# Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Convention 2019



Minutes - Final Officer Reports - Committee Reports

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#### Opening Joint Session: @4:00 PM

#### 1. Call to Order - 4:04 PM

#### 2. Introductions of Councils and Visiting Dignitaries

- a. 2018-2019 Joint Southwest District Council
  - i. Kappa Kappa Psi
  - ii. Tau Beta Sigma
- b. National Headquarters Staff
  - i. Di Spiva National Headquarters Office Manager and Accountant
  - ii. Robert Bratcher National Publications Manager and Multimedia Designer
  - iii. TJ Tooley National Chapter & Colony Education Coordinator
  - iv. Aaron Moore- National Alumni Historical and Development Coordinator
- c. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
  - i. Evan Thompson- National President
  - ii. Marco Krcatovich- National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
- d. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
  - i. Daniel George Board of Trustees
  - ii. Adam Cantley- Board of Trustees, Chair
- e. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Board
  - i. Daniel Miller- Alumni Association Board of Directors, Chair
  - ii. Nic Rorrer-Alumni Association Board of Directors
  - iii. Brent Cannon- Alumni Association Board of Directors
- f. Distinguished Guests
  - i. Ken Corbett-Past National President and Chair of Centennial Committee
  - ii. Chris Houge-Representing Ritual Committee
  - iii. Luis Manjeras- Representing Ritual Committee
- g. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
  - i. Adrienne Rall- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
  - ii. Siobhan Wilkes- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
- h. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
  - i. Lisa Croston- Board of Trustees and National Historian
- i. Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership
  - i. Roselyn McDonald- Chapter Visitation Assistant
  - ii. Brianna Mitchell- Chapter Visitation Assistant
  - iii. Heather McGowen- Chapter Visitation Assistant

- iv. Sarah Bogue- Chapter Visitation Assistant
- j. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors
  - i Katie Dukes- Chair
- k. Southwest District Alumni Association
  - i. Helen Capehart- Chair
  - ii. Samantha BrandBerry- Finance Director
  - iii. Sami Kinnison- Programs Director
  - iv. Sara Remoy- Membership Director
  - v. Nicole Benedict- Communications Director
- 1. Past National Officer
  - i. Beth Bronk- National Vice President Professional Relations
- 3. Recognition of Graduating Seniors
- 4. Final Call for Convention Host Bids
- 5. Opening Announcements / Southwest District Convention Summary
  - a. Tonight at 7 pm, there 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 for both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma candidates in the Music Hall room 101 during at 8pm hosted by Sarah Bogue!
  - d. SCHEDULE CHANGES:
    - i. All SWDAA events will now be hosted in the Music Hall room 101.
    - ii. National Vendors will be located in the FA102 for the duration of the convention.
  - e. Risk Management Review
- 6. Recess until Saturday, March 29th at 5:30 pm.

#### Opening Separate Session: March 29th @ 4:30PM

- 1. Call to Order 4:45 PM
- 2. Seating of the Delegates
- 3. Delegate Instruction
- 4. Accepting the Minutes of the 2018 SWD Convention
  - a. Motion to suspend the reading of the 2018 Southwest District Convention minutes
    - i. Gamma Alpha Moves
    - ii. Lambda Seconds
    - iii. Motion Passes
  - b. Motion to Accept the 2018 Southwest District Convention minutes
    - i. Gamma Iota Moves
    - ii. Epsilon Epsilon Seconds
    - iii. Motion Pass
- 5. Call for District Officer Candidate Packets, D.O. Wiley Applications
- 6. Announcements
- 7. Recess until Saturday March 29th @ 8:00 AM

#### Separate Session #2: @ 8:00-9:15 AM

- 1. Call to Order 8:15 AM
- 2. Call for Delegates remaining to be seated
  - a. Seat all delegates
    - i. Random seating begins with Theta Alpha
- 3. Final Officer Report of Garret Gardenhire, Member at Large
  - a. Motion to accept Garret's Gardenhire's Final Officer Report as read.
    - i. Lambda Moves
    - ii. Delta Seconds
    - iii. Motion Passes
- 4. Town Hall Must start at 8:30am at the latest.
- 5. Announcements
- 6. Recess until March 30th @ 4PM

#### Separate Session #3: March 30th @ 4 PM

- 1. Call to Order @ 4:05 PM
- 2. Call for delegates remaining to be seated
- 3. Final Officer Report of Keegan Turney, Secretary/Treasurer
  - a. Motion to accept Keegan Turney's final officer report as read
    - i. Epsilon Beta Moves
    - ii. Lambda Seconds
    - iii. Motion Passes

#### 4. Report of the Spirit Committee

- a. Beta Lambda Moves
- b. Zeta Kappa Seconds
- c. Motion Passes

#### 5. Report of the Ways and Means Committee

- a. Beta Alpha Moves
- b. Epsilon Beta Seconds
- c. Motion Passes

# 6. Report of the Membership Education Committee

- a. Delta Moves
- b. Epsilon Beta Seconds
- c. Motion Passes

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

- a. Theta Phi Moves
- b. Gamma Eta Seconds
- c. Motion Passes

#### 8. Final Officer Report of Brady Gilleran, Vice President for Programs

- a. Motion to accept Brady Gilleran's final officer report as read
  - i. Lambda Moves
  - ii. Epsilon Beta Seconds
  - iii. Motion Passes

#### 9. Final Officer Report of Hannah Cheeseman, Vice President for Membership

- a. Motion to accept Hannah Cheeseman's final officer report as read
  - i Delta Moves
  - ii. Zeta Kappa Seconds
  - iii. Motion Passes

#### 10. Announcement of the Nominations Committee

- 11. Centennial Celebration (5:05PM)
- 12. Announcements
- 13. Recess until March 31st @ 8:00AM

#### Joint Session #2: Saturday @ 5:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order @ 5:30 PM
  - a. We now call session to order
- 2. Announcements
  - a. Supply Sound
  - b. SWDAA
  - c. Preferential seating at the banquet will take place from 7:30-7:45PM tonight. If you are a host chapter, District Council, National Dignitaries, and the SWDAA Board of Directors, please join us at 7:30PM. Open seating will begin at 7:45PM. Banquet will begin at 8:00PM tonight.
    - i. If you got a non-banquet ticket, enjoy your dinner time. We will see you tomorrow at 8:00AM.
  - d. We are going to leave here and head to the Football Field to take a picture real fast before dismissing to get ready for banquet.
- 3. We recess until 12pm tomorrow.

#### Final Separate Session: March 31st@ 8:00 AM

- 1. Call to Order @ 8:30am
- 2. Call for delegates remaining to be seated
- 3. Report of the Jurisdiction Committee
  - a. Motion to accept the Jurisdiction Committee Report
    - i. Zeta Beta Motions
    - ii. Epsilon Beta Seconds
    - iii. Motion Passes
  - b. Motion to adopt the changes
    - i. Zeta Beta Motions
    - ii. Theta Lambda Seconds
    - iii. Motion Passes

## 4. Report of the D.O. Wiley Committee

- a. Alpha Psi Motions
- b. Alpha Omicron Seconds
- c. Motion Passes

#### 5. Certificate Awards

- a. Outstanding Service to Music Education
  - i. Recipients: Lambda
- b. Steve C Nelson History Award
  - Recipients: Delta, Lambda, Epsilon Beta, Epsilon Delta, Gamma Iota, Delta Sigma
- c. Superior Chapter Achievement Award
  - Recipients: Lambda,Rho, Alpha Tau, Alpha Chi, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Beta Gamma, Beta Sigma, Gamma Iota, Gamma Sigma, Gamma Phi, Delta Sigma, Delta Chi, Delta Psi Epsilon Epsilon, Epsilon Theta, Epsilon Chi, Zeta Beta,Zeta Gamma, Zeta Zeta, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Tau, Eta Nu, Mu Lambda, Nu Delta

#### 6. Final Officer Report of Andy Melvin, Governor

- a. Motion to accept Andy Melvin's final officer report as read
  - i. Delta Motions
  - ii. Alpha Seconds
  - iii. Motion Passes

#### 7. Final Officer Report of Clint Wieden, Governor

- a. Motion to accept Clint Wieden's final officer report as read
  - i. Alpha Motions
  - ii. Epsilon Epsilon Seconds
  - iii. Motion Passes

#### 8. Final Officer Report of Toni Castle, Governor

- a. Motion to accept Toni Castle's final officer report as read
  - i. Epsilon Delta Motions
  - ii Gamma Eta Seconds
  - iii. Motion Passes

#### 9. Report of the Nominations Committee

- a. Motion to accept the report of the nominations committee
  - i. Gamma Iota Motions
  - ii Mu Tau Seconds
  - iii. Motion Passes

#### 10. Elections

- a. Delegate roll call
- b. President
  - i. Motion to open the floor for nominations for the office of President
    - 1. Lambda Motions
    - 2 Beta Gamma Seconds
    - 3 Motion Passes
  - ii. Slated Candidate: Garret Gardenhire
  - iii. Motion to elect Garrett Gardenhire as SWD President
    - 1. Lambda Motions
    - 2. Alpha Omicron Seconds
    - 3 Motion Passes
- c. Chapter Participation Award Lambda
- d. Vice President for Membership
  - i. Motion to open the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of Membership
  - ii. Slated Candidate: Hannah Cheeseman
  - iii. Motion to accept Hannah into office
    - 1. Delta Motions
    - 2. Gamma Omega Seconds
    - 3. Motion Passes
- e. Chapter Distance Award Alpha Chi
- f. Vice President for Programs
  - i. Motion to open the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President for Programs
    - 1. Floor nomination of Jett McCullough
  - ii Slated Candidate: Rachael Baca
  - iii. Platform Presentation by Rachael Baca
    - 1. 3 Minute Q&A

- 2. Motion by Mu Tau to increase Q&A by 1 minute
  - a. Delta Seconds
  - b. Motion Passes
- iv. Platform Presentation by Jeff McCullough
  - 1. 3 Minute Q&A
  - 2. Motion to extend time by 1 minute by Epsilon Epsilon
    - a. Epsilon Beta Seconds
    - b. Motion Passes
  - 3. Motion by Zeta Kappa for 3 minutes caucus
    - a. Seconded by Epsilon Epsilon
    - b. Motion Passes
- v. Counting Votes
  - 1. Rachael Baca is elected
- g. Chapter Percentage Award Gamma Iota
- h. Secretary/Treasurer
  - i. Motion to open the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary/Treasurer
  - ii. Slated Candidate: Ashley Nowikowski
  - iii. Motion to elect Ashley Nowikowski as Sec/Treas by Alpha Omicron
    - 1. Seconded by Beta Alpha
    - 2. Motion Passes
- i. Andy Award Presented by Alpha Chi
  - i. Andy goes to Alpha Tau for 2019-2020
- j. Member-at-Large
  - i. Motion to open the floor for nominations for the office of Member at Large
    - 1. Slated Candidate: No Slate
    - 2. Floor Nomination Andres Cifuentes
  - ii. Motion to elect Andres Cifuentes for MAL by Epsilon Epsilon
    - 1. Lambda Seconds
    - 2. Motion Fails
  - iii. 3 Minute Platform by Andres Cifuentes
    - 1. 3 minute Q&A
    - 2. Motion to extend Q&A by 1 minute by Delta Sigma
      - a. Alpha Chi seconds
      - b. Motion Passes
    - 3. Motion for 2 minute caucus by Beta Alpha
      - a. Delta Sigma Seconds
      - b. Motion Passes

- iv. Counting of Votes
  - 1. Andy Cifuentes is elected.
- k. Spirit Drum
  - i. Awarded to Epsilon Epsilon
- 11. Presentation from Brent Canon
- 12. Final Officer Report of Annie Jane Burns, President
  - a. Motion to accept Annie Jane Burns' final officer report"
    - i. Gamma Iota Motions
    - ii. Alpha Chi Seconds
    - iii. Motion Passes
- 13. Installation of the 2019-2020 Southwest District Council
- 14. Announcements
- 15. Adjourn @ 11:33AM
  - b. Motion by Epsilon Epsilon
  - c. Second- Delta Sigma
  - d. Pass/Fail- Pass

#### Closing Joint Session: Sunday, @ 11:50AM

- 1. Call to Order @
- 2. Last Call for Supply Sound
- 3. Presentation of Joint Awards
  - a. Displays Awards SWDAA
    - i. Best KKPsi- Epsilon Beta
    - ii. Best TBS- Alpha Omicron
    - iii. Best Joint- Lambda/Psi
    - iv. Best Overall- Gamma Phi- Kappa Kappa Psi
- 4. SWDAA Announcements
- 5. Introductions of the 2019-2020 District Councils
  - a. KKY
    - i. Pres- Garret Gardenhire
    - ii. VPM- Hannah Cheeseman
    - iii. VPP- Rachael Baca
    - iv. Sec/Tres- Ashley Nowikowski
    - v. MAL- Andres "Andy" Cifuentes
  - b. TBS
    - i. Pres- Ciara Gibbs
    - ii. VPM- Hannah Wilson
    - iii. VPSP- Wendy Stewart
    - iv. Sec/Treas- Betty Buller

#### 6. Report of the Joint Action Committee

- a. Kappa Kappa Psi –Lambda Motions
- b. Tau Beta Sigma Delta Pi Seconds
- c. Motion Passes

# 7. Report of the Joint Committee on Convention Site

- a. Tau Beta Sigma Delta Pi Motions
- b. Kappa Kappa Psi Epsilon Epsilon Motions
- c. Motion Passes

#### 8. Election of the 2020 Southwest District Convention Host Chapters

- a. Slated: Kappa Kappa Psi- Gamma Iota- University of New Mexico
  - i. If chosen, charged to get a letter from DOB and find a TBS chapter to host convention with.
- b. Nominations from the floor
- c. Presentation by Gamma Iota
- d. The Southwest District 2020 Convention will be hosted by Gamma Iota with the conditions

#### 9. Final Announcements and Thanks

- a. Supply Sound winners and Total
  - i. Winner Kappa Kappa Psi- Delta
  - ii. Winner Tau Beta Sigma- Delta Upsilon
  - iii. Total -
- b. There will be a Transition Meeting for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 District Councils immediately following the Closing Joint Session.

# 10. Motion to adjourn the 2018-2019 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention

- a. Kappa Kappa Psi- Epsilon Epsilon Motions
- b. Tau Beta Sigma- Gamma Phi Seconds
- c. Motions Passes

# **Appendix A: Final Officer Report - Member-at-Large Garret Gardenhire**

To the Brothers of the Southwest,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you over this past year as your Member-at-Large. This experience has been unique and beneficial to my personal journey. Going into college, I swore I wouldn't participate in any groups like this, something I told the Nu Lambda chapter at ASU-Beebe when I played with their band in High School. Luckily, I changed my mind once I reached the University of Arkansas and saw the amazing work that Kappa Psi performs and how it affected its members. This organization helped me discover what I want to strive for in life, and what type of people I want to take with me along the way.

I'm glad to have reached the point where I can now serve the organization at this level. Over the past year, my goals for Member-at-Large have slightly changed as I've realized what was realistically possible, and I also had to adapt to the office after its role shifted as a result from the Jurisdiction changes from the last district convention.

#### What I did as officer:

- 1. Posted relevant information for the Southwest District on Instagram, Facebook, and the MAL Twitter
- 2. Create a District Alumni Officer group that can continue to grow
- 3. Engage District Historians on the previously established Historian Facebook group
- 4. Created the District Scrapbook for 2019
- 5. Communicate with SWDAA, promoted their programs, and included them in the district scrapbook
- 6. Promoted and assisted with the Steven C. Nelson History award

I am proud of what I was able to accomplish, but there is always room for improvement. I will work with the next Member-at-Large to assist their transition into a district role and grasp their duties quicker than I was able to. Growing our social media is a necessity as our culture becomes more interconnected over the internet, where physical distance between individuals matters less and less. I would also like for the officer groups to be more active, if any brothers here are a historian or alumni officer of your chapter, please come up to me after this meeting and I can add you to these groups immediately. If you are a member of these groups, or any others like the VPM Edmodo page, make sure they you utilize them to their full potential. These are environments where you can communicate with individuals who deal with the same issues as you do on a daily basis and having a support group like this, is one of the most valuable things any officer can have. And now, I would like to deliver-

My charges to the 2019 - 2020 Southwest District Member-at-Large:

- 1. Work to post relevant information on Social Media, and evaluate what platforms are best for spreading said information
- 2. Promote the District Scrapbook and work on increasing participation

- 3. Continue to work with SWDAA
- 4. Increase participation in the officer internet groups that you manage
- 5. Continue to advertise the Chapter History form and the Steven C. Nelson History award.
- 6. With the council, help create a yearlong history and traditions committee that will evaluate how we manage our archives and traditional awards

I wouldn't have been able to accomplish anything this year, if I didn't have the immediate support group that District Council gives you. Working with such a wide variety of people is such wonderful opportunity to grow and I would recommend it to anyone wanting to strengthen their bonds to the organizations. And now, I would like to acknowledge the following people:

#### To the Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Council,

I wish I could have got to know all of you a whole lot sooner, because your support and fellowship have meant the world to me. Whether it was Meeka kicking me in the head during every workshop, the perfect blanket that Hannah game me, or Natalia helping me with various things over this semester. If the next TBS Council is half as good as all of you, then the Sisters of the Southwest will be the luckiest group in the world.

#### To Annie Jane,

You have been an excellent President this past year. It is heartwarming to see someone who shows how much they care about the work they do. I am thrilled that you have an amazing job set up with Intel, which sounds so cool. You are going to do amazing things Annie Jane, just always in a time zone different than the rest of us.

#### To Hannah Cheeseman,

I have probably grown the closest with you over this past year, probably just because I am always texting you asking for some weird photo for the Southwest Instagram. Heck, I am not even upset that we lost followers because you wanted me to post a doge meme, such Brotherhood, much forgiveness. You are insanely smart and hardworking. Anyone who stands in your way better be prepared to face a mountain of shear determination and Oklahoma pride.

### To Keegan,

I've known you the  $2^{nd}$  longest compared to everyone on District Council, and it has been a pleasure being around you. The council likes to poke fun at you, but we wouldn't do it without the love and compassion we have for your wonderful personality. You are the one who showed me what serving on the District level was like and have also shared many other personal and

humorous stories. I appreciate everything that you do, and I look forward to seeing where you go in life.

To Clint,

Some people call you the scary governor, but I don't personally see it. Seeing your passion for the Fraternity and its history is inspiring. Even to the point where I listened to your Kappa Psi Presents podcast episode on the way back from South Texas area workshop. I hope I can live up to your example within the Fraternity.

To Toni,

I love hearing you talk about your students, and the wonderful work that you do by inspiring young minds to pursue STEM careers. You are always a delight, and I am *so* so **so** sorry that I have the awful habit of saying Kpsi instead of KKPsi. Every time I mis-say it, I just imagine you correcting me, and hopefully soon I'll be able to stop. You are a great mentor, and I am thankful to have gotten the opportunity to work with you over this past year.

To Andy,

You didn't start this journey with us, but I am glad to have been given the opportunity to interact and grow closer with you since you joined us as a Governor. As soon as I learned that you worked with the Boy Scouts, I knew I was going to enjoy spending time with you. The Southwest is lucky to have you.

To the brothers of the Lambda Chapter,

You guys are my number one motivator. The love I have for every single one of you is unfathomable. I am so grateful that you trusted me enough to let me lead you over this past year. Luckily, I have one more year in the chapter, and I look forward to stepping down and observing the new leaders of the Lambda emerge. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge a brother of Lambda who has shaped my life in countless ways.

To Brady Gilleran,

You were one of the first upperclassmen in the Razorback Marching band to talk to me during early week my freshmen year. At the time I thought you were going to be a lot cooler because you had some decent bieber hair going on. But you soon showed me that individuals can shine far beyond your first impression. When I became interested in Kappa Kappa Psi, you were the brother I turned to. You have always been there for me; and even though we bicker a lot, I hope you know how much I love you. You are my go-to friend when I need advice and I am so thankful that you have always supported me throughout my college career. I am going to miss you so much next year, but luckily, I know that you will always be a phone call away.

Thank you again Southwest District for letting me serve you as your Member-at-Large this past year, I hope we all continue to Strive for the Highest.

Fraternally submitted,
Garret Gardenhire
Lambda Chapter President
Southwest District Member-at-Large

# **Appendix B: Final Officer Report - Secretary/Treasurer Keegan Turney**

Good afternoon, Brothers of the Southwest District.

As some of you might remember from last year's convention, I was distraught at the thought of leaving the Council. As 2017-18 VPP, I felt like it was a time where I felt like I had done so much, but I could do so much more. So when we ended last year with a vacancy for Sec/Treas, the position I had originally run for two years ago, I applied. After a month of making my packet and interviewing and waiting, I was eventually accepted, and I was thrilled to continue good work serving the District. Unfortunately, life hit me hard quick.

As I had planned, I spent 2 ½ months in Michigan as a counselor for a fine arts camp immediately following being chosen for Sec/Treas. The time there was an amazing, but I couldn't access technology or internet for almost the whole time. This meant that I was falling behind on my duties and I couldn't keep open communication not only with the Council, but with the district as well. Then when I returned and started school, something I had never experienced before had hit me like a truck- depression. I had never experienced anything like it, and because of that I was even falling even more behind on my work, even though I honestly tried my best.

Then, after going through Winter Council and seeing all my Councilmembers in person, I started to work harder. Communicating with chapters, responding to emails, setting up the Convention Workshop, taking minutes, etc. I know it was just my job, but I felt good about the work I was doing, and the quality had drastically improved.

The experiences I've had seeing new and old faces at convention and workshops so far has been amazing. I'm so proud of the work that everyone has put in. Chapter attendance at workshops, outreach to the council just asking questions, applications for awards, doing community work, and even submitting to The Charge has really made this year great, and I'm

sure I can speak for the council when I say that we are proud of the work the SWD has done. Now for the thanks.

Garrett- Thank you so much for being a good friend. You've been such a good person to me whether it be just cracking jokes with or about me, to asking how I'm doing when I'm not feeling so great. You've been there for me and I greatly appreciate it. You've also nailed your responsibilities on the head this year- you had some big shoes to fill and I say you did an awesome job, all while being president of Lambda. You're an inspiration.

Brady- I've known you since we took beginning band together in 6<sup>th</sup> grade- which was 10 years ago. We've both changed a whole lot in that time, but something that hasn't changed is your unwavering dedication to your work. You've really stepped up to the plate as VPP, communicating with Meeka and outreaching to chapters making sure that you could help any way you could. You nailed your job on the head and kept me accountable throughout this past year. You've always been one of my closest friends, and it's been awesome to experience district council with you this past year. I know you'll do amazing things in the future, so keep up the good work. I love you man.

Hannah- I knew you the least coming into this Council, but you're also another amazing person. You have worked so hard with other Hannah as VPM, communicating with chapters, organizing and setting up workshops, and being on top of everything overall. You have killed it this year; and all that hard work has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for everything you've done, and I'm glad you're my friend.

Andy- You've been an awesome Governor! I didn't really know you before you joined the team aside from meeting you occasionally at some conventions, but you've done a great job! All of your comments and concerns in meetings have been accurate and provoked good work. Thank you for everything you've done for the Council this year.

Toni- Another year with you has been great- you've kept me honest, on my toes, and working harder than I thought I could. Your criticisms have been constructive and have kept me accountable throughout this past semester. I know I made you frustrated at least a couple times, but thank you for being patient with me and helping me out.

Clint- You've been amazing to me this past year. You knew the struggles I was going through and helped me as much as you could throughout my difficult times. Always made sure I was handling my things well and let me know that if I needed help with my duties that I could

reach out to the council. You're as caring as can be, and it's really helped me out through my situation, so thank you so much for everything you've done and what you're doing- I appreciate it so much.

Annie Jane-...Man, it's been a wild ride. This is it for us, two years of work on the council. Thank you for being there with me and helping me get through these past 2 years. We've gone through a lot together like butting heads for Sec/Treas 2 conventions ago, going to National Convention, 2 Winter Councils, several workshops together, prepping 2 conventions, and more background work. It's been crazy, but it's been worth it. Thank you for being there with me all this time, it's meant the world to me.

To the Epsilon Beta chapter- I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. As you all know very well, I've had a rough school year, and you've all helped me out so much. Each and every one of ya'll hold a place special in my heart, and I could never thank you all enough for being such a good chapter as I've tried to lead ya'll to the best of my abilities. I look forward to the things that you will all do as a chapter and in the district, and I couldn't be more proud to be a member of the Epsilon Beta chapter than I am right now. I love you all. Also, it's Gemini Time!

Now for my final charges.

- For the 2019/2020 Secretary/Treasurer. I charge you to find or create a project of your choice to complete throughout this coming Summer and Fall semester- these are stagnant times for the position, so find something to do to help improve the district or council. I also charge you to complete all forms assigned to you within a week of getting them, which would include council minutes, requisition forms, grants, etc. Work with your TBS counterpart to find some ideas you can do together.
- For the 2019/2020 SWD Council- I charge you to meet at least once a month. Keep constant communication with each other on whatever you're working on and the status of your work. Be open if you're falling behind or need help, because your council members and governors will be there for you.
- For the 2019-2020 Southwest District- I charge you all to have at least 2 members from each chapter to submit to the New ALTO each semester. We had a good past two, so let's strive to make it even better. I also charge you to make an effort to communicate with the council with any questions or concerns you have- the council is here to serve you and all of us would be thrilled to help you in any way we can, but we can't help if we don't know about your struggles.

Thank you all so much for an amazing two years. It's been some of the best times of my life serving you all, and I won't forget it any time soon. Keep up the strive for the highest and be the Brother you can be for your chapters and district.

AEA, everyone

Fraternally Submitted

Keegan Gage Turney

Kappa Kappa Psi

Epsilon Beta Chapter President

2018-2019 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer

# Appendix C: Final Officer Report - Vice President for Programs Brady Gilleran

Brothers of the Southwest District,

As my time as a college student, active brother, and district officer comes to an end, I can honestly say it has been an wild amazing ride. My time started last year running for Vice President for Membership of the Southwest District. Once the nominations committee announced their slate for me as Vice President for Programs, I was very honored, but then had to do some quick reading could I had no clue what Keegan did. This made me very relieved when the Southwest District voted me in unanimously without having to give a presentation. Thanks Makenzie.

We started off right away having to fill our open Secretary/Treasurer position, and tons of brothers applied and I am very grateful we choose a very qualified and excited candidate, Keegan. After Keegan was selected, I got told that all the awards responsibility was given to me. So summer started off very busy and very productive.

I had a fantastic time meeting with Meeka Smith, the Tau Beta Sigma VPSP, to create the New Alto Team for this year and I can confidently say that they have been some of the most qualified and hard-working people in Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma I have ever worked with. Communication was clear and amazing stuff got done seamlessly. Also I am extremely proud of all of you submitting to the New Alto. We have had tons of cool submissions and I can't wait to read more next year!

At Winter council I got the wake up call at what all I hadn't done yet and I kicked it into high gear. I took the notes from last year's spirit committee to create the first form for the four pillars award, and began creating more clear applications for the other district awards. I am so happy that so many chapters applied for all the awards, and I want to express that the Southwest District is doing amazing things. Keep it up.

This last year as an active member has been an amazing experience that has let me grow so much as a person. And I couldn't have done it without all the amazing brothers and sisters of the Southwest District here today.

## To the Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Council,

It has been amazing getting to work and bond with you over this past year. It was great being able to collect so much knowledge and experience y'all have as people in these organizations. I want to especially thank Meeka for all the work and fun times I've had as your counterpart. You have made this job extremely easy and I hope I have done even half as good of a job as you have done as an district officer.

#### To Annie Jane:

Breathe, Thanks for being so supportive and commutative with the council when we have had questions. It made my job and my stress so much easier to handle. I am so grateful to have had you as my District President while on Council. You've made is so fun and carefree, I hope I've relieved some of your stress as well. Good luck at Intel!

#### To Hannah:

It was so great sharing ideas and thoughts on the Road to Wisdom last year as chapter VPMs. I'm so excited you were selected as the Southwest District VPM. It's been so fun getting to chill and work with you throughout the year. Let's work to get Lambda and Delta back to the bromance we used to have.

#### To Keegan,

I've known you for too dang long, 10 years. I can't believe how much you have grown as a person and a brother and I grow more proud of you every day. Even though you over book yourself way too much and sometimes I have to call your little to get you to remember a council meeting, I know I do a lot of the same stuff and that doesn't whatsoever reflect the spirit and pride you have for this organization. I'm glad we were able to stick together all way from the Legacy of Bryant to the District Leadership roles we have today. You mean alot to me.

#### To Toni,

It makes me happy knowing that a STEM Major can still make it in the band world. Your guidance and work in this fraternity is priceless and I am grateful to have you as my governor while on council.

To Clint,

I really wish I knew you while you were active on council. You know sooooooo much about this Fraternity and I feel like every time I talk to you I learn something new about this fraternity or some history about some tiny Oklahoma town. I'm sorry I didn't eat all the toppings on the pizza at Oklahoma Area. I will do better next time. Thanks for all you do for the District.

#### To Andy,

Nationals couldn't have picked a better person to fill Kalem's shoes. You did a great job as my curriculum advisor when I was a VPM and a even better job as my governor. The Southwest District is lucky to have you, and I hope you stay for a long time.

#### To the brothers of the Lambda Chapter,

You started my journey on this Road to Wisdom. I am proud to say you have grown as much as myself over the past four years and maybe even more. I wouldn't be the brother or person I am today without all the constant fun times and loooooooong brotherhood discussions till 5 AM in the morning. I am so proud of the leadership and district involvement you are encouraging amongst yourselves. I can't wait to see what the future holds for the best chapter in the Southwest District. But I have an obligation to talk about the Largest Member last.

# To Garret Gardenhire,

When I first met you, I knew you were gonna be "That kid" in class. Does all his homework on time, works double overtime on everything assigned to him, goes for President or chair in every organization you are involved in, and I hope you never stop. The words I told you in the food court of the Union back in 2017 still ring true today. You are going to do great things for Kappa Kappa Psi moving forward, and you will be the one to lead the charge. It has been an honor being on council you but especially being on exec with you as my Lambda Chapter President. You have done an amazing job getting our brothers to Strive for the Highest and I'm glad you have led us on the pathway to become a Chapter Leadership Finalist and can't wait to see what happens at convention this year. Thanks for being my brother!

These are the following charges to the 2019-2020 Vice President for Programs

- Continue the history of excellence in New Alto Team Members and Submissions
- Evaluate the success of the Supply Sound Drive with your TBS counterpart and find a service project that is even better
- Start on award applications earlier and work to advertise them via email and the New Alto as well as Facebook
- Continue to Always Strive for Highest in communication with the District Council, Governors and Counselors, they will be your greatest ally

Thank you again Southwest District for letting me serve you as your Vice President for Programs over the last year. Let me know if you ever need anything. I'm always willing to help my brothers of the Southwest.

Fraternally yours,

Brady James "What's Your Nickname" "Balls of Fury" "Daisy Duke" Gilleran Lambda Chapter Vice President for Service Southwest District Vice President for Programs

# Appendix D: Final Officer Report - Vice President for Membership Hannah Cheeseman

Hello Brothers of the Southwest,

In my time serving as SWD VPM, I went into excited to help and serve. I thought it would be similar to serving as a chapter officer and that I would get the same things out of it. I was so naive and wrong. I got the opportunity to work with people I've never met before, meet new brothers and sisters, and learn from them more than I thought I would. I wanted to make the Southwest a better place but I think the Southwest has made me a much better brother, person, and leader

Here's some quick recaps from this year:

All fall, Hannah Wilson and I planned workshop after workshop, searching for speakers in the area. We had 10 student speakers apply and had council members pitch in as well. I believe the student speaker process is a great way for people to get involved and share their skills with the district. I never thought we would have too many people apply and have to go through a selection process to choose student speakers.

As workshop season came around and we had 50-100 people at almost every workshop, I was so excited! I was also so happy to see chapters travelling all around the Southwest to go to multiple workshops. I had such a great time at each and every one of them and I feel closer to so many of you that I met at each of them.

The stress of travelling and putting on these workshops back to back was a lot, but I would do it all again in an instant. Not only did I get to meet the most wonderful people from around the district, but I got so much closer to both councils and had an amazing support system to lean on

I hope to see more chapters at workshops in the future, because we got great feedback and saw some chapters make some awesome road trip memories.

Now for the thank yous: (I promised my chapter delegate last year that I wouldn't cry during this part but know that they're heartfelt and I don't cry)

I would like to take this time to thank the host chapters for being so great as to host area workshops this semester! (KKY, TBS)

Delta Chi and Gamma Omicron - Arkansas Area

Delta and Delta - Oklahoma Area

Zeta Kappa and Epsilon Beta - North Texas

Beta Sigma and Tau - South Texas

(TBS) Alpha Omicron - East Texas/Louisiana

Alpha Psi and Xi - West Texas/NM

All it really takes is some coordination of reserving rooms, finding parking, and helping with registration to host an area workshop. We were fortunate enough to find a date that was preferable for all the chapters. Thank you to those of you who stepped up and helped us out!

To my fellow TBS Council - Natalia, Hannah, Meeka, and Ciara - I got to meet you all at NLC and you all welcomed me with open arms. Thank you all for your undying support and making me feel like part of your family right off the bat.

To Hannah Wilson specifically - You're my other half. Literally. I have been so lucky to have gotten the BEST TBS counterparts for the past two years, and you're no exception. I hope people keep on telling you how great you are once we stop working together because you deserve it. I love that I could tell you what's going on in my life or that I could be like "I need a day or two to work on this thing" and you'd be so understanding. Thank you for being great at the things I lack in and for being one of my closest friends

To Garret - Where do I even start with you? The first time we got to hang out was at winter council and everyone was really mean to you, yet somehow we ended up being best friends by like the second workshop. Thank you for reassuring me and knowing when I need to be reassured. Also, we are starting the podcast this summer and it's going to be awesome.

To Keegan - I'm sorry I made so many jokes about you being dead... I was really just lashing out because I wanted you there. I am so glad you joined council this year once again and that I got to know you. I never have met someone who is just happy to be around others. I also appreciate that you share the same appreciation for Hannah Wilson that I do. You really are a great person to have as a friend.

To Brady - I love that we started chatting because we both wanted to talk membership and how our chapters are handling the R2W. I was so happy that someone else wanted to be involved after it looked like our VPM was vacant. I am so glad we became friends and that I have had the opportunity to be council on with you. You've done a great job as VPP and I know you'll do a great job as an adult in Santa Monica.

To Annie Jane - Thank you for letting me text you a million questions and for being such a relatable person that I could talk to. I truly admire you dedication to the fraternity and that you travelled so far to come to workshops. You are also going to be a great engineer in the real adult world you're about to go into. Go show them how powerful female leaders can be!

To Clint - thanks for not blocking me on gmail after emailing you a ton. Thank you for having all the answers - or at least it seems like you do.

To Toni - You have been so nice and friendly and I feel like I even learned a lot more about you through your workshop at East Texas Area. Keep on being such a great mom and teacher.

To Andy - I may be biased since you're my ggbig, but I literally made a little scream in the middle of class when I got the email that you took the open governor position. Thank you for letting me text you all the time when I don't know what to do.

To the chapters that have taken me in like I was one of their own - thank you for helping me find a home. Delta was my original home but now I feel like the SWD is my home. Thank you all for being so supportive, welcoming, and inviting.

To Zeta Kappa - I wouldn't be standing here right now without your support. Thank you for being such a great help this year.

To my chapter's delegate, jacob robinett, my little, I can't describe how proud I am, despite disowning you every other day. You have grown as a leader into a president position, and I can't tell you how happy I am to have you here today. To my chapter, Delta, thank you for supporting me and helping me become a better person.

#### For the 2019-2020 District Council

Charges:

• Keep in contact with the chapters of the southwest as much as possible. Don't be a stranger to them when you're at district events.

For the 2019-2020 Vice President for Membership:

- Continue to contact the SWD VPMs and either continue the facebook page or create a new medium for you all to communicate
- Find new ways to improve and shake up workshops even just the small ones
- ASK FOR HELP it will be something you will do constantly and someone is more than happy to answer you

Fraternally submitted,

Hannah Cheeseman

Delta Chapter - Historian

SWD Vice President for Membership 2018-2019.

# **Appendix E: Final Officer Report - Governor Andy Melvin**

Final Officer Report 2018-2019 Andy Melvin Southwest District Governor

- -Introduction
- -Summary of the year
  - Learning lessons through over-commitment
  - Challenge of the learning curve for my new role, inexperience at District level
  - Winter Council meetings
  - Spring travel, shout outs to host chapters
    - o West Texas / New Mexico Alpha Psi, lunch with candidates
    - o Arkansas Delta Chi, lunch with the chapter
    - o South Texas Beta Sigma, yay warm weather and brotherhood!
    - o NED Convention Epsilon Nu (UMass) thanks for being great hosts and welcoming me back to your campus
    - o SWD Convention Epsilon (SWOSU) thanks for being terrific hosts and running a well-organized convention without any major incidents
- -My charge to the District for 2019-2020
  - We MUST do the little things well. That is how we prepare for high level, sustained success.
- -A confession my opinions of the SWD Council as an active
- -Thank You!

- Keegan Learning how to manage time well is going to take you far
- Brady Your calm, warm, friendly nature is my favorite thing about you, and a wonderful leadership quality
- Garrett You are a visionary leader, and one of my new favorite Eagle Scouts!
- Toni and Clinton Thanks for being great friends, listening to all of my terrible questions, and helping guide me through my first year on Council. I look forward to continuing to grow with both of you.
- Hannah Thanks for making me such a proud Great Grandbig! Keep up the good work
- Annie Jane <u>MY</u> president. Thank you for being such an inspiration to the District, to the Council, and to me this year. I can't wait to keep learning from you, and I feel so lucky to have gotten to serve with you.
- National Council The opportunity to serve here is a debt I will never be able to repay.

Respectfully submitted,

AEA

Andy Melvin

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

An abbreviated version of this report was presented to the delegation at the 2019 SWD Convention.

Brothers of the Southwest,

Welcome to Weatherford and the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. I hope your convention experience so far has been enjoyable and fulfilling.

In a year that has been full of personal reflection, I find myself feeling nostalgic as I stand on this stage to present my report for the 2018-19 district term. I know I am not the only alumnus of SWOSU's band camp or jazz festival present at this convention, and it is nice to revisit a place that was important in my development as a student musician.

#### Personal Overview

This year has been one of transition in the district. We have welcomed a new member of the Governor Corps, implemented an area realignment, worked under a restructured district constitution, and changed many of our awards procedures, and that's just to start. Your District

Council has had to be highly flexible this year, and I am grateful that they were a group that could be so.

My activities this year have involved a number of national projects in advance of this summer's National Convention in addition to our usual slate of district events and projects. I am fortunate to serve on the Nominations Committee for this biennium and in January joined the Fraternity's Centennial Committee, which is planning the special celebration in Stillwater that will follow National Convention. I have also been a guest on the Fraternity podcast *Kappa Kappa Psi Presents* to share knowledge gained from my Fraternity hobby, which is researching our early history. I will travel to the Southeast District Convention for the first time next month as a guest presenter and committee advisor, and have been involved with other responsibilities for the national organization as well.

Within the district, my work this year has largely involved advising the District Council in their activities, particularly when discussing evaluations of district operations. As I mentioned, this year has seen some changes to how we do things, and discussions will continue on these matters. I was fortunate to attend the Chapter Leadership Conference over the summer and the Oklahoma and South Texas Area workshops in the later part of this year. A scheduling conflict forced the cancellation of my planned trip to the Arkansas Area Workshop. I'll do my best to be there next year. My work this year has also involved necessary outreach to chapters, sponsors, and directors when issues have arisen, and I am pleased that all these interactions were handled quickly and professionally.

My personal work this year has centered on a variety of Fraternity research projects; some of these are related to ongoing district projects, while others are born of the desire to have better resources for the work your Governors and our Counselor counterparts do with directors, sponsors, and chapters. While the active membership may not see the fruits of some of these labors directly, I believe they will prove beneficial for the future.

#### National Programs and Procedures

I am encouraged to see that the Southwest District has been an active participant in many Fraternity programs over the past year. Brothers from across the district are serving in various roles on national committees and as Curriculum Advisors. Four of our brothers received AEA Scholarships this year. Many of our chapters participated in the Month of Musicianship, and one of our brothers won the hashtag contest that was part of this year's event. Chapters have been involved in applying for individual Fraternity awards, and I know many of you either have

completed or will soon complete your applications for the upcoming National Intercollegiate Band. In most respects, our participation in national programming is at a high level.

But there is one area where our lack of participation is glaring: eligibility and application for the William A. Scroggs Founder's Trophy and the Kenneth M. Corbett Most Improved Chapter Award. The basic requirement to be eligible to apply for these awards is to turn in your chapter's national reports on time over the biennium. Only 25 chapters in the district were eligible to apply when the time came, and of those, only five did. That's stunning. If your chapter is eligible for these, then you should apply.

As you might expect, with less than half of our total number of chapters being eligible for national chapter awards, the district is continuing to see issues with on-time paperwork submission. A recent check of the official Status and Membership Report showed that 33 chapters – over 60 percent of our total – have had at least one report turned in late this year. The deadlines don't change, but the problem persists. Take your reports seriously and don't wait until the last minute to do them. Let's make that change start with the Chapter Summary Reports that are due on June 1. TURN YOUR REPORTS IN ON TIME.

The Governors continue to encourage chapters to submit Activity Reviews as part of the Road to Wisdom. Some chapters have been better this year than last, some have dropped off, and most chapters are the same – sending nothing. This is a vital part of the program, particularly for making sure your chapter's activities are in compliance. Please recognize it as such and submit reviews. Remember, when it comes to membership education activities, it is better to ask permission than beg forgiveness. Also remember that the Road to Wisdom will be evaluated this summer, so if any of you have comments or suggestions regarding the program, submit them. Your participation is a key factor in making the program the best it can be.

As the academic year closes, I hope as many of you as are able will attend National Convention this summer in Stillwater. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime Fraternity event, and will lay the groundwork not only for our next biennium, but our next 100 years. The special Centennial Day events promise to be a true celebration of Kappa Kappa Psi and how we have grown over the last century. I have no doubt that this is a convention you will regret missing if you choose not to attend, so I hope to see you in July! Remember that the district has assistance grants available — we want you to be there and can give you money to help make it happen.

#### **District Events**

Our district events this year have been well-planned and well-run. I want to thank each of the schools that hosted either Chapter Leadership Conference or an Area Workshop, and "The Hannahs" for their hard work and dedication in programming these events. I also want to congratulate our host chapters this weekend from SWOSU; even with last-minute obstacles being put in your way, you have done an outstanding job operating this convention.

With our events, we have noticed a trend of declining attendance in recent years at workshops and occasionally at District Convention. While this is dependent on a number of factors with regard to convention, it has been consistent with Area Workshops. A number of steps have been taken to try to reverse the trend, including the area realignment that went into effect this year. The Councils, Governors, and Counselors will continue to evaluate programming, scheduling, and other aspects of these events to find the combination that best serves the district. In the meantime, let us know what you'd like to see.

#### **District Programs and Operations**

This year has seen an expansion of district awards programming with the introduction of the Four Pillars Awards. The response to these awards was highly favorable and chapters that applied showed why they rank among the best the Southwest District has to offer. It is hoped that these awards will continue to become valued recognition of achievement in the concepts our Fraternity holds dear. Congratulations to all of our inaugural winners.

The year has also seen changes to operations in various aspects of district business, from awards applications to the district constitution structure. Some of these changes have been easily handled, while others have encountered some noticeable setbacks. Because of these situations, both good and bad, I know the ongoing evaluation that the Governors and Council do of our various operational methods will be more in-depth as our new Council comes on board. Aspects such as our outreach methods, programming in general, how operations are performed, program application procedures, election processes, and more will be under deeper scrutiny to ensure these areas and more are the best they can be for the active membership of the district.

However, we also know that some of the issues with business and programs are not on the Council end of things. Participation in many programs is down, and while it is the Council's job to administer and promote these programs, it is your job to participate. Lack of participation from the active membership will kill programs and events – if you believe the work done by the district to support your chapters is valuable, take advantage of it.

This also extends to areas such as district council candidacy and convention hosting bids. The number of submissions in these areas this year was dangerously low, and the council and convention can only be successful with strong student participation. Do not let these opportunities pass by; they truly are some of the most unique and memorable experiences you and your chapter can have within Kappa Kappa Psi.

#### Additional Issues

At this point in the report, there are some additional issues to discuss.

We have seen incidents and allegations across the Fraternity in recent months related to hazing. Quite simply, this is ridiculous. The Fraternity's stance on hazing is clear – it has no place in our order. That some continue to justify such actions, particularly in the name of "culture" and "tradition," is frustrating, but not uncommon – and not just in our world. Just this week, a prominent student organization at the University of Texas was suspended for six years following the death of a prospective new member and subsequent discovery of numerous hazing practices. The influence of hazing exists in many places, and it can be difficult to stand against something we know to be wrong when peers or elders may be telling us it's OK to do anyway, but we must all be vigilant so that these practices finally end. Don't haze, and don't tolerate it from others.

We have also seen incidents and allegations related to violations of other Fraternity policies. While not carrying the same stigma as hazing violations, these problems are also disappointing. Our policies are available at kkpsi.org and in the National Constitution; if you have questions about them, ask. Part of the job of the Governors and the National Council is to be a resource for questions like that. But don't knowingly violate policies and simply hope you don't get caught.

On a more local level, there are some sentiments I know have circulated in the district that I feel must be addressed.

At recent conventions, some decisions have been made with which not all chapters have agreed. That's fine – things are never going to go exactly the way everyone wants all the time. But I address this because some chapters have responded to these decisions in a poor manner.

The district membership, the District Councils, and the District Governors do not make decisions out of spite, nor is anyone "out to get" anyone else. Decisions are made because they are believed to be the best course of action for the District as a whole. Now, again, not everyone will agree with each decision all of the time – that's just life. But how you handle disagreements matters, and some have not handled their disagreements well.

I can tell you from experience – the best way to address grievances is to be professional. Spouting off on social media, putting people down behind their back, or openly defying decisions and policy doesn't solve the problem; it only reflects poorly on whoever is performing such actions.

If the District is making decisions your chapter doesn't understand, ask for clarification. If there are decisions your chapter doesn't like, find the proper way to present that disagreement. If it's something that the active membership decides, make sure your chapter and other like-minded chapters show up to the next convention. This is a student-run organization, but you can't influence things unless you are participating in the discussion. Also remember that even if you do everything right, things won't always break in your favor.

Everyone that is part of the Southwest District is valued and an important part of our work and fellowship. If decisions within your control aren't what you want, show up to events, use the proper channels, and make your voice heard the right way!

#### Acknowledgments

I'll close with my thank-yous and some brief comments.

To our host chapters, Epsilon Epsilon and Gamma Phi: thank you for all the work you have done this year to make this convention a success, and I want to especially thank Jessica Haas and Blair Peoples for their work as the convention coordinators. I hope that all of you realize what you accomplished this weekend, and use it to build to even greater things.

To the Tau Beta Sigma District Council: thanks for your work this year to make our joint endeavors worthwhile and successful for the brothers and sisters of the Southwest. You are a stellar group of student leaders, and I know our council has enjoyed working with each of you.

To Garret: thank you for your drive to see the work of the Member at Large completed at a high level. I know you expected to be doing some different things this year, but you've adapted well to the role you were asked to serve. Best of luck with whatever comes next.

To Keegan: I know things this year didn't go exactly the way you planned, but I am glad you chose to come back to the District Council. The district is better for you having served as one of its leaders for the past two years. I still believe what I said a year ago: you have a good heart and a love not only for the Fraternity, but the people in it. Don't lose those qualities, and good luck.

To Brady: thanks for everything you've done this year. Your office can be a demanding position, especially when trying to graduate, but you've done top-notch work with the New ALTO and the awards application changes. Best of luck as you prepare for your next step.

To Hannah: you had big shoes to fill in your office, and you've done so without issue. Thank you for your dedication to making our workshops and the Chapter Leadership Conference worthwhile events for the membership, and for the work you have done to help chapters implement the Road to Wisdom properly.

To Annie Jane: I know this year has been a new experience for you, but you've handled it well. You have done a great job this year as president, and though it's not always easy, you've made sure what's needed to be done has been done. Just remember to relax once in a while, and things will work out fine. Thank you for your work over this biennium, and the best of luck to you as you move on.

Toni, Andy, Ashlyn, and Kathy – we have survived again! Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication to making the student experience the best it can be not only for our Councils, but for the brothers and sisters they serve. For Andy and Ashlyn, you have adapted to your roles quickly, and that is to everyone's benefit. I am glad the two of you are now part of "this side" of operations, and for all of you, I remain honored to be your colleague.

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.

This has been a hard year in my personal life. As we all do, I've gotten older, with more gray hair appearing every time I look. Things this year have made me even more aware of growing older, and I've done a lot of existential thinking because of it – I'm not quite old enough for a midlife crisis, but sometimes you have to take a look at where you are. I lost my mother last July, and I am still learning to live with that loss. Those of you who have unfortunately experienced the same know what I mean.

Through that difficult time and since, I have been grateful for the unwavering support and concern of my good friends and colleagues. I have tried to stay focused on my work, but that's not always easy, and someone has been there to catch me when I've slipped. I may not always express such, but I am forever grateful for those of you who have stood by me during the past year.

My continued thanks to all my friends throughout Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. I remain fortunate to have your friendship, and the passion each of you have for our cause continues to inspire me.

Thanks to all of you who continue to make our Fraternity a vital part of college and university bands in this District. It is a privilege to serve the students of the Southwest and help enrich your experience in Kappa Kappa Psi.

I remain honored to serve the Southwest as Governor, and I look forward to what we will accomplish next year as Kappa Kappa Psi moves onward and upward into our second century.

Fraternally,

Clinton J. Wieden

Southwest District Governor

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

Brothers,

It is an honor to be selected to serve, and it has been an honor to serve as your Governor. This year has been challenging personally due to family and work commitments. I am so lucky to be partnered with some amazing Brothers and Sisters to aide in guiding your district. Clinton and Andy have been wonderful support through the year. Kathy and Ashlyn (Not Sammy) have helped with convention planning and programming. We really do work well together and make an awesome team. Thank you for listening without judging and supporting me throughout the year. I could not have made it through the year without you.

My council has been doing their best. Annie Jane has worked behind the scenes to plan convention and lead the district while finishing out her degree. Keegan, though MIA at times comes through when needed. Remember, life happens so just keep going. Hannah has done a great job with workshop season and working with the VPs throughout the district. You have done are an exceptional lady. Brady has done a great job in our new position with programs. I think the entire council has done their best to lead the district and continue a tradition of being the best. The council always made sure someone was at the hangouts with national leadership and area workshops. Oh wait, I forgot someone. Garrett, thanks for be a good sport and know

that I did not leave you off of the list. You have been a great MAL. You have done awesome work with your programs throughout the year. It was wonderful seeing my council at area workshops and during our video meetings. Even when you stress me out, I am still proud of you. Each of you has contributed greatly to the council and the district. Thank you for serving alongside me.

Thank you to the host chapters for Area Workshops. Though I was only able to travel to two workshops this year, I had a wonderful time interacting with the Brothers that attended. I challenge you to attend more workshops next year. We need to see more brothers at the workshops to learn lessons, become stronger leaders and participate in fellowship.

A big thank you to the host chapters, Epsilon Epsilon and Gamma Phi, for a wonderful convention. You have done an amazing job. No one knew when something did not go exactly as planned. I have heard nothing but praise from those in attendance. Your governors may be contacting you in the future to provide music at future conventions. Our impromptu Karaoke session yesterday was some to the most engaged I have seen brothers at convention in a long time. Thank you for being awesome. To our coordinators Jessica and Blair, you did an amazing job.

It has been a while since we have been on a campus with a chapter of Kappa Psi. As you may have heard, we are not a pharmaceutical fraternity so remember that there are two Kappas in our great fraternity's name. The pharmaceutical fraternity is not celebrating their centennial, Kappa Psi is! Remember each letter has a meaning, which one are you choosing to say is not important enough when you drop a kappa?

As a district, I have seen some changes over the years. Yes, I am old. I will focus on the time I have served as a Governor. Over the years I have seen the active body change. I would like to challenge you to put away the technology and really experience your time as an active. With an exponential increase in the use of various social media platforms, I have notices a disengagement of the drive membership. Long gone are the days when you only get to know what your Brothers across the district are doing only when you see them in person. Make the most of your time with your Brothers. You will spend most of your life as an alumni. You may make amazing friends and connections through your time, but are you making lifelong connections? Will you end up rooming with a brother from across the state some time down the road or will you sick to Brothers and sisters from your university? Will you jump in a car for a random road trip to a workshop because there is room in a car or will you sit at home because you don't really know the people going to workshop? I challenge you to take the leap and vent

our out of your comfort zone. Put down your phone and go talk to someone you just met. Make connections don't just follow someone on social media, get to know them.

There is so much room for improvement all across our district. Take advantage of available resources. Reach out to your council, governors, and even national leadership when you need assistance. Deadlines are closer than they appear. Make sure you talk to your sponsor and DOB early in the semester and keep in contact with them. They are busy people so give them plenty of time to sign reports. Go sit with them and talk to them about what you are doing. They need to know!

This year we have seen an increase in late paperwork, applications and packets without letters of support from sponsors and Director of Bands. This is not acceptable. This is not striving for the highest. Make sure you take care of business. REmember every Brother in your chapter has access to the OMRS. Every Brother can assist in writing and submitting reports. Make sure you utilize the entire chapter. Everyone should be aware of the required reports and deadlines. Take advantage of district and national programs and opportunities. There are awards, scholarships, and grants available. Apply for them. Put in bids to host convention and run for a district office. Even if you do not win, the experience will be worth it. You will grow as a Brother and a chapter.

Pay attention! In the past few years, we have seen votes go to the floor and then seen unexpected outcomes such as electing a slate. Put your phones down and know what is going on around you. Every chapter has something to learn and share with the district. Pay attention to reports and motions. Know what you are voting on. If you have questions or concerns, use calls for discussion to voice your concerns. Be respectful of others and hold yourself to the high standards that have been set before you. Be your best, strive for the highest, get your stuff done, and make your program and your chapter better. You can be the one to make a difference. Take what you have learned at Area workshops and district convention to your chapter and make things better. Share your experiences with the district to inspire others. Make the most of your time as an active and then join the NAA and continue your journey.

I challenge you to venture out and have an adventure. Increase fellowship, visit Brothers at other schools, run for district offices, and enjoy your time as an active.

Respectfully submitted, Toni M. Castle Southwest District Governor Beta Sigma - Life Epsilon Delta - Alumni Tau Beta Sigma - Honorary

# **Appendix H: Final Officer Report - President Annie Jane Burns**

Dear brothers of the Southwest District.

Hello. Anyone who knows me knows I am an awkward walking ball of anxiety, but very happy y'all voted for me last year. No but really, this year has been a blast. Finishing up school, figuring out what I'm gonna do for the rest of my life, working with everyone to plan convention this year, no stress at all.

This experience has taught me the importance of preplanning. There are times where you will be 1000% on your a-game, and then fall into a slump. It's okay to step back, and take care of yourself. We are a family. I've learned to rely on those around me for support and help. I wouldn't have been able to accomplish all I have this year, if I didn't get that help. I am a very anxious bean who stumbles and trips up, but everyone here has done nothing but lift me up. And for that I am grateful more than I can ever express.

This is the last southwest district convention I will attend as an active. When I began this journey, I honestly had no idea what all went into this position. I'm thankful for Makenzie and everyone else for answering my questions this year. Continuing The Charge, we had a total of 17 chapters participate this year. While an improvement from last, we have over 50 chapters. I charge you all to take those opportunities to show off all the work your chapter does. In one district, we do so many diverse things and it is awesome to see. If you participated this year, please stand up.

One thing I definitely learned from this is plan out the schedule of tasks you want to do. Scheduling delegate forms, committee formation, finding advisors, finding presenters, communicating with those who are helping. It is a lot to manage and coordinate and I'm happy for the skills I was able to learn from all the work.

Being on council is fun. It is hard work, but it is so worth it. Whether you are graduating, or just beginning your fraternal journey, I encourage you all to think about how you can best serve this district and get involved. The skills and things you learn here will transfer anywhere. My interview was all the experiences I have learned from and had with my brothers.

I hope I did a good job this year. I tried my best to serve the district well and gave it all my all.

Charges to the Southwest District 2018-2019 President

- 1. Continue to have a district wide activity to showcase all of the accomplishments of chapters of the southwest.
- 2. Give it your all.

## Charges to the Southwest District of 2018-2019

- 1. Communicate with your district officers. (I loved all of you who I was able to speak to this past year. Also sorry if I ever took longer than a couple days to respond, I tried to be on top of it as possible. Crying.)
- 2. Be engaged. Pay attention to what other chapters are doing in your district, in others, across the nation. And take those opportunities to share what you have been up to!
- 3. Be proactive. Enough said.

Now just some quick acknowledgements and farewell messages. I'm horrible at words, so know these are genuine and with much love.

TBS Council and Governors, I love you all. I have had the pleasure of being able to work with some of you for two years now. I appreciate all your support and all you do to serve the district. Special shout-out to my incredible counterpart, Natalia. I look up to you so much. I wouldn't have been able to do this without you. I love you.

Hannah, not only are you the other girl here, but another engineer. This whole council this year was just a bunch of nerds. But thank you for being so kind and supportive this year. Whether it was sneaky scheming texts or reassurance, I could always count on you. And that means a lot. Thank you.

The boys aka Garret, Brady and Keegan, Garret you are a pretty dope guy. You're doing great sweaty. You were always so on top of things and offering your help. I'm very impressed with the work you've done. Brady you're also pretty dope. Thanks for all the reminders to just breathe, but really I appreciate all you've done, especially this weekend to step up and help me out. It always nice to be able to count on your brothers. \*trigger warning\*\*\*\*\* Keegan...welcome to your tape. No but year number two and you're still as incredible. I don't feel like I'm as on top of it as Dino with bugging you, but I've been trying. I hope you know I'm always here for you and offer my support.

Governors, hello. Kalem, Toni and Clint...Kalem, though you are not a governor any more, the kind words you gave me from the first council meeting we had still mean a lot. Toni and Clint, it's been two years now. Clint, I guess I can finally say I am no longer scared of you. Thank you for your guidance and endless stories. Andddd reminding me thousands of times to relax. Toni, you are so wonderful. I always appreciate your knowledge and getting to talk about nerdy engineering things. Andy! It has been a pleasure getting to know you. I am so happy to have been able to work with you this year. You are providing wonderful guidance for this council.

Gamma Iota, hi guys. I'm so happy almost all of us came minus a couple people. It's been a year. I'm proud of how far we've come and all that you've accomplished. Remember to love each other unconditionally and always lift each other up if we stumble or overcommit. I love you guys so much. Special shout-out to the mood orange. He's a real homie. But really you guys are so supportive, I don't know where I'd be without you all. Through thick and thin, at the end of the day we are a family and I love you.

To my littles, I just wanted to give you guys a little love. Sefe, who isn't here, Kassie, Chris. You are all my favorite. I have so much love for you. And Alphie, even though you can't understand a word I say, I love you too.

And finally Southwest. I've always been the shy, timid one in the back of the room, a leader who tries to avoid the spotlight, who enjoys observing and being the fly on the wall. But you. You all helped me to find my voice and make me feel like I belong here. You all gave me my home here in the Southwest. You have helped shape me into the confident, semi-okay with public speaking, person I am today. I love you all so much.

In the end, the best is all you can do, and you can be happy in that. Keep striving Southwest.

Fraternally submitted, Annie Jane Burns Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District President 2018-19 Kappa Kappa Psi Gamma Iota

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

- Report of the 2019 Convention Site Committee Committee Chair Name and Chapter:
  - o Jessica Haas, Epsilon Epsilon
  - o Blair Peoples, Gamma Phi
- Committee Member(s) Name(s) and Chapter(s)
  - o TBS Members

- Sami Chick, Beta Nu
- Jessica Fuentes, Beta- Proxy Iota
- Allison Sessom, Beta
- Meg Reasner, Gamma Phi
- Katelyn Charles
- KKPsi Members
  - Drew Wilson, Lambda
  - Katarina Lile, Delta Sigma
  - Caleb Ryan Tullius, Alpha Chi
  - Breydon Renard, Epsilon Epsilon
  - Dawn Smith, Eta Nu
- Advisor(s) Name(s)
  - o Toni Castle, Governor
  - Kathy Webster, Counselor
- The 2019 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following:
  - Review the report of the 2018 Convention Site Committee.
  - Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the deadline.
  - Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site
     Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the same presenters.
  - Review all bid packets from bidding chapters and schedule interviews/ presentations with each one.
    - Each bidding university that meets the stated requirements will have a presentation and question/answer period during the second joint session.
  - Discuss bids and slate a host chapter for the 2020 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to host, a "no slate" can be suggested.
  - Review the Prezi and make any necessary changes.

#### • Committee Report

- To begin, the 2019 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 2018 Convention Site Committee was reviewed.
- All bids were collected at the designated time; one bid was received to host the 2020 Southwest District Convention. The bid was thoroughly reviewed and interviews with the potential host chapters were scheduled. Before meeting with the potential host chapter, 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 the potential hosts on Saturday March 30th to view their presentations and discuss their bids to host the 2020

- Southwest District Convention. Questions were asked of the presenters and discussions between the presenters and committee took place discussing the details of the bids.
- To wrap up the meetings of the 2019 Southwest District Convention Site
   Committee, the bid for district convention was discussed and agreed upon for the
   2020 Southwest District Convention.
- Slate for the 2019 Southwest District Convention
  - The Convention Site Committee would like to slate, with conditions, the Gamma Iota(KKY) chapter University of New Mexico to host the 2020 Southwest District Convention provided that they follow our conditions we've listed. The deadline to provide this information to the advisors will be thirty one days from today, May 1st. If these provisions are not met by that deadline, the floor will be open again for bids
    - Letters showing support from DOB, Sponsor, and high level university officials.
    - More detailed budget for expenses for the convention.
    - Find and select a Tau Beta Sigma chapter to work with to coordinate ritual
- The above conditions must be met by May 1, 2019. If the above conditions are not met, the District Counselors and Governors will open the bid process to the district for convention site hosts for 2020.
- The Committee charges the 2020 Convention Site Committee with the following:
  - If the final bid is accepted the convention site committee charges the host chapter to do the following:
    - Send representation to each Area Workshop to promote the convention
    - Share their travel experiences to aide in the planning of other chapters
    - Reach out to the district periodically to encourage attendance
    - Promote Alumni involvement at convention
- If the final bid is accepted, the convention site committee charges the district Councils to do the following:
  - Adjust the convention schedule to include a later start time and an earlier ending time to allow for travel
  - Promote Alumni involvement at convention
  - Promote chapter communication among surrounding chapters to coordinate travel plans
- The Committee charges the 2020 Convention Site Committee with the following:
  - Review the report of the 2019 Convention Site Committee.
  - Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention by the deadline.

- Ensure that bidding chapters present the same information to the Convention Site
   Committee and the Joint Delegation, with the same presenters.
- Review all bid packets from bidding chapters and schedule interviews/ presentations with each one. Each bidding university that meets the stated requirements will have a presentation and question/answer period during the second joint session.
- Discuss bids and slate a host chapter for the 2020 SWD Convention. If the committee feels that no chapter is prepared to host, a "no slate" can be suggested.
- Review the presentations and make any necessary changes.

#### • Thank You's

- We were very honored to co-chair this committee and would like to thank all committee members for being so insightful during our meetings. From all the details we discussed, we can see a change of mindset for the Southwest District and for each individual member. We appreciate the fact we were able to imagine new ways to view our lives as members, as organizations and as a district. Your thoughtful contributions and help were invaluable. Thank you for being a part of this committee and helping advise the delegation about a very important decision and mindset for our future. We would also like to thank Toni and Kathy, as well as every member of council for teaching us the valuable lessons of patience and fortitude. You helped make all of this possible and we are incredibly grateful. Finally, we would like to thank our Director of Bands and our Sponsors, Mr. Marc Mueller, Tyler Gorshing and Joyce Teghtmeyer. Each of you have given us the support of hosting convention since day one.
- To the chapter of Epsilon Epsilon and Gamma Phi: Thank you for all of your hard work this past year and especially this semester. This convention would not have ran as smooth as it did without each and everyone of you. Our hearts are full with the love and dedication that we have for our school and for each other. We could not be more proud. This event has brought us closer together and as we end this convention and eventually graduate, we hope that this experience has shown you we can work together no matter what. We encourage you to never lose this connection we have now. By working together we can accomplish great things!
- O (Blair) First of all, I would like to thank my friend, fellow co-chair, and red-headed beauty and fireball, Jessica Haas. I had absolutely no idea what to expect as far as this convention was concerned and between the two of us we solved pretty much every issue that came our way. We are solid my dude and through this experience I think we are going to accomplish anything we set our minds to after graduation this semester. We each have had each other's backs in some manner and even though we didn't always agree, we never let that get in our way. Congratulations on your future graduation, marriage and being able to start

- your career. Go get 'em Girl! Finally, I want to thank Natalia for believing in me. You have always been there for all of our questions, even when they were completely ridiculous. Thank you for being you. Love you, sister!
- O (Jessica) Lastly, I would like to thank my all time favorite Curly haired sister with the prettiest eyes, Blair Peoples aka Blur. I don't think we would have thought we would be doing this when we both became members in Spring 2016. We have grown in many ways, but your bright spirit and kind heart always stayed the same. Through all the differences, rant sessions, and tears we have shared, I can't think of anyone else I would want to do this adventure with. We shot for the stars and we each got a handful and more. With both of us finishing our degrees, planning our weddings, and being presidents of organizations, I expect nothing but the best from my sister Blur. I also want to thank the district council. Thank you for all the talks we have had this past couple of days. You guys have made all the craziness not seem crazy. Thank you and keep striving.
- Respectfully submitted,
  - o Blair Peoples- Gamma Phi of Tau Beta Sigma
  - o Jessica Haas- Epsilon Epsilon of Kappa Kappa Psi

# **Appendix J: Ways and Means Committee Report**

# **Committee Chair Name and Chapter:**

· Keegan Gage Turney- Epsilon Beta Chapter

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

KKY Members and Chapters:

Cassius Money- Gamma Iota

Topy Nguyen- Gamma Sigma

Andrew Repetski- Alpha Tau

Advisor(s):

Danny George

#### **Charges:**

- The 2018-2019 Ways and Means Committee was charged with the following at the 2018 Southwest District Convention:
  - Review the report of the 2018 Ways and Means Committee.
  - Present an overview of the 2018-2019 district account.
  - Determine if any line item in the budget needs to be adjusted.
  - Create and present a budget for the 2019-2020 academic year.
  - Evaluate the use of the Chapter Assistance Grant, and determine its need to expand or exist at all.

# **Committee Report:**

We accomplished three things during our committee meeting. We charged the 2020 committee with two tasks: going over requests for the CAG collected over the next year in order to determine whether to increase or decrease the amount of funds allocated to this grant program, secondly we charged the 2020 committee with requesting a compiled list of receipts from the Treasurer in order to judge how to shape the budget going forward. The last motion we passed was an increase of \$200 for the awards budget.

# **Output** Sappa Psi - Southwest District

# o 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

0	FALL ALLOTMENT	\$3500.00
0	SPRING ALLOTMENT	\$650.00
0	OTHER (INTEREST, CHAPTER DONATIONS)	\$50.00
0	DELEGATE FEES	\$700.00
0	FUNDRAISING	\$200.00
0	ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$5100.00
0	DISTRICT OFFICER TRAVEL	
0	President	\$500.00
0	Vice President for Programs	\$500.00
0	Vice President for Membership	\$500.00
0	Secretary/Treasurer	\$500.00
0	Member-at-Large	\$500.00
0	OFFICE EXPENSES	
0	OFFICE AND MAIL	\$530.00
0	DISTRICT AWARDS	\$500.00
0	COLONY ASSISTANCE	\$300.00
0	GRANTS	
0	CHAPTER ASSISTANCE GRANT	\$1200.00
0	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	\$5030.00

#### **Charges to the 2020 Committee:**

## The 2020 Ways and Means Committee is charged with the following:

- Review of the 2019 Ways and Means Committee Report
- Present an overview of the 2019-2020 district account
- Determine if any line item in the budget needs to be adjusted
- Create and Present a budget of the 2020-2021 district account.
- Review Chapter Assistance Grant requests for 2019-2020 fiscal year while further promoting of the program in order to gauge whether to decrease or increase the amount of funds allocated.

# The 2019 Ways and Means Committee Charges the following to the upcoming Secretary/Treasurer:

• Provide the past three years of expense reports for the 2020 committee in order for the committee to better determine changes for the proposed budget.

## Thank you's:

Thank you to all of the committee members for all of the good discussion about what we can do to help the District the most- the conversations we had were worthwhile and may bring forth change in District in the near future.

Thank you to our advisor, Danny George, who was able to answer many of the questions I wasn't able to. You've been a great advisor and I'm glad to have had you on the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Keegan Gage Turney
Epsilon Beta Chapter
2018-2019 SWD Sec/Treas
2019 Ways and Means Committee Chair

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

#### Report of the 2019 History and Traditions Committee

Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

KKY Members and Chapters:

• Garret Gardenhire (Head): Lambda

• Eizabelle Zuniga: Gamma Eta

• Emren Akdamar: Theta Phi teakdamar@gmail.com

• Kyle Siddle: Theta Nu ksiddle185865@nsula.edu

Advisor(s): Aaron Moore

### Charges:

- 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.

## Meeting start time: 11:06 am

# Charge 1:

- Do we want an award for filling out the form? Is it needed?
- Put all forms on website together. Scrapbook also a form
- Plug these year round
- Link all social media
- Email responses back
- Forward looking questions?
- Prestige of award?
- Make it where one chapter gets award?

## Charge 2:

- How to evaluate the knowledge
- Charge to put recording on website

#### Charge 3:

- Develop district history resources
- Use history form to help this data collection
- Almanac!
- Application process to make standing H&T committee
- Maybe mixed with actives and alumni
- Work with the traditional awards

#### Charge 4:

- Link his page to the district page and/or website
- Have andy history page on website and embed a feed of his page
- Instagram Page

#### **Committee Report:**

Brothers of the Southwest,

The 2018-2019 Historian and Traditions committee was charged with the following:

- 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.

When we discussed the History Form in the first charge, we first wanted to consider its purpose and current participation. This form is one of the requirements for receiving the Steven C. Nelson History award, along with submitting to the District Scrapbook and the New ALTO. The History Form this year had 10 chapters who filled it out, which is 18% of the Southwest District. We believed this low outcome was due to the lack of accessibility and advertisement of the form, while also being dragged down by not possessing a good enough incentive for chapters to fill it out. We came to the conclusion that if the Steven C. Nelson award was only received by one chapter rather than all participating chapters, then it would hold a higher prestige, and would incentivize chapters to strive for all the criteria of the award. We would also like for the submission forms for all of the criteria to be listed together on the Southwest District website throughout the entire year.

We then turned to assessing the Joint Song and came to the conclusion that we should perform an informal poll at District Convention to gage its utilization throughout the district. Which will be performed now:

Chapters aware of Joint Song: 21 Chapters that practice Joint Song: 9 Chapters that perform the Joint Song: 7

Thank you, in addition to this poll, we also thought it would be beneficial for a recording of the Joint Song to be displayed on the District Website along with it's sheet music.

In regards to Andy the Armadillo, we would like to increase his visibility within the District. We felt this could best be performed by creating an Instagram for his host chapter to share posts that are similar to the current style of his Facebook. We felt this way because Instagram is currently one of the best platforms for sharing pictures, and it would be less crowded than the feed on Facebook for the average brother. We would also like to link these two accounts together, and display them on the District Website along with an embedded feed of what Andy is up to.

Lastly, the committee analyzed the best way to develop history resources and to evaluate the traditions of the Southwest, such as the Drum or Spirit Stick. After consulting with the Governors, we came to the conclusion that a year-long standing History and Traditions

committee would be able to perform meaningful work in these regards. Three committee blocks over the span of one weekend is not enough time to dedicate the effort and care that these projects need. This committee would have plenty of time to compile historical resources for the District, and find the appropriate path for the traditional objects of the District. The creation of this committee would be in the hands of the next District Council, with the recommendation that the Member-at-Large of Council serve as the head of the committee. We also recommend that an application process be used to find a variety of brothers with unique skill sets. The charges to the District Council and 2019-2020 History and Traditions are as follows:

#### Charges:

- 1. We charge the District Council to update the Steven C. Nelson History award where it is only won by a single chapter, that meets all criteria of the current award, which would be selected by the History and Traditions committee
- 2. We charge the District Council to have the New ALTO, District Scrapbook, and History Update forms available on the district website year-round. While also publishing information about these forms throughout the year.
- 3. We charge Andy's current home chapter to create an Instagram with the handle @SWDAndyTheArmadillo and connect this account with the current Facebook page and have the Sec/Treas create an Andy the Armadillo page on the District Website
- 4. We charge the next History and Traditions committee to record the Joint Song and have the Sec/Treas place this recording on the District Website along with the sheet music
- 5. We charge the District Council to create a year-long standing History and Traditions committee that would develop district history resources that include district, chapter, and award histories.
- 6. We charge the next History and Traditions committee to evaluate the items listed in the Traditions section of the Policy Guideline and the District Spirit Stick.

#### Thank you's:

I would like to thank the following individuals of the History and Traditions Committee:

• Eizabelle Zuniga: Gamma Eta

• Emren Akdamar: Theta Phi

• Kyle Siddle: Theta Nu

I would also like Aaron Moore for being an amazing Advisor, and Clint Wieden for helping us work on the game plan for transitioning the History and Traditions committee into a year-long endeavor

Fraternally submitted,

Garret Gardenhire Lambda Chapter President Southwest District Member-at-Large

# **Appendix L: Joint Action Committee Report**

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

The Joint Action Committee of 2019 was charged with the following:

- Review the 2018 Joint Action Committee Report
- 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
- Evaluate the success of the Area Workshops in relation to chapter attendance, as well as workshop location. Consider reducing the area workshops and implementing a rotation between the southwest district areas.
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Joint District Council's advertisement of the Joint Action Committee Grant.
- Review all submissions to the JAC Grant.
- Evaluate the New ALTO submission success
- Consider changing the name of the Joint Action Committee Grant

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

- We reviewed both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma constitutions to make sure the sections in both corresponded with one another. After reading both constitutions we proposed changes to the jurisdiction committees.
- The committee also evaluated the Area Workshop success in regards to chapter attendance as well as the workshop location. We discussed the workshop feedback form and decided that the rotations in place are working well. However, we think it would be beneficial to have more descriptions when it comes to the content of each workshop added to the facebook pages advertising the workshop. We also want to encourage chapters to work together to get to workshops that may be farther away. The last thing we wanted to suggest was possibly live streaming workshops on the facebook event page to allow those who can't make it to still get the information.
- The committee also discussed the effectiveness of the Joint District Council's advertisement for the Joint Action Committee Grant. Although it had been posted in the facebook page, the post was not very visible as more information about other things were posted as well.

- We also evaluated the New ALTO submission success and compared the amount of submissions to previous years. The submission numbers were similar from semester to semester so the committee agreed that everything is going well.
- The committee also considered changing the name of the Joint Action Committee Grant. We decided to rename the grant the General Service Grant as it is referenced in both constitutions.
- The committee also reviewed the Joint Action Committee Grant submissions from the Beta Nu, Gamma Phi, and Gamma Tau chapters of Tau Beta Sigma and the Epsilon Delta, Eta Xi, and Gamma Phi chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi. The committee decided to award Gamma Tau the requested \$1200 to help with funding for supplies for the Bigelow High School Band. We also decided to award the Eta Xi chapter the requested \$1200 to aid in providing for their local high school and middle school band programs. The last award we decided to give was to the Epsilon Delta chapter. This award is for a max \$1200, but they will receive as much of the \$1200 spent on the repairs of the donated instruments. We reviewed the applications of the Gamma Phi chapters of both Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi and strongly encourage them to re-apply next year with a more detailed budget on what exactly the money is being spent on.

The Committee would like to the charge the 2020 Joint Action Committee with the following:

- Review the 2019 Joint Action Committee Report
- Examine the proposed changes made the previous year to both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma District constitutions and make sure the sections for the JAC correspond
- Evaluate the success of the Area Workshops in relation to chapter attendance as well as workshop location.
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Joint District Council's advertisement of the General Service Grant based on their charges from the previous year.
- Review all submissions to the General Service Grant
- Evaluate the New ALTO submission success

The Committee would like to charge the Charges for the 2019-2020 Joint District Council with the following:

- Increase advertisement of the General Service Grant and make it easily accessible from the District facebook page.
- Increase clarity of the General Service Grant application online form; Chapters need to send in a complete budget for what they will be spending the money on as well as proof that they will be able to fund their project to then be reimbursed.

The Committee would like to charge the 2019-2020 KKPsi VP for Programs and TBS VP of Special Projects with the following:

- E-Mail all members to advertise New ALTO submissions and publications
- Send chapters in the district information for the General Service Grant through email and pin the information to the district facebook pages for easy accessibility

Thank you to committee members:

Thelma Peyton, Epsilon Beta (TBS)

Jacie Pujol, Rho (KKY)

Mattie J Awtrey, Alpha (KKY)

Sarah German, Zeta Beta proxy for Delta Psi (KKY)

Jeffery Gross, Xi proxy for Iota Beta (TBS)

Matthew Crockett, Gamma Alpha, (KKY)

Gracie Pasley, Gamma Xi proxy for Beta Omicron, (TBS)

Erica Nadolski, Delta proxy for Theta Theta (TBS)

A big thank you to our Advisors, Sarah Bogue and Dionicio Cardenas!

Fraternally submitted,

Brady Gilleran

2018-2019 Southwest District Vice President for Programs

2019 Joint Action Committee Chair

Lambda, University of Arkansas

Respectfully submitted,

Orion Miller

2019 Joint Action Committee Chair

Gamma Nu, University of Texas at Arlington

# **Appendix M: Jurisdiction Committee Report**

Report of the 2019 Jurisdiction Committee

Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

Brian Blanchard - Zeta Beta

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

KKY Members and Chapters:

Jacob Robinett - Delta
 Anthoney M. Saenz - Epsilon Delta
 Nicholas Mayo - Epsilon Theta

Advisor(s): TJ Tooley

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The 2018-2019 Jurisdiction Committee was charged with the following:

- Review the Southwest District Constitution and Policy Guide and compare with the National Constitution and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Constitution.
- Review the effectiveness of the implementation of the two different documents.
- Continue to monitor the Policy guide to ensure the policies align with our current district operations.
- Continue to work with the Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction and the Joint Action Committee on redefining the New ALTO publication guidelines.

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

- Discusses Charges and changes presented by the Spirit Committee
  - o Adjusted the criteria of the 4 Pillars Award
    - Each Pillar may only have one winner to maintain a balance between each of the four
  - Adjusted the requirements of the Superior Achievement Awards (10.8), the Four Pillars Awards (10.9), and the D.O. Wiley Award (10.10) to be in compliance with the current national awards policy.
- Discussed Charges and changes presented by the Ways and Means Committee
  - Policy 3.3 Added in clarification of the Vice President for Programs duty to coordinate with the Secretary Treasurer to publicize available district grants.

- Discussed Charges and changes presented by the D.O. Wiley Committee
  - Allowed for greater flexibility on choosing between using either digital or physical copies of the candidacy packet.
- Adjusted the verbiage of various sections to greaten clarification and consistency throughout both documents while also increasing the compliance with the national policies.

#### Charges to the 2020 Committee:

- Continue to review the Southwest District Constitution and Policy Guide and compare with the National Constitution and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Constitution.
- Continue to review the effectiveness of the implementation of the two different documents.
- Continue to monitor the Policy guide to ensure the policies align with the current district operations.

Thank you's:

To our committee members:

Jacob Robinett - Delta

Anthoney M. Saenz - Epsilon Delta

Nicholas Mayo - Epsilon Theta

Thank y'all for all of your work throughout this committee. It's not the easiest thing to follow up such a major change to the documents, but I believe we did what was needed to be done this year. I appreciate the patience that each of you had throughout the committee and you guys were truly a great group of people.

Thank you to Clinton Wieden for your contribution to the committee during this convention. Your work and guidance helped ease much of the difficulties we would have faced as a new committee. The examples and guides you gave us helped us start taking a step in the right direction during our early stages of work.

Thank you to TJ Tooley for serving as our advisor and helping us through this year's jurisdiction experience. Your advice was very much appreciated and I know I would have been lost without you. The mix of both productivity and relaxed nature of the meetings was nice to experience and

it helped ease the burden that I had feared up to this point. Thank you for your patience with me and for being a great advisor and friend to all of us in the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Brian Blanchard Chair of the 2018-2019 Jurisdiction Committee Zeta Beta Chapter at Howard Payne University

Before	Now	Reason
Article 2.03.2 Regular	Proposed amendments to the	To reflect
<b>Amendments</b>	<b>District Constitution shall be</b>	current policy
	presented in writing either in	
Proposed amendments to the	advance of or at regularly-called	
<b>District Constitution shall be</b>	<b>District Conventions and shall be</b>	
presented in writing either in	referred at once to the Jurisdiction	
advance of or at regularly-called	<b>Committee.</b> The Jurisdiction	
<b>District Conventions and shall be</b>	<b>Committee shall report on the</b>	
referred at once to the	proposed amendment at the same	
Jurisdiction Committee. The	<b>Convention.</b> If seventy-five (75)	
Jurisdiction Committee shall	percent of the votes cast by the	
report on the proposed	<b>Convention are favorable, the</b>	
amendment at the same	proposed amendment shall be	
<b>Convention.</b> If seventy-five (75)	declared adopted, and upon and	
percent of the votes cast by the	after such adoption, it shall become	
<b>Convention are favorable, the</b>	operative and effective at the	
proposed amendment shall be	conclusion of the Convention,	
declared adopted, and upon and	unless otherwise noted. Amendment	
after such adoption, it shall	affecting joint policies shall not take	
become operative and effective at	effect until approved by the	
the conclusion of the Convention,	Southwest Districts of both Kappa	
unless otherwise noted.	Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.	

# Article 2.03.4 Special Amendments

**Under extraordinary** circumstances between regularly-called District Conventions and upon unanimous approval by the District Council, a proposed amendment to the District Constitution may be submitted in writing to the chapters of the **District for ratification. The** length of the open voting period shall be determined by the District Council. If a seventy-five (75) percent favorable vote of all chapters in good standing is received, the proposed amendment shall be declared adopted and upon and after such adoption it shall become operative and effective immediately, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution.

**Under extraordinary** circumstances between regularly-called District **Conventions and upon unanimous** approval by the District Council, a proposed amendment to the **District Constitution may be** submitted in writing to the chapters of the District for ratification. The length of the open voting period shall be determined by the District Council. If a seventy-five (75) percent favorable vote of all chapters in good standing is received, the proposed amendment shall be declared adopted and upon and after such adoption it shall become operative and effective immediately, unless otherwise noted in the Constitution. Amendments affecting joint policies shall not take effect until approved by the Southwest Districts of both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

Language consistency, to reflect current policy

Article 2.03.5 Amendment of	Proposed amendments to items	<b>Better Policy</b>
Policy	published in the District Policy	enforcement
	<b>Guide shall follow the same</b>	and record
Proposed amendments to items	guidelines as proposed	keeping.
published in the District Policy	amendments to the District	
Guide shall follow the same	Constitution but shall require only	
guidelines as proposed	a majority vote of the voting body,	
amendments to the District	or unanimous consent of the	
Constitution but shall require	District Officers and approval of	
only a majority vote of the voting	the Governor(s) if between	
body, or unanimous consent of	Conventions, to take effect. Any	
the District Officers and	amendments adopted by consent of	
approval of the Governor(s) if	the District Officers between	
between Conventions, to take	Conventions shall be presented to the	
<u>effect</u>	Jurisdiction Committee at the next	
	regularly-scheduled Convention for	
	inclusion in District records.	
Article 2.03.6: Publication and	The District Constitution and the	Reflect current
<u>Supersedence</u>	District Policy Guide, as revised	policy
	and amended, shall be reprinted	
The District Constitution and the	following each regularly-called	
District Policy Guide, as revised	<b>District Convention and shall</b>	
and amended, shall be reprinted	supersede all previous District	
following each regularly-called	Constitutions and Policy Guides. In	
<b>District Convention and shall</b>	years in which a National Convention	
supersede all previous District	is held, reprinting shall be done	
<b>Constitutions and Policy Guides</b>	following the National Convention to	

allow for review to ensure the District

Constitution and District Policy
Guide are in compliance with any
changes made to national policy

#### **Article 3.01 Elected Officers**

The elected Officers of the
Southwest District shall be, in
order of rank: President, Vice
President for Membership, Vice
President for Programs,
Secretary-Treasurer, and
Member-at-Large.

The elected Officers of the
Southwest District shall be, in
order of succession: President, Vice
President for Membership, Vice
President for Programs,
Secretary-Treasurer, and
Member-at-Large.

Reworded to reflect equality within the district council rather than hierarchy.

Article 5 06 Areas

The District shall be divided into
Areas for the purpose of
conducting annual regional
workshops presenting educational
sessions and information about
District activities. These
workshops shall be held prior to the
District Convention. The number
of Areas and their organization
shall be determined by the District.

The District shall be divided into Areas for the purpose of conducting annual regional workshops presenting educational sessions and information about District activities. These workshops shall be held prior to the District Convention. The number of Areas and their organization shall be determined by the District, in conjunction with the Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma.

Change to reflect the current policy.

#### **Article 8.01 District Publication**

The Southwest District shall
publish a newsletter, which shall
be called The New ALTO. The New
ALTO shall be published in an
electronic format by a staff
appointed by the Southwest District
Councils of Kappa Kappa Psi and
Tau Beta Sigma. Policies
regarding The New ALTO shall be
made by the District Officers with
the advice of the District and the
approval of the Kappa Kappa Psi

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Clarification of current policy and to emphasize joint responsibility and relations.

Governor(s) and the Tau Beta Sigma Counselor(s).		
Policy 3.3 The Vice President for Programs shall be responsible for administration of District award. In the absence of the Presidents,	Policy 3.3 The Vice President for Programs shall be responsible for administration of District awards. The Vice President for Programs shall be responsible for corresponding with the Secretary-Treasurer to publicize all active grants available to all chapters of the Southwest District on the district website per Policy 3.4. In the absence of the President,	Clarification of current policy and to emphasize responsibilities of the office
4.4 All candidates for District Office must submit printed copies of their approved packet to the Nominations Committee, one for each member of the Committee (including the chair and advisors).	4.4 All candidates for District Office must submit printed copies of their approved packet to the Nominations Committee, one for each member of the Committee (including the chair and advisors).	Charged by the D.O. Wiley Committee. Grants a greater flexibility for the Committee to choose the option best suited to the time.
Policy Guide 6.6 Within thirty (30) days following convention, the elected Host Chapter(s) shall submit a copy of all proposed contracts to the District Governors, Counselors, Chapter Sponsors, and Legal Advisors. Reviewers must respond within ten (10) days after receipt of the proposed contracts. If the review is found unsatisfactory, the Council will have the option of	Policy Guide 6.6 Within thirty (30) days following convention at which they are elected, the elected Host Chapter(s) shall submit a copy of all proposed contracts to the District Governors, Counselors, Chapter Sponsors, and Legal Advisors. Reviewers must respond within ten (10) days after receipt of the proposed contracts. If the review is found unsatisfactory,	Clarification

determining the best course of action.	the Council will have the option of determining the best course of action.	
Policy Guide 6.8. Host Chapter(s) should add 5% to their registration and banquet costs to cover any unexpected expenses that may arise. Any profit made over \$300.00, not including chapter fundraisers, must be donated to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. The money should be divided as follows - one third-National Headquarter, one third-Kappa Kappa Psi SWD, and one third- Tau Beta Sigma SWD.	Revised and restructured	Revised and restructured into 6.9 and 6.10
New Policy	Policy Guide 6.3  Bids presented by chapters to host District Convention must be in compliance with any rules and regulations found in the respective District governing documents of the SouthWest Districts of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and the District Convention Host Chapter Handbook published by Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma National Headquarters	Reflect current policy
Previously a part of 6.8	Host Chapter(s) should add a five (5) percent overage to their estimated registration and banquet costs to cover any unexpected expenses that may arise.	Clarification and ease of policy identification. This also separates the

		national policy for this procedure.
Previously a part of 6.8	Any surplus greater than \$100 from fees collected by the Host Chapter(s) for convention registration must be donated to the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma as per national policy.  Donated funds shall be divided equally between the two organizations.	Compliance with the current national policy
Jurisdiction The Jurisdiction Committee shall examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all propositions, revisions, and alterations for the amending of the District Constitution and the District Policy Guide. The committee shall refer joint matters to the Joint Action Committee in order to promote uniform changes in joint policies. Uniform joint changes shall be voted upon by the joint delegation. This committee shall be chaired by the appointed Parliamentarian.	The Jurisdiction Committee shall examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all propositions, revisions, and alterations for the amending of the District Constitution and the District Policy Guide. The committee shall refer joint matters to the Joint Action Committee in order to promote uniform changes in joint policies. Uniform joint changes shall be voted upon by the joint delegation. This committee should be chaired by the appointed Parliamentarian when possible.	Consistency with Section 6.1 of the Policy Guide

#### 10.8

- Submit the previous year's Chapter Summary Report by June 1
- Submit the Chapter
  Personnel Report by
  September 30
- Submit the Fall Activity
  Report by December 1
- Clear all financial obligations with the National Headquarters by January 1
- Submit a Southwest

  District Chapter

  Delegate/Proxy Form no
  later than two weeks prior
  to a regularly-scheduled
  District Convention
- Attend Chapter
  Leadership Conference

#### 10.8

- 1. Complete on-time transaction of the Chapter Summary
  Report for the previous year
- 2. Complete on-time transaction of the Chapter Personnel Report for the current year
- 3. Complete on-time transaction of the Fall Activity Report for the current year
- 4. Complete on-time transaction of any Membership Candidate Registration forms submitted between District Conventions
- Complete on-time transaction of any Initiate Registration forms submitted between District Conventions
- 6. Clear all financial obligations to National Headquarters by January 1
- 7. Be in good standing with the Fraternity for the entirety of the time period between the close of the previous year's District Convention and the close of the current year's District Convention
- 8. Submit a Southwest District
  Chapter Delegate/Proxy Form
  no later than two weeks prior
  to the opening separate
  session of a
  regularly-scheduled District
  Convention

Criteria 1 through 5 shall be determined by the status listed in the

Compliance
with current
national
awards policy,
change of
requirement

	Online Systen	e Membership Reporting n	
10.9			Compliance
Each Southwest District Chapter	Each S	Southwest District Chapter	with current
fulfilling all of the six (6) criteria	fulfilling the following criteria shall		<u>national</u>
shall be eligible to apply for any	be elig	gible to apply for any of the	awards policy.
of the Four Pillars Awards at	Four P	Pillars Awards at District	change of
<b>District Convention.</b>	Conve	ntion.	<u>requirement</u>
• Submit the previous	1.	Complete on-time transaction	_
year's Chapter Summary		of the Chapter Summary	
Report by June 1		Report for the previous year	
• Submit the Chapter	2.	Complete on-time transaction	
Personnel Report by		of the Chapter Personnel	
September 30		Report for the current year	
• Submit the Fall Activity	3.	Complete on-time transaction	
Report by December 1		of the Fall Activity Report for	
• <u>Clear all financial</u>		the current year	
obligations with National	4.	Complete on-time transaction	
Headquarters by January		of any Membership Candidate	
1		Registration forms submitted	
• Submit a Southwest		between District Conventions	
<b>District Delegate/Proxy</b>	5.	Complete on-time transaction	
Form no later than two		of any Initiate Registration	
weeks prior to District		forms submitted between	
<b>Convention</b>		District Conventions	
• Be in good standing with	6.	Clear all financial obligations	
the Fraternity from the		to National Headquarters by	
respective chapter's first		January 1	
day of classes in the fall	7.	Be in good standing with the	
term to opening separate		Fraternity for the entirety of	
sessions of convention		the time period between the	
		close of the previous year's	
		District Convention and the	
		close of the current year's	
		District Convention	
	8.	Submit a Southwest District	
		Chapter Delegate/Proxy Form	

1.  Leadership  This award shall recognize a chapter that takes initiative in developing future leaders, current leadership in its band program and the campus at large, and involvement in district and national publications.	no later than two weeks prior to the opening separate session of a regularly-scheduled District Convention  Criteria 1 through 5 shall be determined by the status listed in the Online Membership Reporting System.  1.  Leadership This award shall recognize a chapter that takes initiative in developing future leaders, current leadership in its band program and the campus at large, and involvement in district and national programs.	Allows chapters to be more thorough in reporting involvement in all Fraternity activities
3. Brotherhood Up to three chapters may be chosen to receive this award.	3. Brotherhood  Only one chapter may be chosen to receive this award.	Maintains consistency between all four pillars
4. Service Up to three chapters may be chosen to receive this award	4. Service  Only one chapter may be chosen to receive this award	Maintains consistency between all four pillars

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

- Submit the previous year's Chapter Summary Report by June 1
- Submit the Chapter Personnel Report by September 30
- Submit the Fall Activity Report by December 1
- Clear all financial obligations with National Headquarters by January 1
- Submit a Southwest District Delegate/Proxy Form no later than two weeks prior to District Convention
- Be in good standing with the Fraternity; from the respective chapter's first day of classes in the fall term to opening separate sessions of convention.

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Each Southwest District Chapter fulfilling the following criteria shall be eligible to apply for the D.O. Wiley Award at District Convention.

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- 4. Complete on-time transaction of any Membership Candidate Registration forms submitted between District Conventions
- Complete on-time transaction of any Initiate Registration forms submitted between District Conventions
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  Chapter Delegate/Proxy Form
  no later than two weeks prior
  to the opening separate
  session of a

Compliance
with current
national
awards policy,
change of
requirement

regularly-scheduled District Convention	
Criteria 1 through 5 shall be	
determined by the status listed in the	
Online Membership Reporting	
System.	

# **Appendix N: Nominations Committee Report**

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2019 Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

- Review the report of the 2018 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.

As the 2018 Nominations Committee report was not available, we could not review it as charged.

We continued 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:

Garret Gardenhire of the Lambda Chapter
Hannah Cheeseman of the Delta Chapter
Rachel Baca of the Gamma Iota Chapter
Jett McCullough of the Lambda Chapter
Ashley Nowikowski of the Gamma Iota Chapter

Andres Cifuentes of the Epsilon Epsilon 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 general questions were of the following:

General Questions for all Candidates:

1. What advice would you give to someone running for your position?

2. What would you like to see this position be in the future?

3. Would you consider running for another position?

a. Why or why not?

4. What is something you believe you need to work on about yourself?

5. How are your communication skills? Especially considering most communication will not be face-to-face

6. How organized are you? What would you do to maintain organization in your position?

7. (If they hold an exec position in their chapter) How are you going to juggle the responsibilities of your chapter exec position and this position?

8. (If the position is different from what they hold in their chapter) How would you connect your current/past position to the one you're running for?

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.

President: Garret Gardenhire, Lambda

Vice President for Membership: Hannah Cheeseman, Delta

Vice President for Programs: Rachel Baca, Gamma Iota Secretary-Treasurer: Ashley Nowikowski, Gamma Iota

Member-at-Large: No Slate

While the committee feels both Jett McCullough of the Lambda Chapter and Andy Cifuentes of the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter are both qualified and capable to serve in the office of Member at Large, the committee could not reach full confidence in their deliberations regarding either candidate.

The committee would like to reinforce that each candidate was thoroughly and carefully considered and that the slate presented was concluded to be in the best interest of the district. The Nominations Committee would like to thank all of the candidates for district office for their time and interest in working for the good of the Southwest District and the fraternity at large. The committee strongly urges the delegation to ask questions of all candidates as to make an informed decision that reflects the best for the district.

The Committee would like to charge the 2020 Nominations Committee with the following:

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- •Recommend any changes to the nomination/election process to the Jurisdiction Committee. Be more efficient with committee time by doing the following things in the first meeting: planning candidate interview schedules, establishing a group communication method for the committee, and develop most questions and interview plans.

I would like to thank the following committee members for their hard work, productive discussion, and time put forth into the 2019 Nominations Committee:

Dan Luong, Beta Alpha Herman Montoya, Beta Lambda Jackson Jones, Delta Chi Kiara Penn, Epsilon Beta And our advisor, Clinton Wieden, Southwest District Governor.

It was an absolute pleasure working with you all and I appreciate you all for making the nominations process go so smoothly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Garrison Whadford
2019 Nominations Committee Chair
Alpha Omicron Chapter, Texas Tech University

# **Appendix O: Colonization and Membership Committee Report**

Report of the 2019 Membership Education Committee Committee Chair Name and Chapter: Hannah Cheeseman, Delta

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

Sean Savard - Beta Gamma

Kenny Reid - Theta Kappa

Madeline McCoy - Beta Sigma

Flora Knight - Gamma Theta

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Advisor(s): Justin Chesak

#### Committee Report:

We initially tried to get a feel for how each person was involved in membership and if they had experience with the Road to Wisdom. From there, we talked about the teaching style of different people and suggesting different ways for the curriculum committee to cater to those styles and providing resources to help VPMs learn how to best teach their classes. We also discussed how to ensure retention of information of the lessons taught in the Road to Wisdom and will be submitting a few suggestions to the curriculum committee about that as well. Finally, we talked about area workshops and how they went or why their chapters did not attend. We are charging next year's VPM to communicate on as many platforms as possible to spread the word about area workshops and to find new ways to ensure that members are on the Kappa Kappa Psi - Southwest District Facebook group so that information delivered on a day to day level if reaching as many people as possible. It was also discussed how to advertise workshops and to really advertise the topics being covered so chapters in that area know that they will get help on

things they are struggling with. We also talked about reaching out to chapters to see what workshops are needed so that chapters will be bettering themselves by going to these workshops.

#### Charges to the 2020 Committee:

• Continue to get workshop feedback and determine why chapters like it and what prevents chapters from going to workshops

#### Thank you's:

Thank you to Sean, Kenny, Madeline, and Flora for being awesome committee members and letting me ramble on. Thank you for Justin for helping provide expertise and feedback where the rest of were lost. Thank you all for caring and being supportive of the membership processes in the Southwest

Fraternally submitted,

Hannah Cheeseman Delta Chapter Southwest District Vice President for Membership

# **Appendix P: Spirit Committee Report**

Brothers,

The 2019 Spirit & Recognition Committee was charged with the following:

- Review the report of the 2018 Spirit Committee
- Review all applications submitted for the 4 Pillar Awards in order to ensure that all applicants are eligible for consideration.
- Review the applicant chapters and decide the correct number of winners for each Pillar Award.
- Evaluate and recommend any changes to the selection process to the Jurisdiction Committee.
- Coordinate with the D.O. Wiley Committee in a timely fashion

We started our convention by distributing all applications for the D.O. Wiley and Four Pillar Awards to the members of the committee. We discussed as a committee what we would like to see in these applications such as development of future leaders, service to their community and band program, district involvement, and many other things. We returned this

morning after giving each committee an opportunity to review all of the applications. We went through each pillar with each chapter that applied and hit high and low points.

In general, the packets were honestly rather underwhelming. There didn't seem to be a lot of thought put into the preparation and responses. We even had multiple packets that look like they've been used multiple years in a row. The members of the committee were highly offended that chapters wishing to apply for these awards would not put any extra effort into their application. However, there were certain applications that did stand out from the rest, these packets easily captured the essence and personality of their chapter. Our committee also recommended to the Jurisdiction Committee to change the Service & Brotherhood award to only allow one (1) winner so that all 4 Pillars may have up to one (1) winner for equal representation.

#### Charges to the Southwest District:

- Be aware of the constitution and policy guide when applying for any award.
- Be more innovative with your packets so that the committees can capture what your chapter is about, as if you were giving a presentation.
- Strive to be creative, remember that in discomfort can come tremendous growth.

# Charges to the 2019-2020 District Council:

- Recreate the D.O. Wiley Application to encompass the 4 Pillar Awards as well.
  - Broader questions that promote in depth discussions.
  - Reference other top chapter awards from other districts.
- Provide all committee members with a physical or electronic copy of the most up to date application materials.
- Encourage chapters throughout the course of the year to apply for these awards and ALL awards.

#### Charges to the 2020 Spirit & Recognition Committee:

- Review the report of the 2019 Spirit Committee
- Review all applications submitted for the 4 Pillar Awards in order to ensure that all applicants are eligible for consideration.
- Review the applicant chapters and decide the correct number of winners for each Pillar Award.

- Evaluate and recommend any changes to the selection process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

- Coordinate with the D.O. Wiley Committee in a timely fashion.

- Before reviewing packets, decide what qualities you as a committee are looking for in each of the 4 Pillars.

Thank you to committee members:

- Connor Calhoun, Eta Xi

- Cory Trabue, Zeta Gamma

- Riley Maggio, Iota Upsilon

You guys were a delight to work with and I look forward to where you each lead your chapter in the future.

Thank you to our advisor, Makenzie Darby, your love and passion for this fraternity always amazes me and it was so great to chat with you again!

This was my 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row serving as a District Committee Chair and more than likely my last. It truly has been an honor and I hope that this district continues to realize the great potential in each and every one of you.

Fraternally submitted,

Thai-Tu Nguyen

Spirit & Recognition Committee Chair

Zeta Kappa Chapter

# **Appendix Q: Chapter Leadership Committee Report**

Dear Brothers of the Southwest District

The D. O. Wiley Committee for 2019 was charged with the following:

Review the report of the 2018 D.O. Wiley Committee.

Review all applications submitted for the D.O. Wiley Award in order to ensure that all

applicants are eligible for consideration.

Develop a series of questions for each applicant chapter and establish criteria to determine the most deserving winner.

Organize a schedule for applicant chapter presentations.

Review the applicant chapters and their presentations and decide the winner of the 2019 D.O. Wiley Award.

Recommend any changes to the D.O. Wiley selection process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

Consider adding a Feedback Evaluation period with the chapters that presented.

When the D.O. Wiley committee met we checked all of the applications and made sure they were complete in all manners listed in the constitution and on the "need to know" page listed on the Southwest District website

We then moved to deciding a list of questions that we felt would reveal the most about each chapter with regard to our pillars, code of conduct, and purposes. They were as follows:

- 1. Which of the 4 pillars do you believe your chapter exemplifies the most?
- 2. What has been your biggest weakness as a chapter?

The committee and I were impressed by the amount of chapters that applied and overall happy with the presentations given. The creativity, dedication, and individuality were incredible. However, there was one chapter that soared above the rest.

#### I would like to congratulate

The Delta Sigma chapter one more time for all that they are doing for their chapter, the district, and most importantly, themselves. Their presentation truly showed the chapter showing all the ideals of Kappa Kappa Psi while also including their own unique traits to everything they do. This is what guided the committee to pick them for this award.

With regards to the charges given from last year's committee;

We considered the feedback and evaluation time, however, we felt that it would be most beneficial for the district as a whole to join in on this opportunity. This may inspire other chapters to apply for awards once they see that they are engaging in similar projects.

Everyone is doing excellent things for their chapter and their band program and we as a committee want to see that.

The Committee would like to the charge the D. O. Wiley Committee for 2020 with the following:

Review the report of the 2019 D.O. Wiley Committee.

Review all applications submitted for the D.O. Wiley Award in order to ensure that all applicants are eligible for consideration.

Develop a series of questions for each applicant chapter and establish criteria to determine the most deserving winner.

Organize a schedule for applicant chapter presentations.

Review the applicant chapters and their presentations and decide the winner of the 2020 D.O. Wiley Award.

Recommend any changes to the D.O. Wiley selection process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

Have the chapters only turn in one electronic copy of the application, instead of paper copies at time of convention.

The Committee would like to charge the 2019-2020 Southwest District Council with the following:

Continue to advertise for the D.O. Wiley award and encourage chapters to apply, because I know there are way more chapters that deserve this award.

Develop a rubric that will be given in the award application for chapters to follow as they apply for the award.

The Committee would also like to charge the Southwest District Governors with the following: Create a workshop or a packet of information regarding advice to the chapters of the district on how to apply for the awards using feedback from anyone who has applied for awards in the past.

The Committee would like to charge the Southwest District with the following: Encourage your chapters to apply for the D.O. Wiley and other fraternal awards on the district and national level. This was the largest turn out and would like to see it grow. All chapters are doing great things and should have the chance to show it off.

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