

# **Kappa Kappa Psi**

## **Southwest District Convention 2017**



Minutes - Final Officer Reports - Committee Reports

**Oklahoma State University- Stillwater, OK**

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# **Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention 2017**

## **Opening Joint Session: Friday, March 24, 2017 @ 4:00 PM**

- 1. Southwest District Joint Ceremony**
- 2. Call to Order at 4:06PM**
- 3. Introduction of 2016-2017 Joint Southwest District Council**
- 4. Introductions of Visiting Dignitaries**
  - a. National Headquarters Staff
    - i. Steve Nelson - National Executive Director
    - ii. Di Spiva - National Headquarters Office Manager and Accountant
    - iii. Debbie Morris - National Membership Services Coordinator
    - iv. T.J. Tooley - National Chapter and Colony Education Coordinator
    - v. Aaron Moore - National Alumni Historical and Development Coordinator
    - vi. Robert Bratcher - National Publications Manager and Multimedia Designer
    - vii. Justin Chesak - National Chapter Field Representative, KKPsi
    - viii. Alaina Peters - National Chapter Field Representative, KKPsi
  - b. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
    - i. Christine Beason - Immediate Past National President
    - ii. Evan Thompson - National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
    - iii. Jack Lee - National President
  - c. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
    - i. Dr. Kathryn Kelly - Tau Beta Sigma National President
    - ii. Jonathan Markowski - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
    - iii. Adrienne Rall - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Special Projects
    - iv. Erika Pope - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
    - v. Beth Bronk - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Professional Relations
  - d. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
    - i. Eric Morson - Member of the Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
    - ii. Daniel George - Member of the Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees

- iii. Jack Lee - Member of the Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
  - e. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Board of Directors
    - i. Brent Cannon - Outreach and Recognition Director for the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association
    - ii. Nick Bratcher - Musicianship Director for the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association
    - iii. Daniel Miller - Administrative Director for the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association
    - iv. Alison Beidler - Chair and Membership Director for the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association
  - f. Distinguished Guests
    - i. Andy Melvin - Member of the Ritual Performance and Education Committee
    - ii. Graham Delafield - Member of the Ritual Performance and Education Committee
    - iii. Ken Corbett - Member of the Curriculum Committee
    - iv. Jessica Lee - Member of the Curriculum Committee
  - g. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
    - i. Lisa Croston
    - ii. Dr. Nicole Sanchez
    - iii. Dollie McDonald O'Neill
    - iv. Janet West Miller
  - h. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors
    - i. Chris Foster - Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Vice Chair
  - i. Southwest District Alumni Association
    - i. Kat Howell - Chair
    - ii. Sarah Bogue
    - iii. Jennie Brooks

**5. Recognition of Graduating Seniors**

**6. Recognition of Life Members**

**7. Final Call for Convention Host Bids**

**8. Opening Announcement / Southwest District Convention Summary**

- a. Tonight at 7 will be the first committee block for convention. All committees will be required to meet during this time to set a plan for when you will meet tomorrow. Please check the program for room assignments for each of those committees.
- b. The Sec/Treas have put together an Online Catalog for everyone to use in order to see some of the merchandise that will be sold, and it can be found on the District Website. Please make sure that we respect business taking place during

convention and only sell merchandise during the designated marketplace hours tomorrow during lunch.

- c. If you are a membership candidate, there is a meet and greet happening in the Legacy Rm- WWC. This will be hosted by Dr. Nicole Sanchez and Justin Chesak and is your alternative since you cannot attend the rituals and ritual workshops at this time.
  - d. Please attend the Talent Show tonight at 10:30 PM in the International Hall - WWC
- 9. Recess**

### **Opening Separate Session: March 24th, 2017 @ 4:45-5:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order at 4:48PM**

**2. Seating of the Delegates**

- a. Random seating begins with Epsilon Delta
- b. Seat all delegates
  - i. Random seating begins with Epsilon Delta
  - ii. Random seating ends with Alpha, and will begin with Delta

**3. Delegate Instruction**

**4. Suspension of the Reading of the Minutes of the 2016 Southwest District Convention**

- a. Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the 2016 Southwest District Convention
  - i. Motion: Zeta Kappa
  - ii. Second: Alpha Chi
  - iii. All for, all opposed
  - iv. Motion Passes

**5. Final Officer Report of David Cox, Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of David Cox, Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer
  - i. Motion: Lambda
  - ii. Second: Epsilon Beta
  - iii. All for, all opposed
  - iv. Motion Passes

**6. Call for District Officer Candidacy Packets, D.O. Wiley Applications, Spirit of the Southwest Applications, and Outstanding Service to Music Education Applications**

**7. Announcements**

- a. Committee Assignments
- b. Committee Chairs and Advisors meet after words for brief meeting

**8. Recess**

## **Separate Session #2: Saturday March 25th, 2017 @ 8:00-10:15AM**

- 1. Call to Order at 8:27AM**
- 2. Call for delegates remaining to be seated**
- 3. Announcement by the D.O. Wiley Committee**
  - a. Zeta Beta is the only eligible chapter due to constitutional requirements
    - i. They will interview with the committee
- 4. Final Officer Report of Jayden Goeringer-Evans, Southwest District Vice President of Programs**
  - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Jayden Goeringer-Evans, Southwest District Vice President for Programs
    - i. Motion: Epsilon Epsilon
    - ii. Second: Gamma Iota
    - iii. Motion Passes
- 5. Final Officer Report of Rob Morris, Southwest District Vice President for Membership**
  - a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Rob Morris, Southwest District Vice President for Membership
    - i. Motion: Lambda
    - ii. Second: Alpha
    - iii. Motion Passes
- 6. Preliminary Report of the Nominations Committee**
  - a. Makenzie Darby, Arjun Jeetan, Annie Jane Burns, and Keegan Turney are constitutionally eligible to run for office
  - b. Slate will be announced during the next separate session
- 7. Awarding of the Badges of Brotherhood**
  - a. The following chapters are recipients of the different Badges of Brotherhood
    - i. Delta Sigma
      1. Leadership, Music, Service, Brotherhood, District, and AEA
    - ii. Delta Delta
      1. Brotherhood
    - iii. Mu Chi
      1. Service, Brotherhood, District
    - iv. Beta Sigma
      1. Leadership, Brotherhood
    - v. Gamma Alpha
      1. Service, District
    - vi. Gamma Iota
      1. Leadership, Music, Service, Brotherhood, District, and AEA

- vii. Zeta Beta
  - 1. Leadership, Music, Service, Brotherhood, District, and AEA
- viii. Gamma Zeta
  - 1. Leadership, Service, Brotherhood
- ix. Rho
  - 1. Leadership, Music, Service, Brotherhood, District, and AEA
- x. Gamma Sigma
  - 1. Music, Brotherhood
- xi. Delta
  - 1. Leadership, Music, Service, Brotherhood, District, and AEA
- xii. Theta Nu
  - 1. Brotherhood
- xiii. Theta Phi
  - 1. Service, Brotherhood
- xiv. Nu Delta
  - 1. Service
- xv. Beta Lambda
  - 1. Leadership, Brotherhood
- xvi. Lambda Xi
  - 1. Leadership, Service, Brotherhood

## **8. National Town Hall**

### **9. Report of the Membership Education Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Report of the Membership Education Committee
  - i. Motion: Alpha
  - ii. Second: Delta Sigma
  - iii. All for, all opposed
  - iv. Motion passes

### **10. Announcements**

- a. Newly arrived delegates, if you are serving on a closed committee, you will not join your committee, but your proxy will also continue to serve on the committee as well. Again, both you AND your proxy will continue to serve on the committee.
- b. Lunch is being provided today in here, and SWDAA is holding their lunch for graduating seniors as well.
- c. Jessica Lee's workshop will now be a Q&A Discussion on the National Curriculum. This will be closed for KKPsi only.
- d. Committee Heads, except for the membership committee, if you are meeting during lunch please contact me with your room location and head count so that we can get you lunch. Please see me at the stage immediately after we recess.

- e. Anybody who did late or onsite registration, go get your shirt immediately after separate session.
- f. Our next separate session will be at 3pm in the Colvin Annex. This is mandatory for all Brothers, with the exception of committees which are meeting and graduating seniors, who will be attending the Session for them in Physical Science Room 141.
- g. If you claimed your chapter's seat today from a proxy, please come sign in.
- h. Members of the host chapter will now lead you to Music Hour.

## **11. Recess**

### **Separate Session #3: Saturday March 25th, 2017 @ 3-4:50PM**

- 1. Leadership Development with Dr. Kirk Randazzo (Graduating Seniors to attend SWDAA Session, Committees are exempt)**
- 2. Report of the Nominations Committee**
- 3. Recess**

### **Joint Session #2: Saturday, March 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order at 5:13PM**
- 2. Announcements**
  - a. Hannah - Penny Wars
  - b. Jayden - New Alto
  - c. SWDAA - Graduating Seniors
  - d. Peanut Allergy
  - e. We are going to leave here and head to the Outdoor Practice Field to take a picture real fast before dismissing to get ready for banquet.
  - f. Preferential seating at banquet will take place from 7:30-7:45 tonight. If you are a host chapter, District Council, National Council, or Dignitaries, please join us at 7:30. Open seating will begin at 7:40. Banquet will begin at 8:00 tonight.
    - i. If you got a non-banquet ticket, enjoy your meal we will see you tomorrow at 8!
  - g. Name double check - You must have your name tag in order to get food and get a seat at banquet. If you don't have it, you won't be given food.
  - h. 2 items
- 3. Recess**

### **Closing Separate Session: Sunday March 26th, 2017 @8-11:50AM**

**1. Call to Order at 8:16**

**2. Final Officer Report of Arjun Jeetan, Southwest District Member at Large**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Arjun Jeetan, Southwest District Member at Large
  - i. Motion: Delta Sigma
  - ii. Second: Beta Sigma
  - iii. Motion passes

**3. Final Officer Report of George Ishii, Southwest District President**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of George Ishii, Southwest District President
  - i. Motion: Delta Sigma
  - ii. Second: Gamma Sigma
  - iii. Motion passes

**4. Elections**

- a. Motion to accept slate
  - i. Motion: Delta Chi
  - ii. Second: Lambda Pi
  - iii. Motion passes
  - iv. All offices with no slate will be opened to nominations
- b. President
  - i. Slated Candidate
    - 1. Makenzie Darby
  - ii. Elected
    - 1. Makenzie Darby
- c. Vice President for Membership
  - i. Slated Candidate
    - 1. No Slate
  - ii. Floor Nominations
    - 1. Delta Sigma Nominates Arjun Jeetan
  - iii. Motion for a 5-minute caucus
    - 1. Motion: Epsilon Zeta
    - 2. Second: Alpha Tau
    - 3. Motion Passes
  - iv. Elected
    - 1. No Slate
- d. Vice President for Programs
  - i. Slated Candidate
    - 1. Keegan Turney



- ii. Elected
    - 1. Keegan Turney
- e. Secretary/Treasurer
  - i. Slated Candidate
    - 1. Annie Jane Burns
  - ii. Elected
    - 1. Annie Jane Burns
- f. Member at Large
  - i. Slated Candidate
    - 1. No Slate
  - ii. Floor Nominations
    - 1. Zeta Kappa Nominates Arjun Jeetan
  - iii. Motion for a 5-minute caucus
    - 1. Motion: Zeta Kappa
    - 2. Second: Theta Sigma
    - 3. Motion Passes
  - iv. Elected
    - 1. No Slate

**5. 5 Minute Recess**

**6. Motion to Accept the Report of the Nominations Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Report of the Nominations Committee
  - i. Motion: Zeta Kappa
  - ii. Second: Nu Lambda
  - iii. Motion passes

**7. Report of the History and Traditions Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Report of the History and Traditions Committee
  - i. Motion: Mu Chi
  - ii. Second: Alpha Omicron
  - iii. Motion passes

**8. Report of the Spirit Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Report of the Spirit Committee
  - i. Motion: Epsilon Zeta
  - ii. Second: Epsilon Beta
  - iii. Motion passes/fails

**9. Presenting Awards**

- a. Chapter Percentage Award
  - i. Presenter: Rob Morris
  - ii. Winner: Alpha Chi
- b. Chapter Participation Award

- i. Presenter: Rob Morris
  - ii. Winner: Zeta Kappa
- c. Chapter Distance Award
  - i. Presenter: Rob Morris
  - ii. Winner: Gamma Iota
- d. Spirit Stick
  - i. Presenter: Rob Morris
  - ii. Winner: Theta Phi
- e. Spirit Drum
  - i. Presenter: Epsilon Beta
  - ii. Winner: Zeta Zeta
- f. Andy the Armadillo
  - i. Presenter: Gamma Iota
  - ii. Winner: Alpha Psi

**10. Report of the Ways and Means Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Report of the Ways and Means Committee
  - i. Motion: Nu Beta
  - ii. Second: Mu Mu
  - iii. Motion passes
- b. Motion to accept the budget as presented
  - i. Motion: Alpha Chi
  - ii. Second: Nu Lambda
  - iii. Motion passes

**11. Report of the D.O. Wiley Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Report of the D.O. Wiley Committee
  - i. Motion: Kappa Phi
  - ii. Second: Delta
  - iii. Motion passes

**12. Report of the Jurisdiction Committee**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Report of the Jurisdiction Committee
  - i. Motion: Gamma Iota
  - ii. Second: Alpha Tau
  - iii. Motion passes
- b. Motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Constitution as read excluding amendments made by the Joint Action Committee and the D.O. Wiley Committee
  - i. Motion: Zeta Zeta
  - ii. Second: Nu Delta
  - iii. Motion passes

- c. Motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Constitution made by the Joint Action Committee as read
  - i. Motion: Epsilon Delta
  - ii. Second: Alpha Omicron
  - iii. Discussion
  - iv. Motion passes
- d. Motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Constitution made by the D.O. Wiley Committee as read
  - i. Motion: Gamma Zeta
  - ii. Second: Gamma Omega
  - iii. Discussion
  - iv. Motion passes

**13. Final Officer Report of Kalem Graham, Southwest District Governor**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Kalem Graham, Southwest District Governor
  - i. Motion: Delta Alpha
  - ii. Second: Alpha
  - iii. Motion passes

**14. Final Officer Report of Clinton Wieden, Southwest District Governor**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Clinton Wieden, Southwest District Governor
  - i. Motion: Alpha
  - ii. Second: Epsilon Epsilon
  - iii. Motion passes

**15. Final Officer Report of Toni Castle, Southwest District Governor**

- a. Motion to accept the Final Officer Report of Toni Castle, Southwest District Governor
  - i. Motion: Beta Sigma
  - ii. Second: Epsilon Delta
  - iii. Motion passes

**16. Installation of the 2017-2018 Southwest District Council**

**17. Presentation of the 2017 District Scrapbook**

**18. Adjourn at 11:16 A.M.**

- a. Motion to adjourn 2017 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Separate Session
  - i. Motion: Gamma Iota
  - ii. Second: Alpha
  - iii. Motion passes

**Closing Joint Session: Sunday, March 26, 2017 @ 12:00 PM**

**1. Founder's Day Ceremony**

**2. Call to order at 1:11PM**

**3. Presentation of Joint Awards**

- a. Talent Show Awards - Hannah Wells and Arjun Jeetan
  - i. Most likely to be the next winners of America's Got Talent
    - 1. Winner: Adella and Clayton
  - ii. Even better than dancing with the stars
    - 1. Winner: Epsilon Beta Chapter of TBS
  - iii. Best Live performance of a youtube video
    - 1. Winner: Psi Chapter of TBS
  - iv. Most passionate & thought provoking
    - 1. Winner: Kasey
  - v. Best Remix of a childhood song
    - 1. Winner: Delta Chapter of TBS
  - vi. Being so aggressively awesome you lose an earring and don't care
    - 1. Delta Alpha Chapter of TBS
- b. Displays/Scrapbooks – SWDAA
  - i. Best Scrapbook
    - 1. Alpha Omicron Chapter of TBS
  - ii. Best Overall Tabletop
    - 1. Joint Chapters of UT Arlington
  - iii. Outstanding Freestanding
    - 1. Epsilon Beta KKPsi
- c. Race to the Top - SWDAA
  - i. TBS Winner
    - 1. Psi Chapter
  - ii. KKPsi Winner
    - 1. Lambda Xi Chapter
- d. Graduation Bingo - SWDAA
  - i. Taylor Hollowell
  - ii. Erin Shier

**4. Introductions of the 2017-2018 Joint District Council**

**5. Report of the Joint Action Committee**

- a. Kappa Kappa Psi - Epsilon Delta
- b. Tau Beta Sigma - Gamma Xi
- c. Motion passes

**6. Report of the Joint Committee on Convention Site**

- a. Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Eta

- b. Kappa Kappa Psi - Gamma Iota
- c. Motion passes

**7. Election of the 2018 Southwest District Convention Host Chapters**

- a. Slated: Delta Upsilon Chapter of TBS and Zeta Beta Chapter of KKPsi at Howard Payne University upon the following conditions:
  - i. Submit the joint budget by April 3rd
  - ii. Submit updated individual budgets by April 3rd
  - iii. If the conditions are not met by the deadline, the floor will be reopened for nominations
- b. Motion to accept slate by nomination
  - i. Tau Beta Sigma - Eta Epsilon
  - ii. Kappa Kappa Psi - Lambda Kappa
  - iii. Motion fails
- c. Nominations from the floor
  - i. None
- d. Motion for 5-minute caucus
  - i. Motion: Gamma Iota
  - ii. Second: Psi
  - iii. Motion fails
- e. Elected
  - i. Delta Upsilon Chapter of TBS and Zeta Beta Chapter of KKPsi at Howard Payne University upon the previously stated conditions

**8. Announcement of Area Workshop Hosts for 2018**

- a. Arkansas – Arkansas Tech
- b. Oklahoma – East Central
- c. Louisiana – McNeese State
- d. North Texas – UT Tyler
- e. East Texas – Prairie View A&M
- f. South Texas – Texas A&M Kingsville
- g. West Texas/ New Mexico – Eastern New Mexico

**9. Final Announcements and Thanks**

- a. Penny Wars
  - i. Total - \$1069.63
  - ii. KKPsi - \$384.53
  - iii. TBS - \$685.10
- b. There will be a Transition Meeting for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 District Councils immediately following the Closing Joint Session.

**10. Motion to adjourn The 2017 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention.**

- a. Tau Beta Sigma - Alpha Omicron
- b. Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha
- c. Motion passes

# APPENDIX

## **Appendix A- Final Officer Report: Member at Large Arjun Jeetan**

Dear Brothers of the Southwest,

It is an honor and a privilege to be reading my final officer report in front of you today. I want to thank each and every one of you for all the support you have given me throughout this year. Serving as your Southwest District Member-at-Large has been a remarkable experience.

Four Years ago when I was initiated into the Delta Sigma chapter at UT-Arlington, I was encouraged to attend the 2014 SWD Convention at Baylor University. I was fascinated that there was a SWD Council and students led it. The whole concept just blew my mind and it inspired me to learn more about being apart of the SWD. I spent the next few years attending district workshops and conventions. At the 2015 SWD Convention in Arkansas, the council had 2 positions that were left open after the closing of separate session. With the encouragement from my brothers of delta sigma and by many members of the SWD, I decided to submit a packet for office. Although I was not elected, I did not give up. I took it as a sign that it was not my time to serve the southwest district and that another opportunity will be available at the next SWD Convention. I took it upon myself to travel to even more workshops and increase my experience within the fraternity. Learn as much as I could from the district officers. At the next convention in Mesquite, TX, I was slated and elected to the position of Member-at-Large.

When I first took office, I had a giant laundry list of things that I wanted to accomplish this term. As the year progressed I realized that trying to get every single goal accomplished was simply going to be unachievable due to the fact that there was a time constraint with this term. During this term, I had to re-evaluate my goals for office to make sure that any project or task that I decided to handle gets completed. My Main goals for office this year were as follows:

1. Achieve the goal of having at least 50% of the chapters submit to the district scrapbook.
2. Assess all social media accounts and ensure that they are serving the purpose that they were created for.
3. Organize all materials that have been past down from predecessors so that the officer transition can be smoother.
4. Learn as much as possible about this office and its responsibilities.
5. Create a National Convention Survey to put chapters in contact so that they can collaborate on travel plans.

This year I achieved the goal of have of over 50% of the chapters represented in the SWD

Scrapbook. However it was a hassle to get chapters to submit. I would like to thank all the chapters who took the initiative to send in photos to the scrapbook I would also like to thank all the chapters who unknowingly submitted pictures by posting them on Facebook. Chapters, I'm honestly a little disappointed with the lack of initiative this year. While I may not have been harassing you with reminders to submit to the scrapbook, I feel that it as a member of the SWD you should take pride in the great things your chapter is doing throughout the year and want to showcase it. I would like to propose a challenge to the Southwest District. I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone. While it may seem intimidating to get involved on a district level it is a truly remarkable experience and it will help the growth of your chapter. I know that we are all capable of doing this because we traveled all the way to Stillwater to attend this convention. If we can spend an entire weekend dedicated to fraternity we love, there is no excuse why we can't do this year around. Show me what you got southwest district.

My charges to the 2017-2018 Member at large are as follows.

1. Serve as the bridge between chapters and the district. Communicate and interact with as many chapters as possible. Whether it's through social media or personal interactions. Work to bring us together.
2. Bring back the Brotherhood Project. This was something that my predecessor Connor Terry created and unfortunately I failed keeping it going. All the resources are there for you to revive this wonderful program.
3. Continue to increase the participation in the district scrapbook. I encourage you to get over 64% of the chapters represented.
4. Continue to work with SWDAA and assist in promotion of the SWD alumni relations officer database.
5. Continue to advertise the Chapter History form
6. Work on the creation of the electronic SWD Archive and ensure that it gets linked to the district website.

Serving as Member-At-Large has been a very fun experience. Working with the other members of the council from both KKPsi and TBS provided me with valuable knowledge and Wonderful memories. It provided me an opportunity to grow both as a presenter and a leader. The memory I will cherish most of the council was when they were there for me during a troubling time in my life. In January, I lost a very important member of my Family. My Great Grandmother. It happened during the week of winter council. Although I may have not been emotionally stable, I attended winter council and I was amazed by all the love and support I received from my brothers and sisters. This helped me stay focused as we moved towards the workshop season. I could not achieve all that I did without the support and aid of the council. So I would like to say thank you.

To Meri,

You are so fun to be around. Every time we have an interaction all I can do I smile. You're an amazing artist and I will treasure the paintings you have made for me this semester. The work that you have done as Southwest District President is impeccable. The things



that joint council has accomplished would not have been possible without your hard work. I wish you the best of luck on your post graduation plans. I will never forget the road trip to Mary-Hardin Baylor where we were singing Disney songs to the top of our lungs.

To Hannah,

It has been an amazing experience to get to work with you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide ideas for the New Alto and for letting me be apart of that experience. I had an absolute blast hosting the talent show with you and you have become an amazing friend. I wish you the best for all your post graduation endeavors.

To Natalia

You are the sweetest person I even met. I had the pleasure of getting to know you through workshops we attended the year we ran for council. I will never forget the day you posted about giving away the giant KKPsi letters. It was probably the biggest highlight of the year for my home chapter to receive those letters. We will probably continue to run into each other at TMEA like we do every year. So I know I will see you again. Good luck with all your endeavors.

To the counselors, Kathey thank you so much for letting us into your home for winter council. I had an amazing time and even when my allergies would get triggered because of your cat, I will always appreciate the fact that you took me to get medication and tissues. I have learned so much getting to work with you at workshops. Thank you for all the lessons you have taught me.

Donnelle, working with you this year has been an amazing experience. You have helped me grow as a leader and I could not have been able to accomplish what I did without your everlasting support. I'm going to miss all the great talks about fashion and how you slayed every outfit. I'm glad that you are so close by so I hope we continue to meet up and have more discussions.

To the governors, all of you have been an outstanding mentors and I have learned so much from you. Clinton you have so much knowledge about the history of our fraternity and our district. It is truly remarkable to see that you are so passionate about these things. I will miss all the great conversations we would have. Toni you have taught me so much about maintaining the balance with life and serving as an officer. You have shown so much support towards all of us and have really helped us when we needed it most. Kalem, although you are very quiet, you always had great things to say. There were so many moments where you input solved the issue we would run into. I am sad that I didn't get to interact with a lot this year but you have been a great leader to us all.

To Rob,

You are literally the chilliest person I have ever met. I find it amazing that you can remain so calm and collective even in the toughest of situations. I'm going to miss all the funny stories you would tell us throughout the year. Good luck with all your post graduation endeavors.

To David,

You are a very smart. I always loved our council meetings where you would be constantly crunching numbers and giving us statistics. I wish I got interact with you more during the workshops season. Congratulations on your engagement and I wish you the best of luck on your post graduation endeavors.

To Jayden,

I remember our first day of office like it was yesterday. We were constantly messaging about what were going to do for each office. We often got confused about what responsibilities our office had. I going to miss cracking on you for all the bad luck you would have. You have become a great friend and I will never forget all the fun we would have during our counterpart meetings. I would like to wish you the all the best as you transition to a new major.

To George,

It is truly amazing how many times are paths would cross and how much we have done together over the years. It seems like yesterday we were competing against each other in region band. I never thought that we would be serving together on the district council. It has truly been an honor to play in ensemble by your side, serve the southwest district by you side, and for you to be my fellow brother in Kappa Kappa Psi. It is bizarre that over the past 6 years we have done so much together. You have been such an inspiration to me. I cannot name anyone else that has the passion for music education as you do. I will never forget all the discussions we would have when we traveled to winter council, workshops, and convention. All the things we discussed were truly remarkable and I will treasure forever. I know that you be an excellent band director when you graduate. While I'm sad our journey together is coming to and end, I cannot be more proud to say that I had you by my side. I know our paths will cross again one day and I cannot wait to see the great man you will become. Thanks for all of them memories!

To the Brothers of Delta Sigma,

I would not even be here if it wasn't for your support. I cannot think of anyone better to spend my free time with. You guys have always been there for me and I will always be there for you. As we all move on in life I will never forget the lessons we learned, the fun we had, and the everlasting link we have as brothers. The chain that we wear will always serve as a symbol of Eternal Brotherhood we have established. I know that our 7 words will continue to live in our hearts as move on and strive to be the best person we can be. Our chapter has grown so much and I could not be more proud to say that I am a brother of delta sigma. HRRICCL Delta Sigma For life.

AEA     Fraternaly Submitted,

Arjun Noel Jeetan 2016-2017 Southwest District Member at Large

## **Appendix B- Final Officer Report: Secretary/Treasurer David Cox**

Brothers of the Southwest,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer for the 2016-2017 term. I wasn't entirely positive what I was getting myself into. Not to say I didn't have a clue, I just wasn't sure how to go about things, and there wasn't really anyone to tell me.

My inspiration for being a district officer all started with Rob Morris. I still remember surprising everyone in Lambda by announcing my intention to run for office at last year's Arkansas area workshop. As I sat down, I looked to Rob, and he returned my gaze with the most intense stare I could imagine. He later approached me to express his excitement, and it really encouraged me to go through with it. At last year's district convention, I ran unopposed for this position, and my fellow brothers of the Southwest District entrusted me with serving as the next Secretary/Treasurer.

Getting into the groove of the office has proved to be unusually difficult for me. I spent the duration of the summer and fall semester simply recording minutes for our council meetings and ensure they were posted onto the district website for everyone to see. As this went on, I had several meetings with Natalia, my counterpart. Working with her has been the easiest working relationship I have ever experienced. As we brainstormed ideas and attempted to create successful initiatives, she was all in on all things, and it was inspiring.

My first task in office, aside from ensuring minutes were properly arranged, was organizing a proper fundraiser to support the Southwest District. After several brainstorming sessions between Natalia and me, it was decided the fundraiser for this past year would be to continue the council's efforts to sell the official district shirt, which began selling last year. Between Natalia and me, we hatched the plan to use the funds raised by this to aid a delegate from one Kappa Kappa Psi chapter and one Tau Beta Sigma Chapter to attend National Convention.

Winter Council eventually came upon us all, and we all scrambled to rearrange our plans due to the surprise winter weather. Thankfully Kathy Webster generously offered her house as a meeting place, and everyone was saved, so praise be to Kathy. During Winter Council, Natalia and I presented and finalized our plan for the use of the district shirt funds, as well as the action plan for our district marketplace.

Helping Alpha and Alpha Omicron with convention planning was an absolute breeze, and I think we can all agree they have done a fantastic job with this year's convention. Right here, in this moment, I would like to encourage you all to take time in your next chapter meeting to seriously discuss your chapter's ability and willingness to host district convention in 2019. Now is the time to begin this discussion and your involvement is critical!

For the spring semester, I enjoyed my first non-Arkansas area workshop, and enjoyed meeting chapters at the Oklahoma and East Texas Area Workshops. At these three workshops, I presented on goals and ways to think about them, which led to a surprisingly deep discussion between Toni and I. I didn't expect my time as a workshop presenter to be so fulfilling, but I am

telling you all now I will be taking future opportunities to present, if possible.

Looking back on the year, I can say this has been my favorite year as a brother. Although I did not push the office to its limits, being in this position has brought me so much closer to the part of my heart in which this organization has taken residence.

Farewell messages:

George,

We may have taken more time to warm up to each other than a guy who just asked a girl to the band camp dance, but I've gotta say, you have a real drive for this organization. You've had the boldness to create a brand new initiative for the whole district, and I believe the participation it has seen has been for the best.

Jayden,

There are no words to describe the enigma that are your chronic hiccups. They're truly a world wonder, and I hope they refrain from damaging that beautiful body any further. I feel regret when I think back on the relationship we could have had, but I know you and I will continue to talk after this, so we still have a chance.

Rob,

You're going to be a groomsman in my wedding. What more do you want?

Arjun,

If George and I were the awkward date at the band camp dance, then you were the friend of the date who stood aside and watched us cautiously, but you always got the job done in your office, and you were never afraid to ask all questions necessary to fulfill your duties. I will always respect that because I am afraid to ask some questions.

Governors,

Holy crap. Whoever is on district next year better buy y'all coffee and breakfast at every workshop because a day of your work outranks the work I've done in my whole term. Y'all were such an inspiration to me, and I know you'll continue to be for years to come.

Meri,

You've done so much with your office and handled a roller coaster of a council. You took this second round in stride, and we all have a lot to thank you for. I know you will carry this quality into your life, and it'll take you far.

Maggie,

I'm so sorry. You didn't deserve it, and we won't forget the work you put in to making our district great.

Hannah,

I'll always remember my birthday twin, and I couldn't ask for a better one. Traveling with you

for winter council, East Texas area, and district convention has been a blast, and I'm not sorry my sneezes scare you.

Natalia,

You're the better secretary/treasurer. Is there a competition? No. But there doesn't need to be one for people to see that you have taken your office so much further than I ever did, and we should all thank you for the work you've done.

Counsellors,

You're both knock out members of our organizations, and I thank you for the humor and guidance you have offered me during my time in office. I hope to continue bonding with you both as an alumnus.

To the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi,

It was you who inspired me to see the beauty of college marching band. It was you who showed me the pathway of the star. It was you who taught me to strive for higher. It was you who became my best friend, and my life coach. It will be you who will provide me a lifeline to my greatest life experiences as a Razorback alumnus.

To the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma,

Lambda is the luckiest chapter in the nation to have you for a sister chapter. I never recognized my luck until I experienced how aggressively other chapters sought out your advice for joint relations. I truly believe we can all take a page from your book on how to make greater bands.

Charges to the 2017-2018 Secretary Treasurer:

1. Continue to keep the district convention catalog alive, even if it amounts to no more than a catalog in the future
2. Have a successful District Fundraiser
3. Successfully co-organize an application process for the national delegate assistance program funded by shirt sales with your TBS counterpart
4. Better promote the Southwest's Chapter Assistance Grant
5. Stay on top of fund requisitions.

Charges to the 2017-2018 Southwest District

1. Take a more active role in the affairs of the District Council throughout the entire year. Our experience is heavily dependent upon your response to our initiatives.

As always, Go Hogs!

Fraternally Submitted,

David Alan Cox

2016-2017 SWD Secretary/Treasurer

**Appendix C- Final Officer Report: Vice President of Programs Jayden Goeringer-Evans**

**Appendix D- Final Officer Report: Vice President of Membership Rob Morris**  
**Appendix E- Final Officer Report: Governor Kalem Graham**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

It is an honor to stand before you as one of your Southwest District Governors. Year two has been one of challenges, discoveries, and great times. We survived a great convention last year in Mesquite and started off ready to roll with our new council. A new personal challenge I experienced was getting excepted into a doctoral program shortly after convention at the University of Georgia so I knew I would have to find a balance between work, school, and Kappa Kappa Psi. The first challenge was attending DLC which started the day after my finals but it all worked out. I drove all night from Georgia to make it back in time to catch a nap and pick up the Tau Beta Sigma council from the airport. In turn we had a great DLC with great presentations and workshops from our national leadership.

I could not attend winter council due to me being in warm, sunny West Palm Beach, Florida as I was a groomsman in a brother's wedding. I'm sorry I missed you guys and the ice storm. Fast forward to workshop season and I was happy that I could attend two of them, Arkansas Area and Oklahoma Area, this year doubling my attendance from the year before. I just want to say both schools did an amazing job hosting their respective workshops. I do implore you guys to support your fellow schools and attend these area workshops. They are catered to help you guys be the best chapters you can and that should all be our end goal.

One of my personal goals was to just continue to get to know the district by talking and getting to know as many of you as I could. While it's been a forward moving process, I still have some ways to go. So, if you see me don't be afraid to stop and introduce yourself. I really appreciate the hospitality I've received as you guys have made me feel nothing but welcome since I have been in the Southwest.

Also, some of your chapters are doing some amazing thing so don't be afraid to show off a bit. Use your social media to show the rest of the district and organization what you are doing! Apply for awards to get the recognition you deserve! No need to be modest about the hard work you put in, apply apply apply!

Now for my thanks.

To the council – It has been quite the fun and interesting year. To George and Arjun, I didn't get to interact with you guys as much as I would have liked do to my crazy schedule and I apologize for that. But thank you for your work and I wish you guys the best moving forward.

To Rob – You have handled this year with much composure, never stressing and seemingly always positive. Your grace under pressure was much appreciated during the workshop season and convention planning. Congrats on your upcoming graduation and good luck in your endeavors.

To David – I appreciate your professionalism throughout this year. You always handled your tasks and did great helping run the Arkansas area workshop. It's been a pleasure working with you this year.

To Jayden – I love the fact that if there was something you didn't know, you weren't afraid to ask. Thank you for stepping up when you may not have been as comfortable doing it. Awesome job.

To Toni and Clint – Thank you guys again for your patience with me as I take classes and continue to get acclimated into the district. I can't wait to see what the future holds for the three of us. You two hold a wealth of knowledge and I am privileged to have you guys as colleagues.

To the TBS Council – You ladies have been nothing short of amazing this year. You guys took ownership of your roles and have been great leaders for the district. Thank you for a fantastic year, I will miss working with you guys.

To Donnelle' and Kathy – The fact that both of you have taken the time to visit me while Langston's band was performing in Texas means a lot to me. Thank you for the phone calls, the road trips, and just being there for anything I need. I appreciate you two more than you know.

In closing, I just want to reiterate how excited I am to be here with you all and I'm ready for another year of greatness in the Southwest District.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kalem Graham  
Southwest District Governor – Kappa Kappa Psi  
Life Member – Zeta Psi

### **Appendix F- Final Officer Report: Governor Clinton Wieden**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

I am honored to again address you as a member of your Governor team. I continue to be

humbled to serve you and the Fraternity in this capacity.

This has been an interesting year in many ways. There have been highs and lows, as with any year, and certain challenges that are unique to this one. Your governors and counselors have worked to evaluate various district operations, advise and assist the district councils with their work, help facilitate convention planning between two host chapters located six and a half hours apart, deal with a last-minute winter meeting move, and a number of other things over the course of this year. For many reasons, it is one we will remember, and one we will reference in the future as we work to help you better serve your bands.

On the personal side of my work, my travels this year took me to Oklahoma Area Workshop and North Texas Area Workshop, and I will never have an easier travel schedule, for which I am thankful and know I will miss next year. For those who attended my workshop at Oklahoma Area, I hope you learned something, and for North Texas Area, Gamma Alpha, I hope you got a good check from your profit-share.

I was also fortunate to serve this fall as a colony advisor, working through the second full run of our new, revised colony process. It was an adjustment for me, having experience with the previous process, but I see great promise in the program and I am sure that it will be beneficial for us all in the future as our Fraternity grows.

As a history buff, I am honored to have been part of that process, as it saw the return of a chapter we have long been missing, and the installation visit allowed me to do some Fraternity research that has long been on my to-do list and to catch up with my first college marching band director.

I am so excited that the chapter is here today, and I am proud to welcome back as part of this convention for the first time in 33 years, and for the first time as part of the Southwest District, the Alpha Chi chapter at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Moving on...if you know me, or you remember my report from last year, you know I'm a bit of a stickler about paperwork. Deadlines for forms like the Chapter Personnel Report and Fall Activity Report don't change from year to year, so there's no reason not to plan in advance on how to get these done. It's getting better, but it's still not where it should be. Let's keep working to get as many of these reports in on time as possible.

Unfortunately, we have also had some policy violations in the district this year. Chapters have been investigated for hazing violations, alcohol violations, and other matters. Quite simply, this is not acceptable. If you have questions about an activity, ask. When it comes to Fraternity policy, it's better to ask permission than beg forgiveness. If you know something will violate policy and do it anyway, well...that's asking for trouble. Our policies are available, and they are clear. Don't violate them!



We have had some difficulties in other matters as well, such as area workshops. These events are held to provide small-scale development and socialization between chapters, but lately, we have seen a noticeable drop in attendance. This was the driving force behind the area realignment plan that was presented to the Jurisdiction Committee, and will be a major factor in work to revamp the workshops during the next year to ensure that area workshops remain a useful and important part of our district operations. I encourage everyone to attend these events!

We have also had a more recent issue rear its head again – that of low candidacy numbers for the district council. This is the second time in three years that we will leave convention without a full complement of district officers, and as a governor, I am concerned that this seems to be becoming a trend. We have 58 chapters in this district, but only four declared candidates for office. That's wildly out of proportion and highly disconcerting. With that many chapters, there is no excuse for us to ever leave convention without a full council, and it's a disservice to you all to leave the selection of officers in the hands of what officers are elected and the governors. I know there are many qualified brothers who are capable of serving in these roles, but for whatever reason, they don't take the leap and become a candidate. I am telling you now: take the leap. You can do this. It is challenging, it is difficult, it is frustrating at times, it is enjoyable, it is educational, it is eye-opening, it is unforgettable. RUN FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I also encourage each of you to be more involved in the district. Submit an article for the New ALTO, or consider a bid for district convention. Apply for district awards – we have a number of them, and many chapters don't take advantage of the opportunity to get recognition for their various activities. Take advantage of district programs like the grant programs, and let us help you take on big projects for your bands. The district is what you make it – so make it as great as it can be!

Speaking of seeking greatness, I want to take a moment to congratulate our two chapters who have been selected as recipients of the Chapter Leadership Award for this biennium. To Delta and Zeta Beta, your work sets the example for us all. Congratulations to both chapters, and the best of luck as you compete to win the Founder's Trophy this summer.

I hope all of you will consider joining these two chapters at National Convention this summer. If you want to truly understand the scope of this Fraternity, the best way to do it is by attending National Convention. You will interact with brothers from across the nation and be part of determining the path forward for all brothers. I encourage you to audition for the National Intercollegiate Band as well, and be part of a great musical legacy. Prepare your auditions now, and begin making your travel arrangements. National Convention is one of the most important and worthwhile events you can attend as a brother, and I hope to see many of you in Orlando in July.

I'll keep the thank-yous brief:

Congratulations to the District Council as you finish your terms of office. I know you have faced some unexpected challenges, but you have handled them well. Thank you for your work this year, and best of luck to all of you as you take on new challenges.

To the Tau Beta Sigma District Council, my thanks for your work and my gratitude for your invitation of honorary membership. As I expressed to you, my association with the Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma has always been very important to me, and I remain humbled to join you.

To our host chapters, congratulations on your accomplishment this weekend. Your unique challenges in hosting this convention did not go unnoticed, and it speaks to the initiative of both chapters that you were able to successfully host this event despite the distance between you. Well done, Alpha and Alpha Omicron.

My thanks to my governor partners, Toni and Kalem, and my counselor counterparts, Donnelle and Kathy. As we are constantly reminded, we are all in this together, and I am glad to be working with the four of you to help make the experience of our organizations the best it can be for our students. Thank you all for your work this year, and I look forward to our continued collaboration.

My thanks also to our National Leadership and National Headquarters Staff. Without your efforts and assistance, the Governor Corps would not be able to accomplish its work. Thank you for going above and beyond to serve us all.

To you, the brothers of the Southwest District, I remain appreciative for the opportunity to serve as your Governor, and I look forward to what the future holds as we continue to Strive for the Highest.

Fraternally,

Clinton J. Wieden

Southwest District Governor, Kappa Kappa Psi

Life Member, Alpha Chapter

### **Appendix G- Final Officer Report: Governor Toni Castle**

Brothers of the Southwest,

It has been an honor to serve as your Governor for another year. I continue to learn from the Brothers and enjoy seeing you grow. I have seen chapters have good times and bad. I hope to take the difficult times and use them as stepping stones from which we can learn and move on to better things.

I would like to begin with a few issues I have seen arise this past year. Though we strive for the highest, I do not think we always carry through with our good intentions and the consequences are not always favorable.

In response to a rise in alcohol related incidents on college campuses, the council felt it necessary to address this issue at Area Workshops. The use of social media has made all of our lives more public. We are at a time where it is not official unless it is posted on social media. While this is a great way to stay connected with others across great distances, we have created a medium in which our actions are now displayed across the internet. This can be both good and bad. We celebrate milestones and accomplishments. We also allow others to view our personal lives, including behaviors that are unbecoming of a Brother. Keep in mind, that I can not keep you from being a college student. I was in your shoes many years ago making decisions that were not always the best. Keep in mind that with the increase in the use of social media of various kinds, all it takes is a screenshot to ruin your future. I encourage all of you to go to the national website and read over the Fraternity Policies. Take time in chapter meetings and during Post Initiation Education to go over the policies yearly. If you would not do it in front of your grandma don't do it. Be safe and take care of each other.

The advancement of technology has greatly enhanced our lives. However, I continue to see students glued to their phones when they could be interacting with those around them. With all of the advancement in communication, I feel that at times we are unconnected and do not know what is going on with our fellow Brothers. Take the time to actually use that button that looks like that antique phone receiver in your grandma's house and talk to a person, don't just send

them a message or e-mail. I encourage you to create no-phone zones and times when you can just talk to those around you. Continue to use technology to make the chapter run better, but remember that the time you spend interacting with others will be what you remember, not that Snapchat someone sent. Some great features include shared drives, documents, spreadsheets, and video conferencing. Utilize these tools to keep the chapter engaged and informed. The advancements in technology allows you to collaborate in ways that were not possible years ago. Use these tools to run a more efficient chapter but do not get so bogged down in technology that you lose the interaction and compassion of your fellow Brothers.

I have had the opportunity to see and learn great things from the Brothers of the Southwest District this year. Thank you to all of the hosts for Area Workshops. I truly enjoyed attending South Texas at Mary-Hardin Baylor, Louisiana at LSU, and East Texas at Blinn. The hosts were wonderful. Thank you for opening your band hall and facilities to us for workshop season. I am very proud of those chapters that applied for national awards. For some of you, it was just a great step forward seeing you take the time to fill out the application. Even if you did not advance, I am proud of your effort and enjoyed learning more about your chapter. I challenge you to go back to your chapters and start working on you applications for the next biennium. The work starts in August for next biennium and I know even more of you can make advancements and apply for one of the national or district awards. We have so much potential in our district for greatness. Keep in mind those worthy for individual awards at the national level.

Look around, there is so much potential in this room. Why do we have only 4 people running for 5 offices? Why did only one school put in a bid for district convention? A culture shift has caused a sense of apathy and complacency. Someone else will take care of it. Well, you should be the one taking care of it. I have seen so much potential while at workshops, but where were you? You are the leaders. You are the future of the organization so act like leaders. Go forth and be amazing. Run for council and put together a bid. The worst thing that can happen is that you are not selected. That is not a bad thing. It is a learning experience.

Take time to listen to those that have come before you when you need advice. Listen to your band director, sponsor and Director of Bands. They can be your guide as you continue to serve. All those old people in the back of the room and the three up here can be your guiding spirits through your journey with Kappa Kappa Psi. We want you to be successful and understand that you may need assistance along the way. The fellowship that we share will aide you in times of need.

It is time to give thanks. I am grateful for all of the hard work of our host chapters. You have proven that distance does not matter in this organization. Brothers and sisters will have disagreements, fight, and celebrate Thank you to our coordinators Lauren and Dominique. Planning across the miles and states is an enormous endeavor and your dedication helped this convention happen.

To my council. Thank you for your service. Each of you has dedicated time and energies to the fullest of your ability. Each of you has brought new learning experiences to my time as governor. I continue to be a student even after all of these years. Rob you get special recognition because well, you're Rob. Having you on council for 2 years and having you as parliamentarian has given me the opportunity to see you grow. To me, you will always be that quiet kid in the corner that you know is up to something. I am glad we got to know each other. The awkwardness is now gone and I know that hugs are allowed. David, After hearing your presentation at area workshop, I realize how much our lives parallel. Nerds rule! Good luck on the next great journey in your life. Jayden, check your tires before you get on the road and know that there will always be Brothers nearby to assist you when needed. Thank you for your service. Thank you to the Tau Beta Sigma counselors for your continued support and assistance. Kalem, thank you for being a great role model, sounding board and voice or reason. Working with two grumpy people and keeping positive is not an easy task. Clinton, I am so thankful to know that if I can not be present at a meeting for some reason, the district is in knowledgeable hands. Thank you for your knowledge and support. With the two of you at my side, I know that the district is always in good hands.

Fraternally submitted

Toni Castle

Life member of Beta Sigma

Alumni of Epsilon Delta

## **Appendix H- Final Officer Report: President George Ishii**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

I will never be able to express to you with words alone the gratitude I hold in my heart towards you. When I arrived at the 2016 District Convention last year, I had no idea what to expect. I had never been to convention before, having only heard the legends from my Brothers in Delta-Sigma (how you guys managed to get locked out of the car for six-hours while a dozen of you held tore apart the one tiny hotel room you were sharing I will never know). On top of that, I was running for District President, and would soon be judged by the delegation in front of the entire Southwest. To say that I was nervous would be an understatement. I had just figured out what it was like to be a Brother in my own Chapter, and now here I was about to ask the Brotherhood to place their trust in me that I would be able to lead them in the pursuit of striving ever higher. It felt like I was waiting for the axe to drop at any second, except if never did. As I met and talked with Brothers from all over the District, I was greeted with nothing but open arms and open hearts. All my fears melted away as I connected with people who had the same love for music and band as I did, whose passion served as the flame of inspiration for their own band back home, and who approached every day with a willingness to serve. It has been the greatest privilege and honor I can imagine to have been able to serve you as District President this year, and to have had the chance to connect with so many of you. Having the opportunity to see your stories unfold and assist you however I could while you strove for the highest and made your band programs, your chapters, and the Southwest District something to be proud of was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had, and I count myself extremely fortunate to be one of the few to have had the chance to do so.

2016-2017 was an amazing year! During the summer we had *two* fantastic Chapter Leadership Conferences at Henderson State University and Eastern New Mexico University, where some great discussions took place with our new Chapter officers who would then go on to set the tone for the months to come. After a very busy fall and beautiful edition of the New Alto, Winter Council came and went and convention was shaping up to be a very exciting weekend the whole Council was looking forward to. The spring flew by as our whirlwind tour of 7 workshops

in 6 weeks started, and along the way we learned firsthand the lessons our Brothers and Sisters had to share with us after implementing an application process to serve as a speaker.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the Chapters that participated in the Badges of Brotherhood this year. It asked of you to demonstrate excellence and set the standard in all areas of our fraternal lives: as a Servant, as a Leader, as a Musician, as a member of the District, and as a Brother, and you went above and beyond. Going through all your submissions was one of my favorite memories of this year. It was great to get to spend an afternoon seeing all the wonderful work you do, and you have inspired me, just as I'm sure you have inspired those lucky enough to be a part of your community. I can't wait to get home and share the results of the program with the rest of the world so that they can find out what we already know: the Southwest is home to some of the best people you will ever have the privilege to meet.

To my successor, I charge you with the following: keep an open ear, eye, and heart. Your Brothers will need you to guide them at times, and you must be there for them when they do. Reach out and communicate constantly; you can *never* know enough about what is happening in the District. Never forget the reason why you took up this office: because you know the potential your Brothers have, and to do anything and everything to help them achieve it.

And now for some brief parting words, as time is short, and unfortunately I must leave you soon before the end of convention:

To the Governors and Counselors:

You are all such amazing people! I am constantly amazed by your dedication to nurturing the District, and you are the best example of servant-leaders anyone could ask for. None of this would be possible without your guidance, and the Southwest is lucky to have you.

To the Tau Beta Sigma Council:

The other KKPsi District Presidents should be green with envy right now, because my Sisters are clearly the best. Thank you for pushing me and continuing to motivate me this year. I wish you my best and am looking forward to all the great things I know you will accomplish in the future!

To my Brothers on the Council:

Thank you guys. You have worked tirelessly to serve our Brothers, and I and the District will be forever grateful to you for doing so. My only regret is that we didn't have more time to get to know each other; nevertheless, I am better for having gotten the chance to get to work with you all. Best of luck in the future, and AEA.

To the Kappa Kappa Psi National Leadership:

If anyone here today has not had the chance to meet them yet, I strongly recommend you rectify that as soon as possible. My conversations with you at DLC and the rest of this year have

expanded my mind greatly and given me new insight into what it means to be a Brother. Thank you for your amazing support during my term, and for teaching me so much.

To Jack and Jessica Lee:

I count getting to know you and having you as mentors as one of the best things to happen to me from my joining Kappa Kappa Psi. Your sage wisdom and generous spirit are amazing gifts to all who know you, and inspire me every day to set the same example. Thank you for being my Kappa Kappa Psi “Mom” and “Dad”.

To the Brothers of the Delta Sigma Chapter:

You guys are my rock. Whenever I’m feeling tired, or stressed, and motivation seems fleeting, 5 minutes with you are all I need to recharge and get back in the game. You taught me what it means to be a Brother, a lesson I have tried my hardest to share with the rest of our Brothers here today. You are all family to me. I love you guys.

To Alana Sewell:

You are the most amazing person I have ever met. You push, nurture, and inspire me every day with your intense passion and unflinching determination to strive for the highest. Without you I would never have found Kappa Kappa Psi, and I would be far less than the man I am today. Thank you, boo. I couldn’t have done it without you.

Brothers, as I mentioned before, words alone will never be enough to show my gratitude, and so I want you to know that if you ever need anything, *anything at all*, whether that’s advice, an ear to listen, or even just a couch to crash on, you can reach out to me, and I will do what I can. The Brotherhood is family, and for that reason it has truly been an honor to find a home here in the Southwest while serving as your District President.

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Fraternally submitted,

George Ishii

Kappa Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Chapter - The University of Texas at Arlington  
Southwest District President, 2016-2017

## **Appendix I- Convention Site Committee Report**

### Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

- Alissandra Celia, Alpha Omicron
- Carina Melero, Gamma Iota



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

#### TBS Members

- Dominique McCray, Alpha Omicron
- Nicole Benedict, Delta Pi
- Heather Vo, Tau
- Rebecca Houck, Theta Theta

#### KKY Members

- Lauren Gipson, Alpha
- Kasey Blackwood, Alpha Psi
- Katie Barry, Delta
- Adi Hernandez, Delta Sigma

#### Advisor(s) Name(s)

- Toni Castle, Governor
- Kathy Webster, Counselor

### The 2017 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2016 Convention Site Committee.
2. Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the deadline.
3. Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the same presenters.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Review the Prezi and make any necessary changes.
7. We charge district council to encourage more chapters to bid to host throughout district events and workshops.

### Committee Report:

To begin, the 2017 Convention Site Committee met during each scheduled committee block to discuss and complete the charges outlined for us. First, we met as a committee and reviewed the charges from the past District Convention. The report from the 2016 Convention Site Committee was reviewed.

The committee then reviewed the Prezi and made necessary changes by changing the wording and clarifying confusion in phrasing throughout the slides. Before discussing District bids, our committee discussed any changes to the charges for the 2018 Convention Site Committee.

All bids were collected at the designated time; One bid was received to host the 2018 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 representatives of Zeta Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Delta Upsilon Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at 3pm on Saturday March 26th to view their presentation and discuss their bid to host the 2018 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 that were included during the interview are:

- 1) More details about the multiple facilities
- 2) Back up plans for banquet and other venue options
- 3) Details on budget expenses and other such inquiries

To wrap up the meetings of the 2017 Southwest District Convention Site Committee, the bid for district convention was discussed and agreed upon for the 2018 Southwest District Convention.

#### Slate for the 2018 Southwest District Convention:

The Convention Site Committee would like to slate, with conditions, the Delta Upsilon (TBS) and Zeta Beta (KKY) chapters of Howard Payne University to host the 2018 Southwest District Convention provided that they include their joint budget and update individual chapter budgets. The deadline to provide this information to the advisors will be three weeks from today, April 16th. If these provisions are not met by that deadline, the floor will be open again for bids.

#### The Committee charges the 2018 Convention Site Committee with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2017 Convention Site Committee.
2. Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the deadline.
3. Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the same presenters.
4. 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.

5. Discuss bids and slate a host chapter for the 2019 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to host, a “no slate” can be suggested.
6. Review the Prezi and make any necessary changes.

Thank you's:

We were honored to co-chair this committee and would like to thank all members of this committee for being so involved in our meetings and for being so willing to help determine the future of this convention. Your knowledgeable contribution and willingness to help was invaluable. Thank you to our wonderful advisors, Kathy and Toni, for guiding the committee. We learned so much from you two!

(Ali) Thank you Carina! Quick thank you to Alpha Omicron! Shoutout to Dom and Lauren (Alpha- KKY), you two did an amazing job leading the planning of the convention. Thank you Little! Thank you to the Southwest District Council- I respect so much of what you all do!  
(Carina)

Thank you to my co-chair Ali. I'm glad that we were both on the same page. Thank you Gamma Iota! Gracias por esta oportunidad! Thank you to Dominique and Lauren for providing insight on how to plan a convention. Your incredible work was paramount! You both are amazing! Thank you to Justin, Cade and Drew for putting up with me and my million questions and constant grammar checks.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissandra Celia- Alpha Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma  
Carina Melero- Gamma Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

### **Appendix J- D.O. Wiley Committee Report**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2017 D.O. Wiley Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the report of the 2016 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 2017 D.O. Wiley Award.
6. Recommend any changes to the D.O. Wiley selection process to the Jurisdiction committee.

We started by passing out packets during our first meeting to review and ensure that each chapter met all the criteria within our constitution. We discussed the situation regarding 2 of the applying chapters. Our SWD constitution states, each chapter wishing to apply must submit an application to the District President no later than two weeks prior to convention. Any chapter wishing to bid must also submit an electronic draft of their packet to the District President no later than one (1) week prior to convention. 2 of the 3 chapters did not meet this requirement. Due to this, we as a committee decided to not allow the 2 chapters to proceed with the selection process.

This situation brought me to asking these questions. Why were there only 3 chapters that applied for the award? What could we do to clear up any confusion within our constitution? I spoke with the President of each chapter and regretfully informed 2 great chapters that they could not go through with the process. We sent some amendments to the Jurisdiction Committee that the delegation will vote on later today, that I hope will ensure the protection of each chapter that applies for the award. So that once you fill out the application, as long as you meet all criteria, you will be up for consideration.

Usually, this process would be a very difficult one, but my job was a little easier this year. I informed the Zeta Beta chapter of their presentation time and our committee reconvened the following day. Our committee discussed the questions we would like to ask after reviewing their packets overnight. The questions included but were not limited to:

1. What sets your chapter apart from other chapters in the SWD?
2. What does your chapter do to not only reach your band program and school, but your community as well?
3. What is your professional and friendly relationship with your TBS chapter like?
4. What is your involvement on a district and national level?
5. How does your chapter fundraise in a smaller town and school?

Zeta Beta, although the only chapter that was up for consideration, were clearly deserving of the award. Their packet was professional, clear, and showed a level of excellence that we could all strive for. Their presenters walked in with pictures of Super Heroes, and as a Marvel Fan (Sorry), I was drawn instantly. Their level of preparation was outstanding. Every single word that was said was a true testament to our 5 purposes. Zeta Beta is truly a model all chapters could look towards to for guidance. Congratulations to the Zeta Beta Chapter from Howard Payne University.

**The 2017 D.O. Wiley Committee charges the 2018 D.O. Wiley committee with the following:**

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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.
7. Consider adding a Feedback & Evaluation period with the chapters that presented. I believe with this, chapters would feel more encouraged to apply as this would be a great opportunity for them to learn and grow.
8. Review the rule of "No PowerPoint presentations" within the SWD Constitution. Establish whether or not electronic access should be provided at each convention for D.O. Wiley Presentations.

**Charges to the 2017-2018 Southwest District Council:**

1. Publicize the rules within the constitution of the D.O. Wiley Award on the website and application form.
2. Encourage and empower more chapters to apply for this award. There are many amazing chapters within this district that deserve to be recognized at this level.
3. Create an attachment on the application, whether it is a Google form or not, where chapters can upload an electronic version of their packet.

**Charges to the Southwest District:**

1. Be aware of the constitution and rules when applying for this award and any others. Do not take the constitution for granted.
2. Please consider applying for this award. There are many of you out there that may not think your chapter is doing great things, but you won't grow or learn unless you take a shot. In the words of Alexander Hamilton, "Don't throw away your shot."
3. As Evan Thompson has said all throughout this convention, refer back to our degrees and maintain our motto. "Strive for the Highest"

I would like to thank our advisor, Eric Morson. Thank you for answering the barrage of questions I had throughout the weekend and always being positive and having faith in me and our committee. Your wisdom and knowledge of this fraternity is truly inspiring. Thank you to George Ishii for letting me lead a committee on this level. This was my first time leading a district committee and it is a memory I will cherish for a long time in our friendship.

I would also like to thank the members of my committee

- Chris Adams, Epsilon Beta

- Ben Facundo, Delta Chi
- Jake Gatlin, Epsilon Beta
- Mason Jocoy, Zeta Kappa
- Kenton Wilhelm, Eta Xi

None of this would've happened without the incredible insight all of you possess. Your hard work and dedication will go a long way with your chapters back at home. I can't wait to see each of you lead your chapter to participate in the selection process of this award one day.

I am honored to have served the Southwest District as a committee chair. I learned so many things that I can't wait to bring back home so our chapter can grow along with all other chapters as well. I hope that more chapters will begin to realize the great potential you all have and that the National & District Councils, know we can all achieve.

Fraternally submitted,

Thai-Tu Nguyen  
Zeta Kappa Chapter  
2017 D.O. Wiley Committee Chair

## **Appendix K- History and Traditions Committee Report**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2016-2017 History and Traditions Committee was charged with the following:

- 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

After reviewing the charges from the 2016 History and Traditions committee, the 2017 committee got right to work.

The committee began with the discussion of the online history form. When asked if the committee knew about it, they openly stared and said nothing at first. Slowly they admitted that they did not know about the history form. When asked if they could find it on the Southwest District website, they could not easily locate it. The committee felt like the online history form needed to be made more well known by posting reminders to the Southwest District Facebook page alongside promoting registration for the Southwest District convention. The committee also

stated that some chapters may not have the resources or archives available to them to answer some of questions in the form, and would recommend changes to the form.

We then moved to the discussion of the updates for Andy the Armadillo's Facebook page over the past year. The committee looked at the Facebook page and saw that it has not been updated since 2015. Some time after Zeta Beta, the password to the Facebook account was lost. We believe that it might be best to start a new Facebook page for Andy the Armadillo with a Governor as an admin on the page to monitor the use and the passing on the page's information. The committee also feels that there is not much known about Andy the Armadillo, some here at convention believe him to be Gamma Iota's mascot. We feel the requirements for the award need to be revised to make it easier for the chapter hosting Andy to choose a new recipient.

From here the committee moved onto assessing the knowledge of the Southwest District Joint song. The committee as a whole knew about the song. Some of them have even began learning the song in their chapters. The committee feels that chapters know of the song but there still needs to be encouragement from the council to learn the song.

The committee then moved onto discussing the use and content of the Southwest District Archives. We began with the simple question of their knowledge of the archives. They responded with a "no". We did a quick search on the district's website and the committee agreed that they wished that they knew about it. We were pleased with the information that was presented but had some ideas of new content to add. The committee suggested that a list of chapter founding dates and links to other chapter's social media could to be added to the archives.

Finally, we moved onto discussing the Southwest District Youtube channel. At the time of the committee meetings there were about 40 subscribers to the channel. No one in the committee knew the district had a Youtube channel. The channel has also not been used in over a year. The committee came up with some ideas to make the channel more useful to the district. They suggest using the channel as a learning tool for filling out the different forms on a district and a national level. They also suggest letting chapters submit videos and picture slideshows of their chapter to the Youtube channel. The committee also came up with the idea of creating a mashup of different chapters playing a section of music and putting them together to create one song.

#### **Charges for the 2017-2018 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Council:**

- Promote the online history form to make it more well know and rephrase it so chapters who do not have access to their history can still apply

- Continue to promote the knowledge and teachings on the Southwest District Joint Song
- Promote the online Southwest District Archives
- Add additional information about Chapters in the Southwest District Archive, such as in chapter founding dates
- Create a useful way for persons from a chapter to get into contact with another chapter by adding links to their social media page
- Create a new facebook page for Andy the Armadillo and transfer all the old photos to the new page

**Charges for the 2017-2018 History and Traditions Committee:**

- Assess the visibility, knowledge, and use of the online history form
- Assess the knowledge of the Southwest District Joint Song
- Assess the use and content available on the online Southwest District Archives, and recommend changes or additions to this resource
- Assess the use of Andy the Armadillo’s Facebook page over the past year
- Evaluate the use of the YouTube channel over the past year, suggest changes that can be made

I would like to thank my committee members:

- Justin Chesak for being ever helpful and going out of his way to aid me with this experience.
- Caitlin Tusing from Lambda Kappa - proxy for Mu Tau
- Becca Shaw from Epsilon Beta - proxy for Delta Delta
- Raechel Settlemoir from Delta Chi
- Jaiden Courvelle from Iota Upsilon - proxy for Mu Mu
- Kayleigh Gregoire from Lambda Xi
- Taylor Otts from Alpha Psi - proxy for Epsilon Rho

Fraternally Submitted,  
 Amber Dixon - Iota Upsilon  
 History and Traditions Committee Chair - 2017

**Appendix L- Joint Action Committee Report**

Report of the Joint Action Committee

The 2017 Joint Action Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the 2016 Joint Action Committee Report



2. Consider ways to better promote and constitutionally define the General Service Grant
3. Discuss the successes and failures of the 2016-2017 New ALTO team, as specified by the 2016 JAC
4. Explore the reasons why the SWD Webmaster application process was denied in 2016, and recommend necessary alterations to the proposed position.
5. Reevaluate the amount of money in the budget delineated for workshop expenses
6. Reconsider the name/constitutional obligations for the JAC
  - After reviewing the 2016 Joint Action Committee Report, our committee was able to propose a change to verify the wording of the constitutions. The constitutions used two different names for the same grant. We sent the suggestion to the Jurisdiction committees to change the instances of “Service to Music Education Grant” to “General Service Grant.” We believe that the problem with the General Service Grant is from lack of knowledge, rather than chapters not wanting to apply.
  - We also feel the New Alto was not suitably advertised as well as it could have been. There are still an alarming amount of member who have little to no knowledge of the New Alto. We found there was no public relations officer as required by the Southwest District, and believe appointing said officer would help better promote the publication.
  - We upheld the previous decision to not have a SWD Webmaster. We believe that due to fact that all district council members can edit the district website, there was no need for a Webmaster.
  - We evaluated how much money was currently being allocated for workshop expenses and suggested to the jurisdiction committee to put the specific maximum amount (\$150 per organization) into the constitutions.
  - We reorganized the constitutions to be more consistent between the two organizations. Anyone can suggest edits to the district website at any time. Therefore, we proposed the removal of Joint Action Committee’s obligation to review the district website. In the Tau Beta Sigma constitution, we suggested the removal of any reference to a New Alto “host chapter”, because all New Alto components are now handled online and is no longer printed.
  - We reviewed two proposals. We sent the area workshop realignment to the Jurisdiction Committee. We believe the proposed changes will increase attendance at workshops by making them more accessible to all chapters. We did not accept the second proposal to move the display and scrapbook awards to the Southwest District Alumni Association. However, with input from SWDAA, we decided to officially define the process for giving out the awards in both constitutions.

The Committee Charges the 2018 Joint Action Committee with the following:

1. Review the 2017 Joint Action Committee Report
2. Examine sections of both the Kappa Kappa Psi and the Tau Beta Sigma constitutions that define joint activities and ensure they correspond with one another
3. Reconsider the name/constitutional obligations for the JAC

The Committee charges the 2017-2018 Southwest District Councils with the following:

1. Better promote the existence of the General Service Grant

The Committee Charges the 2017-2018 New Alto Team

1. Release more information on what the New Alto is and what type of submissions or topics are wanted.
2. Better promote the publication to help remind chapters of when submissions are due

We would also like to thank our committee for their hard work and dedication:

Katrina Pearson, KKY- Nu Delta, Committee Member

Alex Atkinson, KKY- Zeta Beta, proxy for Epsilon Kappa, Committee Member

Deavon Smith-Collins, KKY- Zeta Zeta, proxy for Alpha Tau, Committee Member

Phillip Bernal, TBS- Gamma Nu, proxy for Beta Delta, Committee Member

Amber Johnson, TBS- Alpha, Committee Member

Rachel Woods, TBS- Iota Beta, Committee Member

Juliana Mitchell, TBS- Delta, Committee Member

Ryan Maxey, KKY- Delta, proxy for Epsilon Delta, Committee Member

Jajudeon Ohivi, KKY- Delta Psi, proxy for Theta Nu, Committee Member

Shaqkeen Williams, KKY- Delta Psi, Committee Member

Maddy Collins, TBS- Beta Delta, Committee Member

Lucy Ramirez, KKY- Epsilon Kappa, Committee Member

Erika Pope, TBS National Vice President of Communication and Recognition, Advisor

Kalem Graham, SWD KKY Governor, Advisor

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Crone, TBS- Epsilon Beta, Chair

Jayden Goeringer-Evans, KKY- Epsilon Epsilon, Chair

## **Appendix M- Jurisdiction Committee Report**

The 2017 Jurisdiction committee was charged with the following:

- Review the Southwest District Constitution and compare with the National Constitution and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Constitution

The Jurisdiction Committee met and reviewed the Southwest District Constitution with the intent of having the constitution similarly aligned in structure to the National Constitution, and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Constitution.

1. We recommend the addition of the Preamble of the National Constitution into the District Constitution, similar to the National Constitution and Tau Beta Sigma's District Convention.
2. We recommend the addition of article 1.09 to clarify the proper governance of Southwest District meetings by parliamentary procedure.
3. We recommend the clarification of article 2.04 due to confusing wording.

Changes recommended by the Joint Action Committee:

1. We recommend two changes to article 3.12 to:

- a. Add clarification to the duties and criteria of Joint Action Committee to coincide with the Tau Beta Sigma SWD Constitution
  - b. Remove the restrictions that the money has to be divided three ways, as not all three options are relevant every year. This would allow more flexibility and allow host chapters to make better use of the money.
2. We recommend a change of name in article 3.12 “Service to Music Education Grant” to “General Service Grant.” These are currently the same grant, but are being referred to by two different names.
3. We recommend an addition to article 5.07 stating that \$150 will be put in from both organizations for workshop expenses. This is currently how much is budgeted for, but was not officially in the constitution
4. We recommend an update and clarification of article 9.06 to reflect what is currently already happening. The Southwest District Alumni Association judges the Chapter Display, and Best Scrapbook to ease the burden of the district councils. This is currently only a verbal agreement which can be lost over time. SWDAA was sought out and is happy with this arrangement.
5. We recommend an update and clarification of article 9.12 for the same reason as the update to article 9.06.
6. We recommend the realignment of the areas of the district from 7 areas to 6 areas. Composition of schools in the area will be changed to reflect the realignment.

The following changes were made by recommendation of the D.O. Wiley Committee under Appendix I, D.O. Wiley Award Criteria:

1. Change the submission requirement to reflect a consistent time period. All application materials are to be electronically submitted to the District President and Governors no later than two (2) weeks prior to convention. Submitting five (5) final copies of the packet at Opening Separate Session of District Convention has not changed.
2. Addition of: failure to abide by the rules and criteria will render the chapter ineligible for consideration for the D.O. Wiley Award – for clarification.

We charge the 2017-2018 District Councils evaluate the effectiveness of the District Area realignment and to recommend any necessary changes.

We charge the 2017-2018 to keep the area workshop list of schools up to date; and review the Southwest District Constitution and compare with the National Constitution and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Constitution.

Thank you to the Joint Action Committee and D.O. Wiley Committee for getting us your proposals with enough time to review them.

Thank you to the hardworking members of the Jurisdiction Committee:  
Kayla Shortnacy – Alpha

Isabella Rivera – Gamma Iota – Proxy for Theta Alpha  
 Zachary Wilson – Gamma Iota  
 Stone McCauley – Zeta Kappa – Proxy for Beta Alpha  
 Christopher Broome – Eta Xi – Proxy for Kappa Phi  
 Justin Hazard – Lambda Kappa – Proxy for Gamma Sigma

And our Parliamentarian  
 Adrian Villalobos – Delta Sigma

Our time together, although short, will be a lasting memory

Also special thanks to Robert Morris for sitting in on our meeting for a time to give clarification.

Special thanks to Jack Lee, National President, for guiding us when we were confused. And teaching me how to use technology.

Fraternally submitted,  
 Aaron Walling, Zeta Beta, Howard Payne University  
 2017 Jurisdiction Committee Chair

Previous	Revised
N/A	<p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>To the National Constitution of            Kappa Kappa Psi            National Honorary Band Fraternity</p> <p>Be it known that Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Fraternity for College Band members, is an organization operating exclusively in the field of the college and university bands, and for the following several purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To promote the existence and welfare of the college and university bands and to cultivate at large a wholesome respect for their activities and achievements.</li> <li>2. To honor outstanding band members through privilege of membership extended as a reward for technical achievement and appreciation for the best in music.</li> <li>3. To stimulate campus leadership and promulgate an uncompromising respect through the medium of the college band for gracious conduct, good taste and unswerving loyalty.</li> </ol>

	<p>4. To foster a close relationship between college bands and promote a high average of attainment by the performance of good music and selection of worthwhile projects.</p> <p>5. To provide a pleasant and helpful social experience for all engaged in college band work and to cooperate with other musical organizations in any manner consistent with the purposes of the institution at which chapters are located.</p>
N/A	1.09 Parliamentary procedure, as stated in the National Constitution shall govern the deliberations of all component parts of the Fraternity assembled in meeting.
2.04 New election materials a person seeking a District Office wants to provide before District Convention (such as pamphlets, newsletters, stickers, or online materials), must be approved by the Southwest District Governors before the candidate can disperse advertisement materials to chapters.	2.04 When a person seeking a District Office wants to provide new election materials before District Convention (such as pamphlets, newsletters, stickers, or online materials), it must be approved by the Southwest District Governors before the candidate can disperse advertisement materials to chapters.
3.12 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 education speaker or conductor, a cash gift, and the Service To Music Education Grant.	3.12 The Joint Action Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all miscellaneous joint proposals for the Southwest District. 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. 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 have a maximum of \$1200 to split evenly between the two organizations to be used in any of the following manners:
3.12 c. The Service to Music Education Grant will be awarded... d. The amount of the Service to Music Education	3.12 c. The General Service Grant will be awarded... d. The amount of the General Service Grant will not exceed...

Grant will not exceed...	
<p>5.07 The Southwest District will be divided into six (6) areas as indicated in Appendix 4. Each area will have a workshop for the chapters in that Area. Workshops will be held on a Saturday sometime before the District Convention (preferably in the early spring semester). Workshops should include informational topics relating to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma on the National, District, or Chapter level. Separate or joint sessions should include open forums to get more people involved.</p>	<p>5.07 The Southwest District will be divided into six (6) areas as indicated in Appendix 3. Each area will have a workshop for the chapters in that Area. Workshops will be held on a Saturday sometime before the District Convention (preferably in the early spring semester). Workshops should include informational topics relating to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma on the National, District, or Chapter level. Separate or joint sessions should include open forums to get more people involved. A maximum of \$150 will be put into the Southwest District budget from both organizations for workshop expenses.</p>
<p>9.06 The following awards shall be given for chapter displays at the District Convention. There shall be an award for the best displays in the categories of free-standing and table-top. Table-top is defined as a display which can be set on one regular square or rectangular folding table. There shall be an award for the overall best display, which may not be winner of one of the other two categories. The criteria will include emphasis on the theme of the convention, chapter activities over the past year, variety of content, and originality. This award shall be presented by the District Councils at the closing banquet of the District Convention. No chapter can win more than one display award per Convention.</p>	<p>9.06 The following awards shall be given for chapter displays at the District Convention. There shall be an award for the best displays in the categories of free-standing and table-top. Table-top is defined as a display which can be set on one regular square or rectangular folding table. There shall be an award for the overall best display, which may not be winner of one of the other two categories. The criteria will include emphasis on the theme of the convention, chapter activities over the past year, variety of content, and originality. The display awards and the best scrapbook award shall be judged by the Southwest district Alumni Association and presented at the closing banquet of the District Convention. No chapter can win more than one display award per Convention.</p>
<p>9.12 A Best Chapter Scrapbook Award shall be given for the best scrapbook at the District Convention. This award shall be judged by the Southwest District Alumni Association and presented at the closing banquet of the District Convention. Criteria and judging will be based on the following:</p>	<p>9.12 A Best Chapter Scrapbook Award shall be given for the best scrapbook at the District Convention as decided by judges selected by the host chapter. Criteria and judging will be based on the following:</p>
D.O. Wiley Award Criteria:	D.O. Wiley Award Criteria:

<p>...</p> <p>Each chapter wishing to apply must submit an application to the District President no later than two weeks prior to convention. Any chapter wishing to bid must also submit an electronic draft of their packet to the District President no later than one (1) week prior to convention. All bidding chapters must submit five final copies of their packet at Opening Separate Session of District Convention. Packets should be compiled in a binder of no more than one inch and include the following materials:</p> <p>...</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Each chapter wishing to apply must submit an application attached with an electronic draft of their packet to the District President and Governors no later than two (2) weeks prior to convention. All bidding chapters must submit five (5) final copies of their packet at Opening Separate Session of District Convention. Packets shall be compiled in a binder of no more than one inch and include the following materials:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Failure to abide by these rules and criteria will render the chapter ineligible for consideration for the D.O. Wiley Award.</p>
<p><u>Appendix 3: Areas of the District</u></p> <p>The Southwest District will be divided into seven (7) areas. They will be the North Texas Area, the East Texas Area, the South Texas Area, the West Texas/New Mexico Area, the Oklahoma Area, the Arkansas Area, and the Louisiana Area.</p> <p>Throughout the spring term, there will be seven Area Workshops with content chosen by the District Council. Logistics, facilities, and a feature workshop will be the responsibility of the Host Chapter. The Feature workshop must be approved by the District Council prior to the Workshop.</p> <p>The North Texas Area will consist of the following schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Texas Baptist University</li> <li>Midwestern State University</li> <li>Tarleton State University</li> <li>Texas A&amp;M University – Commerce</li> <li>Texas Christian University</li> <li>Texas Wesleyan University</li> <li>Tyler Junior College</li> <li>The University of Texas at Arlington</li> <li>The University of Texas at Tyler</li> </ul>	<p><u>Appendix 3: Areas of the District</u></p> <p>The Southwest District will be divided into six (6) areas. They will be the North Texas Area, the East Texas/Louisiana Area, the South Texas Area, the West Texas/New Mexico Area, the Oklahoma Area, and the Arkansas Area.</p> <p>Throughout the spring term, there will be six (6) Area Workshops with content chosen by the District Council. Logistics, facilities, and a feature workshop will be the responsibility of the Host Chapter. The Feature workshop must be approved by the District Council prior to the Workshop.</p> <p>The North Texas Area will consist of the following schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baylor University</li> <li>Midwestern State University</li> <li>Tarleton State University</li> <li>Texas A&amp;M University – Commerce</li> <li>Texas Christian University</li> <li>Texas Wesleyan University</li> <li>Tyler Junior College</li> <li>University of Mary Hardin-Baylor</li> <li>The University of Texas at Arlington</li> <li>The University of Texas at Tyler</li> </ul>

The East Texas Area will consist of the following schools:

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

The South Texas Area will consist of the following schools:

Texas A&M University – Kingsville  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas State University  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
The University of Texas at Austin  
The University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley  
The University of Texas at San Antonio

The West Texas/New Mexico Area will consist of all schools within the state of New Mexico that have either an active Kappa Kappa Psi chapter or an active Tau Beta Sigma chapter, and the following schools

in Texas:

Angelo State University  
Howard Payne University  
McMurry University  
Texas Tech University  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
West Texas A&M University

The East Texas/Louisiana Area will consist of the following schools:

East Texas Baptist University  
Grambling State University  
Lamar University  
Louisiana State University  
Louisiana Tech University  
McNeese State University  
Northwestern State University  
Sam Houston State University  
Southeastern Louisiana University  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Tulane University  
University of Louisiana Monroe

The South Texas Area will consist of the following schools:

Blinn College  
Prairie View A&M University  
Texas A&M University – Kingsville  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas Southern University  
Texas State University  
University of Houston  
The University of Texas at Austin  
The University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley  
The University of Texas at San Antonio

The West Texas/New Mexico Area will consist of:

Angelo State University  
Eastern New Mexico University  
Howard Payne University  
McMurry University  
New Mexico State University  
Texas Tech University  
University of New Mexico  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
West Texas A&M University



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

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

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

The Oklahoma Area will consist of:

Cameron University  
East Central University  
Langston University  
Oklahoma Baptist University  
Oklahoma State University  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
University of Central Oklahoma  
University of Oklahoma

The Arkansas Area will consist of:

Arkansas State University  
Arkansas State University – Beebe  
Arkansas Tech University  
Henderson State University  
Southern Arkansas University  
University of Arkansas  
University of Arkansas – Fort Smith  
University of Arkansas – Monticello  
University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff  
University of Central Arkansas

## **Appendix N- Membership Education Committee Report**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The Membership Education Committee met early this morning, and reviewed and discussed our charges, which were as follows:

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

For the workshop presenter application, we discussed the need for better advertisement of the application, and on more forums, such as groupme. In addition to better advertisement, a sample workshop would improve the application.

With the publication of District Events and Announcements, we think the facebook groups were used efficiently, but would like to see an expansion to more forms of communication, such as groupme. Chapter Leadership Conference, specifically, needs more advertisement, because of the quick turnaround between convention and then. We believe a monthly newsletter to chapters would be helpful in dispersing knowledge for district related activities. Lastly, we discussed the need for a reward for correspondence for chapters.

For the CME Plan, we simply discussed the need for advertisement of it, and an addition to the page on the website of the VPM email for questions and concerns.

Finally, we discussed the upcoming National MEP. We need to make sure in the coming year, that we leave room at district events for national council to present on the National MEP.

We charge the 2018 Membership Education Committee with the following:

1. Be more involved and aware throughout the year of district membership events
2. Discuss successfulness of the Workshop Presenter Application.
3. Evaluate use and availability the CME Plan.

We charge the 2018 District Council with the following:

1. Disperse a Monthly Newsletter of with District Information, including but not limited to: Event Dates, Award Requirements, Officer Updates, Important links, and the workshop presenter application.
2. Find new ways to reward chapter correspondence with the district council.

3. Set aside time in CLC, workshops, and convention for National MEP Lessons.

Thank you to the Members of the 2017 Membership Education Committee for your willingness and efficiency.

Cassandra Aguilar from Beta Lambda, Proxy for Zeta Gamma

Alexandra Steib from Lambda Xi, Proxy for Gamma Phi

Kelli Hughes from Alpha, proxy for Nu Lambda

Victoriano Josh Mendoza from Nu Delta, Proxy Nu Beta

Brady Hardin From Zeta Beta

Jason Faulkner from Alpha, Proxy for Gamma Omega

Ben Glodowski from Lambda, Proxy Epsilon Zeta

Rob Morris from Lambda, Chair

Evan Thompson, National Vice President for Colonization and Membership, Advisor

And Jessica Lee, Member of the National Curriculum and Development Committee, Advisor

Fraternally Submitted,

Kelli Hughes from Alpha, proxy for Nu Lambda

## **Appendix O- Nominations Committee Report**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2017 Nominations Committee was charged 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.

We began our business by discussing district candidate eligibility requirements. We reviewed the requirements listed in the Southwest District and National constitutions and reviewed the candidates who submitted applications for district office. The committee determined the following candidates to be eligible to run for district office:

- Makenzie Darby of the Alpha Chapter
- Arjun Jeetan of the Delta Sigma Chapter
- Annie Jane Burns of the Gamma Iota Chapter
- Keegan Gage Turney of the Epsilon Beta Chapter

After the candidates were deemed eligible for district office, the committee set up interview times for the candidates and discussed general and officer-specific interview questions to ask. These questions were of the following:

**General Questions for all Candidates:**

- How are you going to encourage chapter participation with the ideas and plans that you have?
- How do you plan on encouraging chapters to attend national convention?
- How would you work with your TBS counterpart?
- What are your thoughts on district activities and projects like the New ALTO?
- How do you plan on staying up to date with what is going on in other chapters and in the alumni base?

**President:**

- How do you plan to communicate with other chapters that are ineffective in their communication?
- How do you plan on communicating and working with the governors and the national council?
- How do you plan on finding out the most effective form of communication for chapter presidents?

**Vice President of Membership:**

- How do you plan on working with the National Council to implement and support the new national curriculum?

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

- Can you explain to us some of your ideas for fundraisers? What do you do in the case that your fundraisers aren't successful?
- If the district marketplace was determined to occur only before district, how would you accommodate this and work to make this happen?
- If the marketplace was decided to take place year-round, how would you accommodate this and work to make this happen?
- Describe some of your experiences handling money.

The committee also asked specific questions regarding the candidates' individual platforms and qualifications.

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:

President: Makenzie Darby

Vice President for Membership: No Slate

Vice President for Programs: Keegan Gage Turney

Secretary/Treasurer: Annie Jane Burns

Member at Large: No Slate

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 ended its business by discussing the administrative logistics of the nominations committee process. The committee unanimously agreed that if list of delegates serving this committee as well as candidate platforms were prepared and presented earlier, the logistics of the nominations process would be able to go a lot more efficiently. In addition, we discussed a concern brought to the committee regarding lack of clarity and instruction in the outline of the elections process.

The Committee would like to charge the **2018 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 **Southwest District** with the following:

- Be more proactive in submitting delegate forms to allow for delegates to be determined at an earlier point in time before district convention.

The Committee would like to charge the **2017-2018 District Council and District Governors** with the following:

- To review the logistics of the elections process, making clarifications as needed and submitting any recommended changes.

I would like to thank the following committee members for their hard work, productive discussion, and time put forth into the 2017 Nominations Committee:

Jimmy Tran – Beta Sigma Chapter at the University of Houston  
Jesse Palacios- Eta Nu Chapter at Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Kyle Jones – Lambda Kappa at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith  
Nicholas Hayes – Eta Xi at Louisiana Tech University  
Emily Peterson- Beta Lambda at Eastern New Mexico University  
Will Chappell- Lambda at the University of Arkansas

It was an absolute pleasure working with you all and I appreciate you all for making the nominations process go so smoothly. I enjoyed taking the time to get to know all of you and spend the weekend working with you.

I would like to thank our committee advisor and District Governor Clinton Wieden for all of his support and guidance during this process. I would also like to thank the District Council and Southwest District for giving me the ability to serve you all as the chair of this committee.

I encourage you all, Brothers of the Southwest District, to make well-informed decisions during the voting process. Keep the district and the fraternity at heart and make a decision that you think is best for our future.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Spencer Hill  
2017 Nominations Committee Chair  
President of the Delta Chapter at the University of Oklahoma  
Brother of the Southwest District

## **Appendix P- Spirit Committee Report**

My fellow brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2015-2016 committee charged 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.
- 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)
- 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

Following the charges left by our predecessors in this committee, the 2016-2017 Spirit committee reexamined the point system in place for the Spirit Stick and looked for ways to create a more quantifiable scoring system that would help make this award best reward the most spirited chapter attending convention. By redistributing certain point values we felt that we could increase chapter involvement at convention. By encouraging participation in the talent show through an increased point incentive, as well as creating criteria for utilizing social networking tags, this committee hopes to establish a foundation that will foster an increase in overall spirit and participation at future southwest district conventions.

As for the recipient for this year’s Spirit Stick, this committee chose to award this accolade to the chapter which we felt most adhered to the point system in place was the Theta Phi Chapter located at Henderson State University. Through their overwhelming attendance at this year’s convention as well as their displays of chapter unity and spirit, the Theta Phi chapter was a well deserving chapter for this award.

In regards to the Spirit Cup, this committee was once again charged with the task of reviewing and recommending changes for this award as well. As we combed through the criteria used for this award, the decision was made to amend the criteria and remove the points regarding to the use of the national listserv. Our hope is to make this award more accessible for chapters, and by removing extraneous and confusing criteria we feel that chapters might feel more inclined to apply.

This year, the Spirit Committee was able to meet with and interview two incredible chapters whom had applied for this award. Both chapters’ presentations were well done and thoroughly enjoyable. In the end we awarded the Spirit Cup to the Delta chapter located at the University of Oklahoma.

And finally, the Outstanding Service to Music Education Award. This is by far one of the most important awards for our organization as a whole and what we all stand for. We as a district have the grand and invaluable opportunity to reach out to our surrounding music programs and provide much needed aid and assistance. I am positive that each and every chapter represented

here today has done noteworthy and appreciated work, however, this year the chapter we felt most deserved this award was the Theta Nu Chapter located at Northwestern State University. The charges to 2017-2018 Spirit Committee are as follows:

- Implement ways to better inform chapters in the Southwest District about the Spirit Awards (i.e. Stick, Cup, OSME). Many chapters aren't aware of the criteria or existence of these awards.
- Draft an actual rubric for the "Spirit Stick Award" to ensure transparency across the board for any chapter that may wish to compete for it.
- 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 Cup"
- Review and decide the award recipient the "Outstanding Service in Music Education" Award (OSME)

The 2016-2017 Spirit Committee also charges the 2017-2018 District Council with the following:

- Request chapters to submit information regarding qualifications for the Spirit Stick award to the Southwest District Council; including information regarding the criteria listed (should they wish to compete for said award).
- Assign a district officer the task of corresponding with National Headquarters to obtain confirmation of numbers pertaining to Southwest district awards criteria prior to the start of Southwest District Convention.
- Be sure to promptly submit these documents to the Spirit Committee for facilitation of awards at District Convention in a timely manner (i.e. Day 1).
- Amend the Southwest District Constitution to include the amendments for "Spirit Stick" awards criteria made by the Spirit Committee as follows:

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

- A. Have at least 40% of the active chapter or more in attendance at the convention. (10pts.)*
- B. Chapter Presentation of Display (10 pts.)/Scrapbook (10 pts.)*
- C. Chapter dress displaying unity (20 pts.)*
- D. Participation in Talent Show (15 pts.)*
- E. Participation in optional events or activities requested by District Officers (20 pts.)*
- F. Social Media Tags (#spiritstick) with 1 point per submission (Max. 15 pts.)*



- Amend the Southwest District Constitution to include amendments for “Spirit Cup” awards criteria made by the Spirit Committee:
  - Remove #3 of the Spirit of the Southwest (The Cup) guidelines, the point dealing with the National List-serv, which reads:

3. *Chapter participation on the National Listserv or Yahoo Group. Chapters will be awarded one point per semester for a total of two possible points. The chapter applying shall be responsible for documenting chapter activity.*

I would like to take this opportunity, to thank my fellow committee members, it was an extreme pleasure to sit on this committee with you all and I enjoyed the opportunity. Thank you once again Jordan Parker (Theta Phi), Emily Garrett (Lambda Xi, [Mu Chi proxy]), Austin Glenn (Gamma Alpha, [Zeta Tau proxy]), Nikolai Robinson (Beta Sigma, [Zeta Xi proxy]). I would also like to thank Wesley Colquitt, Chair of the Spirit Committee from Alpha Omicron, thank you for the detailed minutes it made writing this report much easier. I only wish I had prepared a makeshift report before speaking in front of the delegation, but hindsight is 20/20. And finally I would like to thank our committee’s phenomenal advisor Dr. Nicholas Bratcher, of the KKY National Alumni Association. I appreciate the fact that this was your first Southwest District convention, and yet you still gave us your honest council and your sage advice helped to guide our committee this year.

To the southwest district convention, overall what I saw in this committee was a distinct lack in chapter submissions. I would charge each and every one of you to take time before next year’s district convention and submit a packet for the awards, or participate in the events like the annual talent show. I urge you all to use these as opportunities to show off the amazing chapter that you are a part of to all your brothers.

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Fraternally Submitted,

Drew Morrow

Kappa Kappa Psi

Gamma Iota (Proxy for Gamma Eta)

Speaker for 2016-2017 SWD Spirit Committee

## **Appendix Q- Ways and Means Committee Report**

WAC Committee Minutes 2017

Committee	Ways and Means
Meeting 1	Attendance C. J. Brewer - Zeta Zeta

	<p>Hattie Peacock - Delta Alpha          Jake Nottingham - Theta Phi for Gamma Theta          Caleb Tullius - Alpha Chi for Epsilon Theta          Caitlyn Collette - Alpha Chi          Bryce Shelton - Zeta Beta for Mu Lambda          David Cox          Danny George</p>
Notes	<p>Confusion ensued over the sever under spending of the council over the past year and the lack of figures on the Spring and Fall allotments to the district. Also, the committee discussed specifying that the amount allocated to the chapter assistance (to NATCON) funds would be directly dependent upon the funds acquired from fundraising.</p>
Meeting 2	<p>Attendance          C. J. Brewer - Zeta Zeta          Bryce Shelton - Zeta Beta for Mu Lambda          David Cox          Danny George</p>
Notes	<p>Although funds for several line items were not utilized this last year, all office related expenses were left alone. The chapter assistance for natcon line item was rolled into the overall chapter assistance grant.</p>
Meeting 3	<p>Attendance          Alfred Mason - Gamma Theta          Bryce Shelton - Zeta Beta for Mu Lambda          David Cox</p>
Notes	

Charges to Committee

- Review the report of the 2017 Ways and Means Committee.
- Present an overview of the 2017-2018 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 use of the Chapter Assistance Grant, and determine its need to expand or exist at all.

Charges to Council

- Better promote the Chapter Assistance Grant through a wide variety of communication platforms. These platforms will include, but are not limited to: KKPsi Facebook Group, Joint Facebook Group, announcements on the SWD website, New ALTO publications,

emails to chapter presidents/treasurers/sponsors

- Consider notifying the DOBs their local chapters are capable of accessing these funds
- Fully promote the Chapter Assistance to NATCON fund in a timely manner to ensure one Kappa Kappa Psi chapter in financial need has a delegate to represent their chapter at National Convention