as a theme this year not just for convention or as a catchy tagline for Facebook posts, but as a serious message to all across the district to step up – to complete your paperwork and other obligations on time, to participate in activities

and events, and to be engaged in what's going on in the Southwest District. We know that those of you who are here today and participated throughout the year did so – let's help more of our brothers do so next year.

When I applied for the governor position, I had made note of some of these things and expressed that one of my goals in the role would be to improve some growing areas of concern. That is still one of my goals. As I mentioned earlier, I have used this first year to observe, and some of what I've observed has been how the district council operates and how the active membership responds. Having a better idea of those processes now, I can promise you that I will be working with the next council, my governor colleagues, and others to make those improvements happen. These aren't things that can be fixed immediately, but they can be fixed, and I'm going to do my best to help fix them. I encourage all of you and your chapters to join in those efforts.

And remember, there are a lot of good things happening in the Southwest too. For example: the work the chapters of this district do for their bands is phenomenal. From daily tasks like setting up chairs or painting lines on a marching band field to funding guest artists and commissioning pieces and everything in between, the efforts in the Southwest District are second to none – something reinforced by the fact that the SWD is the current home of both the Kappa Kappa Psi and the Tau Beta Sigma Chapter Leadership trophies. The service performed in the name of Kappa Kappa Psi in this district is incredible – let's make our service to Kappa Kappa Psi reach that same level.

Moving on...it wouldn't be an officer report without the thank-you section, but I'll do my best to keep it brief.

Connor: we've known each other for a few years now, since our first interactions regarding alumni band, and it's weird to be writing something other than a recommendation letter for you. It has been interesting to follow your journey through the Fraternity knowing your path started in a similar way to my own. You have done great work as a co-MAL, and have gone above and beyond to complete projects like the scrapbook. Those efforts show your desire to succeed, a quality I know will serve you well in the coming years. Thank you for your work, both with the Fraternity and with your alumni outreach, and best of luck in whatever comes next.

Rob: the quiet one. You've done a wonderful job with your projects, especially your work to publish the *New ALTO*. It has been a benefit knowing that even though you had to figure things out quickly, your work would always be done on time and at a high level. Thanks for your service this year. I look forward to seeing what you will do for the district in the future.

Jared: the district's king of sass. You've had to deal with a lot of things this year that weren't supposed to be yours to deal with, but you've handled that exceptionally well. You took on some big projects for the council and the district, and made each of them a success. Your passion for Kappa Kappa Psi is evident, and your desire to see the Fraternity improve is even more so. Thanks for your work this year, and best of luck in the future.

Justin: I knew anyone coming onto council from Albuquerque, New Mexico was going to be a little...different. You didn't disappoint. You've faced some unique challenges in your participation this year, particularly with distance, but you haven't let them deter you from reaching your goals. Your efforts in workshop planning and coordinating your assignments here at convention have been fantastic, and the quality of your work shows. Thanks for braving the world's strangest restaurant to bring me some tortillas, be careful on that bike, and best of luck to you.

Graham: it's hard for me to describe how much I respect what you've done this year. You have had to face so many more challenges than presidents in this district have had to face before, and have had to accomplish more individually to ensure the success of your council and your convention than any district president should. Your work has not gone unnoticed, because there aren't many who could have made things work as smoothly as you did. Plus, you even had your own catchphrase. It has been a privilege to observe your work, and to help you in whatever ways I could. Thank you for your tireless efforts to make this year a success, and I hope you find similar success as you further pursue your academic endeavors.

Kalem: as I said earlier, making the transition into the governor role is a lot easier when you have someone making the transition with you. I'm so glad you are on board with us, and I know your different fraternal experiences and professional expertise will continue to be an asset for the Southwest District. Thanks for taking on this challenge.

Toni: Knowing that I would be able to take this position with someone to guide my transition was a huge relief. Thanks for sharing your knowledge, catching me up on how processes have changed, why things are the way they are, and much, much more. I couldn't have done this without your help this year.

TBS Council: you have been exceptional this year, and that has been noticed by both organizations. Your efforts to make district operations succeed this year were outstanding. Thank you for all the work you've done.

Donnelle and Kathy: we've all learned a lot this year, haven't we? Thanks for taking the lead on so many convention items and helping me get up to speed on joint operations, and thanks for your friendship and understanding this year. I look forward to how our interactions continue to develop in positive ways to help the district.

To my friends throughout Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma: there are too many of you to name, but I am fortunate to have your friendship and passion for our cause to influence and inspire the work I do in this office. Thank you all for being part of my life, and reminding me why this Fraternity means so much to me.

In closing, I will simply state again how excited I am to be serving as your governor. Some of the brothers I have admired most in Kappa Kappa Psi have served this district as governor, and I am humbled to be part of that tradition. I look forward to working with and for all of you during my tenure to improve our collective fraternal experiences and make this district the best it can be.

Fraternally,

Clinton J. Wieden
Southwest District Governor, Kappa Kappa Psi
Life Member, Alpha Chapter

Appendix F – Final Officer Report: Governor Toni Castle

Brothers of the Southwest,

As always, it has been an honor to be selected to serve. I have had another wonderful year. My rag-tag group of not elected officers has shown perseverance, dedication, and enthusiasm. This year has had its ups and downs.

We left convention with two open spots on council, which then became three and escalated to four. Needless to say, Brothers answered the call and stepped up to the challenge of being a district officer. I encourage you to run for district council. It is an experience you will never forget. You may travel to new places you never thought you would go to (like Portales), but now can because of district travel funds. You may meet your future roommate (Hi Dusty). Or you may meet your spouse (Jack and Jessica). You can also do great things for the district and chapters in need.

We also left convention without a convention host. Erika and I began the hunt for a host school. Lets be honest, we panicked, had a mild heart attack, prayed, and then contacted someone with experience. We began looking for an alternate location. So welcome to Cat-convention 2016. Right meow I can say that this has been a learning experience. I have learned that I do not want to be in charge of planning convention again. So PLEASE bid for convention!

This year has brought us back to some old themes. Some old lessons need repeating. Though I am old, I must remember that to me it was just a few years ago that we covered an issue (we actually drilled the issues into every aspect of district encounters) but to the actives the issues may be quite new. The council saw it necessary to revisit our stance and support of the Alcohol Policy. Though the National Council has made training on hazing awareness and the prevention of hazing in our programs a part of membership education we have seen a decrease in workshops over the years. To me it was just a short time ago, but for many of you, it was covered extensively before you were even in college. Though it took a hard lesson, I am glad we were able to learn from the mistakes of our brothers and bring awareness back to the district. I hope to continue to look for ways to keep these issues from becoming learning experiences for our chapters. Small things like traditions must be stopped when they are detrimental to the welfare of our Brothers. That old alumni that sits in the back of a meeting and says that “that is not how things were done when I was active”, needs to be asked to leave. We have grown and will continue to grow. Tradition for the sake of tradition is not a good thing. We must be aware of the welfare of our Brothers that we invited to join us on this journey. Always remember if it does not serve an educational purpose, don’t include it in your membership education. If that old alumni is giving you trouble, just send them to talk to me. Don’t think I

forgot, if you are “of age” be responsible and don’t break any laws. Follow the alcohol policy and be a responsible Brother.

As per requests, I will now address one of my pet peeves. As you know we are not a pharmaceutical fraternity. Think back to the lessons you learned in our ritual, and think about which Kappa you are deeming unnecessary. What word in our great organization's name do you think is no longer important. We are Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi. Please show respect.

If you have the ambition to do something epic for the district, remember to be prepared and have paperwork ready on time. We would love to have you run for district council or turn in a bid for convention, but it is your duty to prepare paperwork and submit it on time. Your Brothers are here to support you with love and caring, but you must put forth the effort. Reach out to the council and governors when you need support. We will not leave you behind, but we need to know you need us (we can’t read minds).

This year I lost my rock, my counselor Erika. She had to go and show the nation something we already knew here in the Southwest. Erika Pope is awesome. I am forever grateful for having her with me for my first four years as governor. I would not have made it without her. She was replaced by an old friend, Kathy Webster and a new one, Donnelle’ Mitchell. It has been a pleasure working with both of them this year. I look forward to the years to come. I also lost my new favorite band director John Graham. I will miss working with him at conventions. I was lucky to have two new Governors join me. Clinton, I have known from the time when I was on council way back in 20--. It has also been great getting to know Kalem. I have enjoyed working with both of you and I am looking forward to the next year. It is weird, I am now officially the old guy on council.

To my random council, thank you for stepping up to the challenge and answering the call. My rag-tag council has done an awesome job. This council has been the cat’s meow. They are dedicated, responsible, and a funny group of guys. The amount of dry humor and snarky comments in the room would leave some people wondering if we were really serious. Thank you for being an awesome council. Graham, thank you for stepping up and being organized, prepared, and in charge. To Justin, thank you for stepping up and filling the position of VP. Jared, thank you for piecing together the reports and missing files. Robert, thank you for being the quiet voice of reason in the group. The awards look awesome. Connor, thank you for your work with all of the work with all of the history stuff and for being our liaison with headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Castle
SWD Governor
Beta Sigma – Life
Epsilon Delta – Alumni

Appendix G – Final Officer Report: President Graham Delafield

Brothers of the Southwest District,

Approximately one year ago, I returned home from the 2015 District Convention at the University of Arkansas. I collapsed into bed, exhausted mentally, physically and emotionally, reminiscing about what all the weekend held for me. I had just completed a term as District Vice President, which brought incredibly rewarding experiences, but insurmountable challenges. If you were in attendance at last year's final separate session, you will know that I was not elected to the office of President - where I had initially offered myself for consideration, but was re-elected as District Vice President. Keeping a positive and agreeable attitude about the election was not difficult, as I soon found myself eager to make the office better than I had left it.

A month later, the three elected district officers reviewed the applications for the vacancies of District Secretary/Treasurer and Co-Member at Large. After sorting through 13 submissions, we arrived at a unanimous decision to bring Jared Holt and Connor Terry on board as part of the team. The time of reviewing the packets in depth and making the decision was both challenging and affirming, because not only were we able to select the two men who were unequivocally the best candidates, but also because we were able to see that members of the Southwest were willing to take charge and put themselves in a vulnerable position, all in the effort of bettering the district. Jared and Connor, always remember that our decisions in your favor were the right ones. We could never have reached where we are today without the two of you, and your addition was a significant boost to our level of effectiveness.

Finally, we had a full council and our year could begin as we had intended. However, it goes without saying that this was not the end of my journey on the path to where I find myself today. And, as fate would have it, I soon found myself receiving a phone call I could never possibly forget.

I would like to take a minute to share with you the story of how I found out I would be serving as Southwest District President. Following the end of the school year, I was away in Charleston, Illinois teaching with a marching band. Staying at Eastern Illinois University, we were finally inside from the blistering heat, getting lunch in one of the campus cafeterias. If you have never been to Eastern Illinois University, which I am assuming very few of you have - save Christine Beason - you need to understand that their cafeterias must have the most unexceptional lunch trays on earth. Awkwardly small, and undeniably flimsy, I took my tray, got my plate of food - which covered about 60% of the tray itself. I grabbed a dessert plate and, feeling extremely ashamed, proceeded to the salad line. It was at this moment, I received a phone call from a number in a Texas area code. I recognized this number, as if I had used it before, and decided to pick up. Much to my surprise, the voice on the other end was none other than Jack Lee. He asked me how I was doing, and what was going on in my life, which immediately gave me the impression that I had done something wrong or that he needed something from me. As I clamped the phone between my shoulder and ear, I took my unexceptional lunch tray, explained to Jack where I was and headed towards the drink fountain. Now, another thing you need to know is that EIU does not allow returns to the lunch line once you have gone through. Because of this, they have decided to pair the unexceptional, small lunch trays with the world's largest cups. I gingerly filled my cup full of water and placed it in the corner of my tray, making it so that 100% of the tray is now occupied. As I walked out, I attempted to grab silverware, avoid the 150 other people in the dining hall, and searched in vain to find a table where I could finally put down my tray and listen and respond to what Jack was saying. And on top of this myriad of errors waiting to happen, Jack Lee then tells me that due to some very unfortunate circumstances, the current Southwest District President must

step down and surrender his duties, making me the acting President. I hear these words, I quite literally stop mid stride, still holding my rickety mountain of food, and I can do nothing but listen and stare. In this moment, when I could think literally any thought in the world, the only thought running through my head is “Jack, there is just so much on my plate right now.”

While this story may receive a few laughs, it was this moment that set in motion a year that would change me, mold me, and grow me in ways I could never have imagined.

As soon as I became acting President, it was my duty to prepare for District Leadership Convention and National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Hoping against all hope that I could pick up where we left off, I asked Toni, “what still needs to be done?” The answer I received was “everything.” And as National Convention approached, we held our first council meeting consisting of four members, which was followed shortly by an announcement from Danielle Sullivan stating that she must leave her position for health reasons. Now we were back to three... But we trudged ever onward and finally, District Leadership Conference arrived.

Of all the experiences I have had as a part of this fraternity, I hold many of them in high regard, but there is no question that the days I spent with the governors at DLC and the week of National Convention spent with everyone else are among some of the most special. This experience allowed me to meet other district presidents, learn about my role in this office, understand our goal as a group of student leaders, and get the ball rolling on our convention plan. Kalem, Clint, and Toni, I could not have done it without you.

My goals for this year were simple and few: communication, participation, and engagement.

Leaving the 2015 district convention, the members of the Southwest made it clear that not only did you need a greater amount of communication, but a better quality of communication. Structuring our communications towards the district to be more interesting and diverse, we have seen a greater response to district events and official deadlines than we have seen before. Our methods, whether they are emails, videos, graphics or something in between, I truly hope you all have felt the level quality of communication improve and allow you all to be better involved in the district.

Participation and engagement is where my heart for you truly lies. As Sami and I have mentioned numerous times throughout this weekend, we believe that the members of the Southwest can and will do great things, if only the opportunity is presented to them in the right way. It was not my goal to give you a laundry list of things to do, but to provide you the reasons why we should do them. We are in the best district of this fraternity. We have more members in attendance at this convention than some districts have ever amassed at one time. We have the skills, resources, and passionate mindset to accomplish any goal set for us at any time, and that is what makes the southwest special. You all are a different strain of brother, and you are truly a level above the rest. If I, a person just seeking to stay afloat in this world, can find ways to motivate the best members of the fraternity towards greater participation, this fraternity would be turned on its head. I would never push you farther than you could handle, but you all deserve someone who is going to take you in the right direction. I encourage you to embrace the prompting of your district officers and allow yourselves to show the fraternity exactly of what you are capable. Never, ever, ever stop striving.

And finally, after a year of long, difficult work, we have reached the final result. The 2016 District Convention has surpassed my expectations in every way, and I hope you all have been benefitted by everything this weekend has offered.

This convention would not have been possible with just myself, so please allow me to thank some very special people:

Endless thanks to all of our national dignitaries, headquarters staff, distinguished guests, district convention host chapters (Alpha, Delta, Zeta Kappa, Beta Nu, and all others who

pitched in through donating supplies) and lastly the committee chairs and advisors who made this weekend possible. I am in your debt. Please, never be afraid to ask me to return the favor.

To Kathy Webster: I knew from the moment I met you at the Arkansas Area workshop two years ago that you had much to offer our organizations. Your passion, knowledge, and willingness to put in hours of work or make tough decisions are what have helped lead us to a successful convention. You will forever have my deepest and utmost respect.

To Donnelle' Mitchell: You have had my heart since the very first words you spoke to me at National convention: "have you pooped today?" When I was hungry, you gave me your food, when I was tired, you took over my work, and when I needed help, you were always there. May the district be as good to you as you have been to me and all of us sitting on this stage.

To Meri Terpstra: Your addition to the council has certainly made things lighthearted and fun. Sure, we may have plenty of jokes that come your way, but you have taken them all in stride and done your very best to be the most outstanding VPSP you could. Thank you for being who you are.

To Collin Peters: There are not many people I connect with as easily as I connected with you. Your calm and loving demeanor makes you easy to approach, and easier to work with. You are a fantastic person to share our days with, and I am so sad you are not here today to watch all of your hard work pay off.

To Ashlyn Kubacak: You are my rock. You were the person who took me under her wing when I first chosen to serve as District Vice President. You showed me the way, you helped me along when I needed you the most, and you have never once done anything but your best. You are a role model to me, and to all of your sisters. I would not be standing here today if it were not for you, and I cannot thank you enough for letting me be a part of your life.

To Sami Belford: The very first time I met you was at my very first area workshop at TCU. Granted you only came and sat next to me because you were attempting to flirt with my friend on the other side, but nonetheless, we set into motion a friendship that would soon blossom into more than we could imagine. You have been a friend, a wingman, and an absolute pain...but more than any of these, you have been the perfect counterpart. This convention is the fruits of our labor, and we did it together. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To Kalem Graham: I have been so blessed by you this year. For someone to come from another district of this fraternity and be willing to serve at such a high level is astounding to me. Your reassuring smiles and always willing attitude have been invaluable. I hope this district continues to amaze you, as I know you will amaze it.

To Clint Wieden: When I first heard you were going to be district governor, I believe my exact words were "Oh, crap" because the only knowledge I had of you was that you were a strong and proud alumnus of Alpha who didn't take too kindly to we Delta folk. After working with you for a year, I can confidently say that whoever allowed me to think such things about you was completely wrong. You have been an incredible resource this year, and so many of my questions would not have been answered if it were not for you. I am thankful for your guidance from the first caucus of National Convention until today. The district is lucky to have you back.

To Toni Castle: The unwavering pillar of this council, thank you for always giving of yourself to make our fraternity grow. None of us deserve your kindness and generosity, but you give it any way. Please know that I am in your debt for everything you have done, and I hope District Councils in the future are as lucky as I have been.

To Connor Terry: Your constant smiling and laughing sure help to cancel out my seriousness. Thank you for taking upon yourself the roles that you did, and thank you for being a friend to me this year. You have been an incredible Member at Large, and the officers for your position in the future should model themselves after you.

To Robert Morris: Probably the most mysterious man on council, you certainly keep me guessing. I never know what is going to come out of your mouth when you speak, and

sometimes I wish I still didn't know. You are a hard worker and you will accomplish great things. Best of luck in all that you do.

To Jared Holt: You once told me that when we were first introduced, you thought I was "the most boring person you had ever met." Now, after a year, I think we can both proudly say that you were exactly right... In all seriousness, you have been such a joy to have on the council. You have done such good work with Epsilon Beta and this district, you would be impossible to replace. Thank you for going above and beyond in every way.

To Justin Chesak: When we spoke at National Convention and you told me you had intentions on running for District Vice President, followed by giving me a cookie. After such a gesture, I said I would have to vote for you if you turned in an application. Even if I hadn't been remembering National Convention when I looked at your packet, you still would have had my vote. You are an amazing motivator and if there is one person who can get people to leave from or travel to New Mexico, it is you. Thank you for being everything you can be at all times.

To the members of the Southwest District: You all have certainly challenged me. Just when I think I have this whole game figured out, you go and throw another curveball. Thank you for helping me grow and learn from you. I pray that I have returned to you the favors you have shown me. It has been an honor to be your district President.

And finally to the Delta chapter: Nothing I have ever done or will ever do in this fraternity would be possible without you. Each and every member from the time I was a membership candidate to now has been an integral part of the person I have become. You have shown me what is right, you have shown me what is wrong, you have shown me the consequences of laziness and you have taught me the reward of diligence. Every member of the chapter should be credited with part of my successes and the successes of the district. You are the reason I am here today. I am the best version of myself when I am with you. Thank you for making me who I am.

To my successor, there are many charges I could list here, but I will provide just one. Provide, motivate, and inspire. Provide opportunities for this district to succeed. Push them, but show them the ways to reach their goals. Motivate your council to work tirelessly for the members of this district. This job is no glorified position, it is hard work, and motivation is always needed. Inspire your district members to reach higher, love deeper, and always strive for more. This is the greatest district, and it is up to you to help prove it so.

The theme of this convention is "Answer the Call." You are all tired of hearing it, but I just don't care because I am not done yet. The theme might have lost its flair 5 months ago, or maybe you are just now realizing the true potential of what it means. Either way, you all should know that our call to action is one of lasting importance. You are capable of being more than you know. You are capable of shaping this fraternity. You are capable of changing this world. When we go from this place, remember these words, because they are the truth.

It has been a pleasure to stand here before you. It has been a privilege to call myself your brother. And when I received the call to serve as your district president, it has been my distinct honor to have answered.

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Fraternally submitted,

Graham Delafield

Kappa Kappa Psi, Delta chapter - The University of Oklahoma
2015-2016 Southwest District President

Appendix H – Convention Site Committee

Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

- Julianne Clements, Psi
- Sam Kaiser, Zeta Kappa

Committee Member(s) Name(s) and Chapter(s):

TBS Members

- Betty Withers, Gamma Phi
- Jesus Villanueva, Epsilon Eta
- Felix Valdez, Gamma Nu
- Erin Shier, Tau
- Emilie Blezinger, Delta Phi

KKY Members

- Blake Loy, Gamma Theta
- Courtney Gilder, Gamma Alpha
- Adrian Villalobos, Delta Sigma
- Spencer Hill, Delta
- Cory Obi, Theta Phi

Advisor(s) Name(s):

- Toni Castle, Governor
- Kathy Webster, Counselor

The 2016 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following:

- 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

Committee Report:

The Convention Site Committee met during each scheduled committee block to discuss and complete the charges outlined for us. Below We met as a committee and reviewed the Charges from the past District Convention.

The report of the 2015 District Convention was reviewed as a committee.

The committee also reviewed the Prezi on hosting a District Convention. Suggestions for this presentation included:

- Explaining what backup plan meant

- Including this years district convention on previous conventions
- Putting in links so that people know what should be in a packet

All bids were collected at the designated time; One bid was received to host the 2017 Southwest District Convention. This bid was thoroughly reviewed and an interview with the potential host chapters was scheduled. Before meeting with the two potential host chapters, the committee, after reviewing the bid packet, came up with a series of questions to ask the presenters. This committee met with the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at 2pm on Saturday April 16th to view their presentation and discuss their bid to host the 2017 Southwest District Convention. Questions were asked of the presenters and a discussion between the presenters and committee took place discussing the details of the bid. Questions on more details about the facilities, back up locations, budget expenses, and other such details were asked in this question and answer session. After the committee met with the potential host chapters, we discussed as a committee and voted on a slate to present to the District during the closing Joint Sunday at noon on Sunday April 17.

Slate for 2017 Southwest District Convention:

The Convention site committee would like to slate the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma to host the 2017 Southwest District Convention provided that they receive a letter of support from Oklahoma State University and solidify and secure room locations and costs for convention, especially banquet and music hour. The deadline to provide this information to the advisors will be three weeks from today, by May 8th. If these provisions are not met by that deadline, the floor will be open again for bids. To wrap up the meetings of the 2016 Southwest District Convention Site Committee, charges were discussed and agreed upon for the 2017 Southwest District Convention Site Committee.

The 2017 Southwest District Convention Site Committee is charged with the following:

- Review the report of the 2016 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
- We Charge district council to encourage more chapters to bid to host throughout district events and workshops

Thank you's,

We were beyond honored and excited to co-chair this committee and would like to formally thank all members of this committee for being so engaged and focused during our committee meetings and for being so willing to give up so much of their time at District Convention to help determine the future of this convention. Thank you to our wonderful advisors, Kathy and Toni, for guiding our efforts in this committee. And thank you to the Southwest District Council for all of their hard work and efforts in putting on this years' convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julianne Clements – Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
Sam Kaiser – Zeta Kappa of Kappa Kappa Psi

Appendix I – D.O. Wiley Committee

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2016 D.O. Wiley committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2015 D.O. Wiley Committee.
2. Review all applications submitted for the D.O. Wiley Award in order to ensure that all applicants are eligible for consideration.
3. Develop a series of questions for each applicant chapter and establish criteria to determine the most deserving winner.
4. Organize a schedule for applicant chapter presentations.
5. Review the applicant chapters and their presentations and decide the winner of the 2016 D.O. Wiley Award.
6. Recommend any changes to the D.O. Wiley selection process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

After passing out packets during our first meeting, we did a preliminary scan of all applicant packets to make sure they met all the criteria as outlined in the Southwest District Constitution. When that was completed, we discussed when we wanted to meet over the course of the weekend. The 7 am committee block was unanimously decided upon in order for us to better get our bearings before presentations started at 12:15 pm the following day.

Once the applicant chapters were informed of their presentation times and location, the committee's real work began: narrowing down the most deserving chapter from seven to just one. Pretty early on, before presentations even started, we had a pretty good idea of who we thought was the most deserving based on their application packets alone. When presentations rolled around, we were blown away by what these chapters had to present. But even then, it helped us narrow it down even more. After each presentation, we took the time to discuss what we had just been presented. The questions asked included, but were not limited to the following:

1. What sets your chapter apart from other chapters in the Southwest District?
2. How do you inspire enthusiasm in younger members and keep it present in older members? In both the band and the chapter.
3. What does the D.O. Wiley Award mean to your chapter?
4. Tell us more about your most profitable fundraising project?

5. Tell us more about the biggest service project your chapter undertakes?
6. How does your chapter increase involvement across the board (rather than the same handful of people doing all the work)?

When all five of the eligible chapters had presented, we then spent time discussing each one in more detail to help us better decide on the chapter that really embodies the ideals and purposes of Kappa Kappa Psi. The chapters that presented had their strengths that we saw, but they also had their weaknesses. That being said, after all of our discussion, one chapter rose above the rest. Their packet was thoroughly put together, pleasing to the eye, and little did we know at the time, tied in to their presentation.

At the end of our deliberation, the committee came to a unanimous vote: the chapter that clearly stood out to us that best embodies the five purposes of our fraternity is the Zeta Beta chapter at Howard Payne University. They may be little in size, but they have a huge impact on not only their band program, but their school and community as well. When their three presenters walked into the room with giant pictures of cats, I was super curious to see where they were going with their presentation. When you compare the operations of the fraternity to that of the life of a cat succinctly in five minutes, you've got my attention. Not only did they tie it together, they did one heck of a job doing so. There was clear preparation in putting the application packets together as well as the presentation for the committee yesterday afternoon. Congrats, Zeta Beta! You are very deserving of this award and I am happy to have been able to help in the selection process this year. #Catvention2k16

The 2016 D.O. Wiley Committee charges the 2017 committee with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2015 D.O. Wiley Committee.
2. Review all applications submitted for the D.O. Wiley Award in order to ensure that all applicants are eligible for consideration.
3. Develop a series of questions for each applicant chapter and establish criteria to determine the most deserving winner.
4. Organize a schedule for applicant chapter presentations.
5. Review the applicant chapters and their presentations and decide the winner of the 2016 D.O. Wiley Award.
6. Recommend any changes to the D.O. Wiley selection process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

The 2016 Committee would like to thank our advisor, Kalem Graham, for his support and guidance this weekend. With this being the first time really hearing about the D.O. Wiley, he gave us great insight and advice as to what he liked in each of the applicants and helped us to further be able to come to one clear winner. We would additionally like to thank each of the chapters that applied for the D.O. Wiley Award and for giving us the opportunity to hear all about the fantastic ways in which your chapters are constantly improving not only your college and university bands, but yourselves and your communities. Thank you to Graham and Jared for answering all my questions over the course of this semester. You guys made me feel a lot less nervous about undertaking what I viewed as a big responsibility with my already busy schedule. And thank you to the district council as a whole for believing that I would do a great job as committee chair.

I would also like to thank my committee members:

- Julian Rodriguez – Nu Beta
- Drew Morrow – Gamma Iota (Proxy for Epsilon Kappa)

- Carina Melero – Gamma Iota
- Kyle Jones – Lambda Kappa
- T'Darius Jessie – Gamma Omega (Proxy Mu Tau)
- Sydney Finneman – Lambda Xi (Proxy for Zeta Xi)

I know meeting at 7 am on a Saturday isn't any college student's idea of a perfect start to the day, but you guys took it like a champ! Thank you for your hard work and dedication over the weekend. You guys rock!

For my last convention as an active brother and before my graduation in December, I am honored to have been chosen to serve the Southwest District as committee chair. Thank you for making my last convention as an active one to remember.

Fraternally submitted,

Katelyn Huckaby
Alpha Psi – West Texas A&M University
2016 D.O. Wiley Committee Chair

Appendix J – History and Traditions Committee

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2015-2016 History and Traditions Committee was charged with the following:

- 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

After reviewing these charges from the 2015 History and Traditions Committee, our discussion on these intricate issues began.

The committee first began discussion by addressing the current knowledge of the Southwest District Joint Song. Upon asking the committee members about their awareness and understanding of the Joint Song. A majority was reached that the entire committee was aware that it exists, and some had even learned it within their chapter or at a District Workshop, but were not actively singing it with their respective sister chapter if they had one. The committee felt that it would be useful for the joint councils to post a recording of the Joint Song for reference, but also posting each of the parts individually for individuals who struggle with singing or locating the pitches. The committee also discussed adding in to the District Constitution a section that it is expected that the Joint Song be known during events and conventions that the entire District comes together. The committee also felt that hosting a session during the Area Workshops was helpful for chapters to understand and learn the parts to the song as a whole.

The committee then addressed the current status of the Southwest District Archives. As it stands now, there are no materials actively stored in the archives that are hosted at the University of Oklahoma, besides a large, wooden scrapbook. The committee recommends that rather than maintain a physical archive, to further expand the current Archives section of the District Website to include: past council meeting minutes, the District Scrapbook, each year's Constitution, Convention Programs, Workshop Host Chapters, Chapter Milestones (25th Anniversary events for example) and other contents as deemed necessary by the Council and Governors. We also wanted to have backups of these documents, such that these documents were also on file with National Headquarters, and on an easily accessible hard drive, such as the Member At Large gdrive.

With the unfortunate deletion of all conventions forms during the month of February and the lack of a physical copy of the questions that were asked in the past years, there was no way for the committee to evaluate the past visibility of the History form, and publish responses from this past year. Instead, the committee wished to recreate the form to be a living document, where chapters could add their chapter history to the database, and those responses would be posted as a viewable, but non-editable live-form for other chapters to view and learn from.

From there we advanced to the topic of Andy the Armadillo, and the past year there was unfortunately a roadblock that was reached with Beta Lambda. Given that facebook admin privileges were not passed down within the chapter, the facebook page for Andy the Armadillo has been extremely dormant this year. Our committee suggested requiring chapters to instead post about Andy's travels on the Southwest District Kappa Kappa Psi facebook group, so that any member can post these updates, and they will be approved by the District Council. They also recommended the creation of a new Andy the Armadillo Instagram account that will be jointly run between a member of the host chapter and the Member At Large.

Our last discussion point was assessing the usefulness of the Youtube channel. Originally created to disseminate information in a new and effective manner. But since its creation, it's not seen much action. Therefore the committee suggested posting videos that were live-feeds of Area Workshops, and also hosting videos that show off what it's like to be a member of a specific chapter in our district for a certain period of week. This video could be a culmination of chapter members coming together to show off what their chapter does in a week and as a chapter.

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
- Create an online Southwest District Archives to host past minutes, constitutions, scrapbooks, award winners and other items deemed fit.
- Make sure that members of the host chapter for Andy the Armadillo post updates regularly on the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Facebook group
- Determine and then utilize the YouTube Channel in the most effective way
- Ensure the Joint Song is still being Publicized and known by the chapter for District Events

Charges for the 2016-2017 History and Traditions Committee:

- Discuss the visibility of the online history form and recommend edits to the overall form
- Analyze the previous years' use of updates for Andy the Armadillo by his host chapter
- Assess the knowledge of the Southwest District Joint Song
- Assess the usage and content of the online Southwest District Archive, and recommend changes, additions and overall improvements
- Evaluate the use of the YouTube Channel

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

- Steve Nelson for being an amazing chair of our committee and adding in great insight into our history and raising highly beneficial questions.
- Ja'Qualan Keal – Delegate, Epsilon Rho at Grambling State University
- Dionico Cardenas – Delegate, Alpha Psi at West Texas A&M University
- Julianne Gutierrez – Delegate, Gamma Eta at New Mexico State University
- Jamie Edmisten– Delegate, Gamma Phi at Stephen F. Austin State University
- Amber Dixon – Delegate, Iota Upsilon at McNeese State University
- Brian Vassell – Delegate, Gamma Omega at Texas Southern University
- Tori Dheil – Member, Gamma Phi
- Christopher Adams – Proxy for Epsilon Rho
- Carter Oberheu – Member, Lambda

Fraternally Submitted,

Connor Terry

History and Traditions Committee Chair

2015-2016

Appendix K – Joint Action Committee

Committee Chair Names and Chapters:

- David Rudolph - Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi
- Maddie Hoefke - Delta, Tau Beta Sigma

Committee Member(s) Name(s) and Chapter(s):

- Juancarlos Zavala – Epsilon Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi
- Zachary Eby – Delta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi (proxy for Nu Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi)
- Alex Evans – Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi
- Molly Todd – Alpha Upsilon, Tau Beta Sigma (proxy for Beta Gamma, Tau Beta Sigma)
- Dakota Crespo – Gamma Zeta, Kappa Kappa Psi

- LaShanna Martin – Alpha Upsilon, Tau Beta Sigma
- Kelton Ashcraft – Lambda Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi
- Stephen Lusk – Alpha Omicron, Tau Beta Sigma
- Ricky Rodriguez – Zeta Kappa, Kappa Kappa Psi (proxy for Epsilon Zeta)

Advisor(s) Name(s):

- Danny George - Delta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi
- Katie Rixon - Theta Theta, Tau Beta Sigma

The 2016 Joint Action Committee was charged with the following:

- Read the 2015 Joint Action Committee Report
- Reevaluate the number of participants on the New ALTO Committee and the application/selection process
- Reevaluate the need for a Webmaster position and if deemed necessary, establish the application and selection process for the position and define term limits
- Revisit the following motion regarding the wording of the amendment for Joint Action Committee:
“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.”
 The amendment will not be approved by the governors and counselor until the language is specific. In other words, travel costs must be properly specified (who is it going to).
- Consider establishing a budget line to cover area workshop costs such as sports equipment for game time and breakfast for workshop attendees.

Discussions during meetings/Relevant information:

Prior to the start of the convention, we received the charges from the 2015 JAC, and immediately went to work on developing a game plan for District Convention. Approximately a week and a half ago, the two of us met for the first time, reviewed the charges together, and sent a detailed email to the district presidents, advisors, counselors, and governors. After valuable dialogue, we had a better understanding of what we were up against, and were determined to tackle each charge in order to make a significant impact on the Southwest District. The following information is the discussions had regarding each charge with the Joint Action Committee at District Convention.

Reevaluate the number of participants on the New ALTO Committee and the application/selection process.

The first thing we noticed with the New ALTO selection process was that the current method was inconsistent with both district constitutions of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. From there, we knew it would be necessary to redefine much of the legislation, as well as develop a new and efficient process for selecting the New ALTO team. After discussing with governors, counselors, district officers, and a current, two year member of the New ALTO team, we thought it best to redefine the position of the New ALTO Webmaster. In the past, the New ALTO Webmaster was in charge of a separate New ALTO website that has since been replaced by a designated tab on the current SWD website. Because of the lack of website, it became evident that the Webmaster position responsibilities were obsolete. This caused us to create a new position entitled New ALTO Public Relations Officer. Not only would the Public Relations Officer fill the void of the previous New ALTO Webmaster

position, it would allow someone to be in charge of the advertising of the New ALTO, something that our committee discussed and thought needed the most improvement. A proposal was made to both the Kappa Kappa Psi and the Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction and Jurisdiction/Finance Committees, respectively, to accept an addendum to both constitutions that would delineate this change. Changes were also proposed to edit the constitutions to better reflect current roles and affiliations of other members of the New ALTO team.

Reevaluate the need for a Webmaster position and if deemed necessary, establish the application and selection process for the position and define term limits.

The SWD Webmaster position was created two years ago, and was appointed to a two year term that ended this spring. Therefore, we were tasked with the evaluation of the necessity of the position. If deemed necessary, further conditions were to be specified.

The committee decided there was a need for a SWD Webmaster position, as it is helpful to the members of the council to designate one person with the task of overseeing the cohesive qualities of the SWD website, as well as take some of the intense workload from the SWD Council members. Therefore, our committee voted to have an application process sent out after District Convention to select the Webmaster for the 2016-2017 year. In order to prevent restrictions on the application process, we worded the potential amendment in a way that gives flexibility to the SWD Councils. Unfortunately, this amendment did not pass through the Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee.

Because this change was not adopted by the Jurisdiction committees, we feel it is imperative that next year's JAC make this a priority of their discussions, involving the need and qualifications of a SWD Webmaster.

Revisit the following motion regarding the wording of the amendment for Joint Action Committee:

“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.”

The amendment will not be approved by the governors and counselor until the language is specific. In other words, travel costs must be properly specified (who is it going to).

The above wording was presented at the 2015 SWD Convention, and was denied for lack of specificity regarding travel costs. After discussion with the governors and counselors, we found out the intention behind this amendment was to open the possibility of incorporating travel costs into an overall proposal for the GSG. However, travel was not to be the sole factor or element in the proposals submitted by chapters desiring the grant. We therefore edited the wording to better delineate the original intention.

Consider establishing a budget line to cover area workshop costs such as sports equipment for game time and breakfast for workshop attendees.

This year, the SWD Councils thought it helpful to the success of workshops to provide equipment for workshops and icebreaker activities, as well as breakfast for all attendees. This was not in last year's budget. As a result, we attempted to include this in the budget for the

following year. In order to accomplish this, we contacted the WAM and Jurisdiction/Finance committees of both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, respectively, and proposed that we include \$150 from each organization (\$300 total) for these expenses. This will allow for \$50 to be spent on each workshop in the spring, to be used at the discretion of the SWD Councils.

JAC Fund Proposals

While not specifically charged with this task, it was requested by the governors and counselors that we review all submitted applications for the 2015-2016 JAC General Service Grant. The only submission was made by the Beta Sigma and Tau chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, respectively, from the University of Houston. We invited members of Beta Sigma to one of our sessions to interview them and gain a better understanding of their application. After, we submitted a recommendation for the governors and counselors to review.

Ultimately, we determined this fund is largely underutilized and inefficient in its current state. For the past several years, very few applications have been submitted for this grant, leaving much of the money untouched. After discussing possible reasons, it became evident that there is much confusion regarding eligibility for these funds amongst the chapters of the Southwest District. Some members were told the grant must be a form of reimbursement on a completed project, yet the constitutions explain a process by which chapters may apply for this money prior to the start of a project. We feel it is absolutely necessary that the governors and counselors specifically define the use of this grant, and to consider rewording the legislative terms surrounding the implications of the word “grant,” as the term “grant” implies the use of these funds for future projects.

Charges for the 2016-2017 SWD Councils are as follows:

- Consider placing one or more governor(s) and/or counselor(s) in charge of overseeing the New ALTO, in order to ensure deadlines and responsibilities are consistently met.
- Review our recommendation for the dispersal of the General Service Grant.
- Solidify, clarify, and define the purposes and process by which the General Service Grant is applied.

Charges for the 2017 Joint Action Committee are as follows:

- Review the 2016 Joint Action Committee Report
- Consider ways to better promote and constitutionally define the General Service Grant
- Discuss the successes and failures of the 2016-2017 New ALTO team, as specified by the 2016 JAC
- Explore the reasons why the SWD Webmaster application process was denied in 2016, and recommend necessary alterations to the proposed position
- Reevaluate the amount of money in the budget delineated for workshop expenses
- Reconsider the name/constitutional obligations for the JAC

Thank yous:

Thank you to the governors, counselors, and district officers, particularly Graham Delafield and Sami Belford for their continuous input throughout the committee process. Thank you to Brielle Johnson for sharing your knowledge and experience regarding the current New ALTO structure. Thank you to our wonderful advisors who supported us and helped guide our discussions this weekend. Lastly, thank you to our committee members who led outstanding

discussions, and have the utmost passion for Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, and the success of the Southwest District.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Rudolph

Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi

2016 JAC Co-Chair

Maddie Hoefke

Delta, Tau Beta Sigma

2016 JAC Co-Chair

Appendix L – Jurisdiction Committee

The 2016 Jurisdiction Committee was charged with the following:

Review the report of the 2015 Jurisdiction Committee

Examine changes to the National Constitution and ensure the District Constitution is up to date

The Jurisdiction Committee met and reviewed the following:

2.04-adding “online materials” to the list of candidate materials to be approved by governors for elections

2.05- striking this section as it deals with getting permission to use university mailing supplies for candidate submission and is outdated

2.09- changing the office to Vice President to Vice President for Membership, as it is still listed this way, and removal of duties concerning the Joint Action Committee as they fall to the Vice President for Programs

2.10- Rewording of the description for the office of Vice President for Programs to better represent the duties of the office

2.12- Rewording of the description for the office of Member-at-Large to better represent the duties of the office

3.08- Removal of the section concerning the Publications committee as we do not currently use the publications committee, and Tau Beta Sigma has removed it from there’s

7.01- remove chapter reports from the list of reports given at convention, since we do not currently give convention reports

Appendix 3- added New Mexico State to the list of schools in the West Texas/New Mexico area, reworded the list to include each individual texas schools, and all new mexico chapters

From the Joint Action Committee

Reviewed changing the description of the district webmaster- rejected due to unclear wording

Reviewed Proposed new Section 8 regarding the New ALTO and it's staff, Accepted changes

From the Ways and Means Committee

Reviewed proposed section 6.08 regarding SWD Assistance Grant

Charges for 2017 Jurisdiction Committee

Review the Southwest District Constitution and Compare with the National Constitution and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Constitution

Charges for 2017 Joint Action Committee

Revisit the need for a southwest district webmaster

Look into creating a due date for district convention packets other than opening joint session

Charges for 2017 District Council

Create a District Policy Handbook covering pertinent information on the following topics

Regions of the District, Workshops, Convention, District Convention, District Officer Descriptions, Running for District Office, New ALTO, Awards, Grants, and the Southwest District Alumni Association.

Thank you to both the Joint Action Committee and Ways and Means Committee for getting us your proposals with more than enough time to review them

Thank you to the hardworking members of the Jurisdiction Committee:

Makenzie Darby- Alpha

Bailey Flenniken- Delta

Dalton McCall- Lambda

Travis Steib- Alpha Omicron

Thai-Tu Nguyen- Zeta Kappa

Morgan Smith- Gamma Phi- proxy for Mu Lambda

And our Parliamentarian

Zacary Wilson- Gamma Iota

Your efficiency in discussion made this one of the easiest and most straightforward committees I have ever been a part of.

A special thank you to Clinton Wieden. Your knowledge and guidance kept us on the right track for the entirety of our meetings.

Fraternally Submitted,
Robert Allan Morris, Lambda Chapter, University of Arkansas
2016 Southwest District Jurisdiction Committee Chair

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<p>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.</p>	<p>2.04 New election materials a person seeking a District Office wants to provide before District Convention (such as pamphlets, newsletters, stickers, or <u>online materials</u>), must be approved by the Southwest District Governors before the candidate can disperse advertisement materials to chapters.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Remove</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>2.09 The District Vice-President <u>for Membership</u> shall, in the absence of the District President, preside over all meetings. The Vice-President <u>for Membership</u> 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 <u>for Membership</u> 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 <u>for Membership</u> 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.</p>
<p>2.10 The District Vice President of</p>	<p><u>2.10 The District Vice President for</u></p>

<p>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.</p>	<p><u>Programs shall work alongside the Tau Beta Sigma Vice President for Special Projects to plan and execute the District Service Project, co-head the New ALTO Team, and serve as chair for the Joint Action Committee. The Vice President for Programs shall represent the District to the National Vice President for Student Affairs</u></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><u>2.12 The District Member-At-Large shall serve as the history/alumni liaison and oversee awards, create the district scrapbook, utilize social media, and shall represent the District to the National Alumni Association, Southwest District Alumni Association, and any local alumni associations. The District Member-at-Large shall be an able representative of the active and associate student members at all times.</u></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Remove</p>
<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guest conductor, artist or music education speaker will be selected by the host chapter (must be included in the bid 	<p>Add 4th bullet point <u>“The Joint Action Committee General Service Grant can be used to cover service projects that could include, but could not be used for the sole purpose of, travel in direct relation to the completion of the project. The allocation of JAC grant funds is at the discretion of the district Tau Beta Sigma Counselors and Kappa Kappa Psi Governors.”</u></p>

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.

No Current 6.08

Add
6.08 The Southwest District Chapter Assistance Grant is available to all chapters by application to the District Council. This grant might be used for

	<p>Fraternity-related travel, service projects, ritual regalia, guest speakers, or other financial needs. Applicants will be selected by the District Council and approved by the District Governors.</p>
<p>Section VIII: Publications 8.01 The District newsletter shall be called the New ALTO. The New ALTO shall be published primarily as an 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 necessary, 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. 	<p>Section VIII: Publications 8.01 The District newsletter shall be called the New ALTO. The New ALTO shall be published primarily as an online presence. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Vice President of Programs from Kappa Kappa Psi and the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma will select qualified members to serve as the following positions: formatting and design editor, two copy editors, and a public relations officer. These members may be appointed as needed and shall be active or associate members in good standing. The District Councils will create any application processes and may require application materials that they deem necessary, such as cover letters, portfolios, letters of recommendation, or any other materials. ● The two copy editors for the New ALTO will be comprised of one individual from Kappa Kappa Psi and one individual from Tau Beta Sigma. They will be responsible for receiving and editing article submissions, as well as other miscellaneous items pertinent to the content of the New ALTO. ● The formatting and design editor for the New ALTO will be responsible for the overall design

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

and format of the New ALTO publications.

- The public relations officer for the New ALTO will be responsible for the following:

a) Advertising of the New ALTO on social media platforms and ensuring that knowledge and details about the New ALTO are well known and readily available to all members of each chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma across the Southwest District.

b) Working with the Southwest District Councils to ensure maintenance and timely publication of the New ALTO on the Southwest District Website.

- The New ALTO shall be published twice a year. Publication dates will be November 15th and April 1st. The Vice President of Programs from Kappa Kappa Psi and the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma shall set deadline dates for submission of articles, and shall also, with the assistance from the public relations officer, 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 All materials pertaining to the New ALTO shall be turned over to the new Vice President of Programs from Kappa Kappa Psi, the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma, and the New ALTO team, once selected.

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.

Appendix M – Membership Education Committee Report

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2016 Membership Education Committee was charged with the following,

- 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.

The first order of business was a brief discussion on an application that future SWD VPs for Kappa Kappa Psi and VPCMs for Tau Beta Sigma can use to invite brothers to present at the area workshops of their choice. The application requires several critical fields, as well as an outline of their workshop that they hope to present. The committee approved this, unanimously.

As we talked about our charges we discussed a lot about transitioning this committee to a roll of promoting continuing membership education and resources that would provide opportunities for chapters to be more engaged, this included a calendar of workshops, rituals, and other events on the district website (swd.kkypsonline.com), and an SWD Twitter that chapters can text to, also for the District Officers to send reminders via an app to Presidents and Vice Presidents about events. Although some of these ideas are designed to create incentive, and make communication easier, the committee acknowledged that participation

can be difficult to have without chapters being willing to engage on their own and a strong line of communication with the district and through to their chapter.

Another point of interest was recruitment. Some felt it would be valuable to have this committee and/or the Southwest District Vice-President come up with ways to better improve the recruitment methods of the chapters within the district. Many chapters acknowledged a lacking in an emphasis on recruitment, and the committee agreed resources and workshops and recruitment techniques would be a good way to remedy this.

The committee would like to charge the following:

To the 2017 Southwest District Vice-President:

- Devise ideas to improve chapter recruitment
- Create an application for District Area Workshop Presenters
- Develop a forum or some form of communication to focus primarily on Continuing Membership plans and encourage chapters to be active.

To the 2017 Southwest District Membership Education Committee:

- Evaluate the use of the Southwest District Area Workshop Presenter Application.
- Continue to evaluate the publication of District Events and Announcements
- Evaluate the District Vice-Presidents CME Plan as charged.

I would like to take this time to first thank our Advisor, Lance Coochyouma Western District Governor for your willingness to travel to the Southwest District and Chair this Committee. Thank you !

And to the members of the committee,

Donnie Barkhimer Jr. -Zeta Zeta
Kayla Weeks- Beta Lambda
Anthony Aguayo-Beta Lambda (Proxy for Delta Chi)
Adrian Esquivel- Zeta Gamma
Hailey Wilkinson- Lambda Xi
Chase Dembrun- Eta Xi
Brennan Simmons- Lambda Xi (proxy for Beta Sigma)

Fraternally Submitted,

Justin Chesak
Southwest District Vice-President

Appendix N – Nominations Committee

The 2016 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2015 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.

Eligibility of Candidates

“5.302 Each District Officer shall be an Active or Associate member in the Fraternity at the time of election and for their entire term of office. The District President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Member-at-Large shall be enrolled in a declared or undeclared full-time degree program at a college or university for the entire academic year following election to district office.”

The 2016 Nominations Committee and District Governors find that all 6 candidates are constitutionally qualified for an office in the Southwestern District of Kappa Kappa Psi. The constitutionally qualified candidates are as follows:

Robert Allan Morris of Lambda for District President

George Ishii of Delta Sigma for District President

Carter Freeman of Delta Delta for Vice President of Programs

David Alan Cox of Lambda for Secretary Treasurer

Arjun Jeetah of Delta Sigma for Member at Large

Jayden Goeringer-Evans of Epsilon Epsilon for Member at Large

Please keep in mind that one of the Members at Large positions has been changed to the Vice President of Programs, leaving only one Member at Large position.

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. Describe 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 career (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 type of programs would you like to see implemented or expanded upon in the Southwest District?
9. What do you believe will be the hardest part in holding a district office for you personally?
10. Tell us about a difficult time you've experienced and how did you overcome it?
11. What are your current top priorities?
12. Where do you think the District Stands on their faith in the Southwest District Council?
13. What would be your role within the council, aside from official duties?
14. Are you able to travel effectively while keeping your responsibilities to your own school, band, and chapter?
15. If on a chapter visit, you suspect a member is being hazed, what do you do?

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 Vice President of Programs:

1. In a hypothetical situation, a chapter is hosting an Area workshop for the first time. How will you help that chapter?
2. What leadership experiences have you had that directly relates to this office?
3. What events have you planned in your chapter that will aid you in holding this office?

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?

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 any candidate for any office, or slate any office as “**No Slate**” and allow the Council and Governors to open elections to appoint an officer they feel would meet the needs of the office. We concluded that these candidates would best serve the Southwest District in the following capacities:

Member at Large: *Arjun Jeetan*

Secretary/Treasurer: *David Cox*

Vice President of Programs: *Jayden Goeringer-Evans*

Vice President of Membership: *Robert Morris*

President: *George Ishii*

The committee would like to reinforce that each candidate was thoroughly and carefully considered and that the slate presented was 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 as to make an informed decision that reflects the best for the district.

The Committee would like to charge the **2017 Nominations Committee** with the following:

- Review the report of the 2017 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 **2016-2017 Southwest District Council** with the following:

- Under resources tab, provide a template candidacy packet for potential officer candidates to access so that they may adequately prepare their own personal officer packet.
- Continue to 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.
- Evaluate and consider the decision to **NOT** re-seat delegates in the Nominations Committee during the election process. This is to ensure consistency in evaluations through the election process and guarantee the privacy and integrity of the matters discussed.

I would like to thank the following committee members for their time and dedication put forth in the 2016 SWD Nominations Committee:

Mitchell Bobb of Gamma Zeta
Nathan Carreon of Theta Kappa
Riley Lohr of Beta Alpha
Lus Serafin of Theta Nu
Zackary Rogers of Kappa Phi
Damian McClinton of Nu Lambda
Sean Rast of Epsilon Beta
Ginger Jones of Lambda Kappa

It was a pleasure meeting and working with you all. Meetings ran smoothly without any problems, everyone had incredible input. I had so much fun chairing this committee because of you.

I would like to express incredible thanks our advisor, Allen Andrus – Past Southwest District Vice President, who has been a great source of wisdom and guidance. I would also like to thank the District Council and the Southwest District for this opportunity to serve in such capacity

and would like to urge the brothers of the Southwest District to vote with the best interest of the district and fraternity as a whole, in mind.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Ha
2016 Nominations Committee Chair,
President of the Lambda Kappa Chapter
At the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith,
Brother of the Southwest District

Appendix O – Spirit Committee

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2015-2016 Spirit Committee was charged 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)
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- 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 2015-2016 Spirit Committee reviewed and amended the point system for the awarding of the Spirit Stick. The point system compiled by the committee is as follows:

Chapter Participation & Spirit (70 Point System) “Spirit Stick”

- a. Talent Show (yes or no) +5 points
 - b. Vendor Participation +10
 - c. Chapter Scrapbook Display +5
 - d. District Scrapbook Submissions +15
 - e. Unity
 - i. Respectfully Cheerful 15 points possible
 - ii. Uniformity 5 points possible.
 - f. Percentage in attendance – 10 points possible
 - g. Brotherly Love +5
- Based on the point system for this convention, 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 Lambda.

- The 2015-2016 Spirit Committee reviewed the application process for The Spirit of the Southwest Award, or “The Cup” and charged the 2017 – 2018 District council with clarifying documentation needed for all categories in the application process and what mediums count towards social media points
- The Spirit Committee reviewed the packet submissions and presentations from chapters applying for the Spirit of the Southwest Award, or "The Cup." Thank you to Delta, Lambda, Epsilon Beta, Zeta Beta, and Theta Alpha for submitting applications for this award. It is our pleasure to present "The Cup" to Epsilon Beta.
- The Outstanding Service to Music Education Award is an award that is used to honor a chapter that went above and beyond to promote music education. This award is widely overlooked, and the committee encourages every chapter to strive to perform a service each year to promote music education and apply for this award. Many chapters out there are already doing service projects worthy of this award, but decide not to apply. Out of those who did apply, it is our pleasure to present the Outstanding Service to Music Education Award to Alpha Psi.

The committee charges the 2016-2017 Spirit Committee with the following:

- Review the 2015-2016 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.
- Take note throughout the Convention of chapters displaying brotherly spirit
- Review and decide the award recipient for the Spirit Stick.
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- 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
- Better inform the chapters of the Southwest District on how to document chapter interactions and how to present them in their packets, especially with social media correspondence. Examples should be provided.

- Consider revising the presentation portion of the Cup. The committee believes that a two minute presentation and 3 minute Question and Answer would better benefit the applicants

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.

My committee was a blast to work with this weekend.

Ediel Ovalle, Mu chi

Victoria Rogers, Theta Kappa

Landon Coultier, Alpha

Madison Barbor, Rho

Lucero Kelley, Mu Chi

Melando Miller, Zeta Zeta

They were always eager to serve their district through the committee. I would like to thank them for their service and making this committee so fun. This could have been a tedious job, but they all stepped up to the plate when I asked. I hope to get to work with all of you again someday

Thank you to Jared Holt and the Southwest District Council for offering me the chance to serve as the chair of this committee. It is always a pleasure to do what I can for the District, and this has been an amazing experience.

Lastly, I would like to thank our advisor, Helen Moore. You were a source of reason, but also kept us from getting too serious. Whether it be giving advice or jamming out to the tunes being blasted at 7 AM in the arena, you kept the committee motivated. Not to mention, you put up with all of my questions and occasional ramblings. You were a huge support to the committee and I would like to sincerely thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

Jayden Goeringer-Evans
Kappa Kappa Psi – Epsilon Epsilon
SWD Spirit Committee Chair

Appendix P – Ways and Means Committee Report

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2016 Ways and Means Committee was charged with the following:

- 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.

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

- The 2015–2016 account was presented and discussed.
- The committee decided to remove the line item for DISTRICT DAY, on the basis that District Day is now funded by the SWDAA, and not the District Council.
- The committee decided to increase the amount allotted to CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE from \$200 to \$250.
- The committee decided to create a line item for AREA WORKSHOPS with an allotment of \$150.
- The committee decided to decrease the amount allotted to CHAPTER ASSISTANCE (TO NATCON) from \$200 to \$0, as there is no 2016 National Convention.
- The committee decided to re-itemize the line item for CHAPTER ASSISTANCE under the section Grants as the CHAPTER ASSISTANCE GRANT with an allotment of \$1000. This grant will be funded by the amounts formerly allocated to CHAPTER ASSISTANCE and DISTRICT DAY, plus an additional \$250.
- The budget for the 2016-2017 academic year was written and is enclosed with this report.
- The committee submitted to the Jurisdiction Committee "New 6.08. The Southwest District Chapter Assistance Grant is available to all chapters by application to the District Council. This grant might be used for Fraternity-related travel, service projects, Ritual regalia, guest speakers, or other financial needs, selected by the District Council and approved by the District Governors."
- The committee discussed ways to advertise the Chapter Assistance Grant better than its predecessor had been.
- The committee drafted a Google Form, to be put on the Southwest District Website, for chapters to use to apply for the Chapter Assistance Grant.

We charge the 2017 Ways and Means Committee with the following:

- Review the report of the 2016 Ways and Means Committee.
- Present an overview of the 2016–2017 district account.
- Determine if any line item in the budget needs to be adjusted.
- Create and present a budget for the 2017–2018 academic year.

- Evaluate the first year of the Chapter Assistance Grant program, and decide what steps need to be taken to improve its availability, visibility, and usage.
- If the program is successful to the point of going over budget, consider adding \$1-2 onto registration for District Convention, to go to the Chapter Assistance Grant, in order to continue the success and growth of the program.

We charge the 2016-2017 Southwest District Council with the following:

- Better promote the Chapter Assistance Grant
- Make it clear that the Chapter Assistance Grant is not just for chapters who cannot afford the project for which they are seeking funding, rather for all chapters with an appropriate project in mind.
- For the Vice President of Programs, consider advertising the Chapter Assistance Grant, as well as other relevant Fraternity programs and scholarships, in the *New ALTO*.

I would like to take the time to thank 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.

Desmen Anthony – Nu Lambda

Alyssa Bartholomew – Eta Nu

Tirzah Claus – Mu Chi

Ryan Mahler – Iota Sigma

Ray Palousek – Zeta Beta

Carissa Rodriguez – Theta Kappa

Megan Tapia – Theta Alpha

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

Finally, I would like to thank my advisor, Eric Morson. Without your help, this absolutely would not have gotten finished. Your knowledge, insight, and experience were entirely invaluable to our committee. It was truly an honor and a pleasure working with you this weekend.

Fraternally submitted,

Jared T. Holt

Epsilon Beta – University of Central Arkansas

2016 Southwest District Ways & Means Committee Chair

**Kappa Kappa Psi – Southwest District
2016-2017 Proposed Budget**

<i>FALL ALLOTMENT</i>	\$2600.00
<i>SPRING ALLOTMENT</i>	\$500.00
<i>OTHER (INTEREST, CHAPTER DONATIONS)</i>	\$50.00
<i>DELEGATE FEES</i>	\$800.00
<i>FUNDRAISING</i>	\$600.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES **\$4550.00**

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>DISTRICT AWARDS</i>	\$300.00
<i>CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE</i>	\$250.00
<i>CHAPTER ASSISTANCE (TO NATCON)</i>	\$0.00
<i>COLONY ASSISTANCE</i>	\$300.00
<i>AREA WORKSHOPS</i>	\$150.00

GRANTS

<i>CHAPTER ASSISTANCE GRANT</i>	\$1000.00
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ESTIMATED EXPENSES **\$4580.00**