

# **Kappa Kappa Psi**

## **Southwest District Convention 2020**



Minutes - Final Officer Reports - Committee Reports

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\*NOTE: Due to the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2020 SWD Convention was conducted through Zoom. Due to this adjustment, these minutes are only reflective of Kappa Kappa Psi's business. There was no joint business conducted.

## **Opening Session @ 10:00 AM**

- 1. Call to Order @ 10:00 AM**
- 2. Introduction of Council and Governors**
- 3. Roll Call of the Delegates**
- 4. Delegate Instruction**
- 5. Accepting the Minutes of the 2019 SWD Convention**
  - a. Motion to Accept 2019 SWD Convention minutes
    - i. Epsilon Epsilon Motions
    - ii. Nu Beta Seconds
    - iii. Motion Passes
- 6. Announcements**
  - a. Delegates will automatically be moved into the Zoom Breakout Rooms.
  - b. If a delegate isn't in a committee, they will be placed in a Zoom Breakout Room for informational sessions by Nationals.
- 7. Recess until Saturday April 18th @ 4:00 PM**

## **Separate Session #2 @ 4:00 PM**

### **1. Call to Order @ 4:00 PM**

### **2. Delegate Roll Call**

### **3. Final Officer Reports**

- a. Member-At-Large Summary and Charges
  - i. Motion to accept Andy Cifuentes' Final Officer report as read
    1. Epsilon Epsilon Motions
    2. Delta Sigma Seconds
    3. Passes
- b. Secretary/Treasurer Summary and Charges
  - i. Motion to accept Ashley Nowikowski's Final Officer report as read
    1. Gamma Iota Motions
    2. Alpha Chi Seconds
    3. Passes
- c. Vice President for Program Summary and Charges
  - i. Motion to accept Rachael Baca's final officer report as read
    1. Gamma Iota Motions
    2. Alpha Chi Seconds
    3. Passes
- d. Hannah reads Vice President of Membership Summary and Charges
  - i. Motion to accept Hannah Cheeseman's Final Officer report as read
    1. Delta Motions
    2. Lambda Seconds
    3. Passes
- e. President Summary and Charges
  - i. Motion to accept Garret Gardenhire's Final Officer report as read
    1. Lambda Motions
    2. Delta Seconds
    3. Passes

### **1. Report of the Spirit Committee**

- a. Motion to Accept the Report
  - i. Lambda Xi Motions
  - ii. Eta xi Seconds
  - iii. Passes

### **2. Report of the Ways and Means Committee**

- a. Motion to Accept the Report
  - i. Beta Sigma Motions
  - ii. Zeta Beta Seconds
  - iii. Passes

- b. Motion to Adopt the 2020-2021 Budget
    - i. Delta Psi Motions
    - ii. Theta Kappa Seconds
    - iii. Passes
- 3. Report of the Membership Education Committee**
  - a. Motion to Accept the Report
    - i. Delta Motions
    - ii. Beta Gamma Seconds
    - iii. Passes
- 4. Report of the History and Traditions Committee**
  - a. Motion to Accept the Report
    - i. Epsilon Epsilon Motions
    - ii. Mu Lambda Seconds
    - iii. Passes
- 5. Report of the D.O. Wiley Committee**
  - a. Motion to Accept the Report
    - i. Zeta Kappa Motions
    - ii. Theta Alpha Seconds
    - iii. Passes
- 6. Report of the Nominations Committee**
  - a. Motion to Accept the Report
    - i. Delta Sigma Motions
    - ii. Beta Alpha Seconds
    - iii. Passes
- 7. Report of the Jurisdiction Committee**
  - a. Motion to accept the report
    - i. Alpha Motions
    - ii. Lambda Kappa Seconds
    - iii. Passes
  - b. Motion to adopt the changes
    - i. Delta Alpha Motions
    - ii. Gamma Zeta Seconds
    - iii. Passes
- 8. Announcements**
  - a. New Zoom link will come out for Separate Session #3
- 9. Recess until Saturday April 18th @ 6:30 PM**

## **Separate Session #3**

### **1. Final Officer Report of Governors**

- a. Motion to accept All Governors' Final Officer reports as read
  - i. Alpha Motions
  - ii. Delta Seconds
  - iii. Epsilon Delta Second Seconds
  - iv. Pass/Fail - Passes

### **2. Delegate Roll Call**

### **3. Elections**

- a. President
  - i. Slated Candidate: T.J. Coleman - Beta Lambda
  - ii. Nominations from the Floor
    1. Ayleen Sanchez - Alpha Chi
    2. Sean Savard - Beta Gamma
    3. Cole Brumbelow - Theta Nu
  - iii. Election Procedure
    1. 1 minute Speech from each candidate
    2. 4 Minutes of moderated Q&A with each candidate
    3. 15 Minute Caucus
  - iv. Counting Votes
    1. Elected Individual: T.J. Coleman
- b. Andy the Armadillo, presented by Alpha Tau, was passed to Beta Gamma (LSU).
- c. Spirit Drum, presented by Epsilon Epsilon, was passed to Alpha Psi (West Texas A&M).
- d. Vice President for Membership
  - i. Slated Candidate: Ayleen Sanchez
  - ii. Nominations from the Floor
    1. KaSandra Odle - Epsilon Kappa
    2. Sean Savard - Beta Gamma
  - iii. We will now enter election procedure
    1. 1 minute Speech from each candidate
    2. 4 Minutes of Q&A with each candidate
    3. 15 Minute Caucus
  - iv. Counting Votes
    1. Elected Individual: Ayleen Sanchez
- e. Steven C. Nelson Award was given to Gamma Theta (ECU) and Epsilon Beta (UCA).
- f. Vice President for Programs

- i. Slated Candidate: Serin Park
  - ii. Nominations from the Floor
    - 1. No other nominations
  - iii. Election procedure
    - 1. 1 minute Speech
    - 2. 5 Minutes of Q&A with candidate
    - 3. 5 Minute Caucus
  - iv. Motion to Elect the Slated Candidate, Serin Park
    - 1. Epsilon Beta Motions
    - 2. Beta Lambda Seconds
    - 3. Passes
- g. Superior Achievement Chapter Award was given to:
  - i. Alpha, Delta, Lambda, Rho, Alpha Chi, Beta Lambda, Delta Alpha, Epsilon Beta, Epsilon Epsilon, Zeta Kappa, Lambda Kappa
- h. Secretary/Treasurer
  - i. Slated Candidate: Patrick Caraveo
  - ii. Nominations from the Floor
    - 1. Hannah Smart - Alpha Psi
  - iii. Election Procedure
    - 1. 1 Minute Speech from each candidate
    - 2. 5 Minutes of Q&A with each candidate
    - 3. 15 Minute caucus of delegates
  - iv. Counting Votes
    - 1. Elected Individual: Patrick Caraveo
- i. Pillar Awards were given as follows:
  - i. Leadership Award: Delta (OU)
  - ii. Brotherhood Award: Lambda (UA)
  - iii. Service Award: Epsilon Beta (UCA)
  - iv. Musicianship Award: Beta Lambda (ENMU)
- j. Outstanding Service to Music Education Award was given to Delta (OU).
- k. Member at Large
  - i. Slated Candidate: Cole Brumbelow
  - ii. Nominations from the Floor
    - 1. Kelly Gage - Gamma Theta
    - 2. Macy Vincent - Alpha Psi
  - iii. Election Procedure
    - 1. 1 minute Speeches
    - 2. 5 Minute Q&A with each candidate
    - 3. 5 Minute caucus of delegates

- iv. Counting Votes
  - 1. Elected Individual: Cole Brumbelow
- I. SWDAA Awards
  - i. DC al Coda Winners
    - 1. Delta Chi
    - 2. Nina Martinez
  - ii. Ritual Scholarship was given to Nu Delta (McMurry U).
- m. Individual Awards
  - 1. Joint Relations
    - a. For our outstanding Joint Relations award, given to a sister of the Southwest who is dedicated to maintaining and strengthening joint relations between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma on their campus and the Southwest, the District Council chose this sister for her unswerving dedication to the promotion of joint relations in every facet of her sororal endeavors throughout her time in college. We would like to present this award to Wendy Stewart of the Psi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma.
  - 2. Cornerstone
    - a. For the Southwest Cornerstone award, given to a brother of the Southwest who goes above and beyond in service to their band program and community, the District Council chose this brother for his history of always being available to assist all levels of musical ensembles in his community to, and for his constant leadership he has shown throughout college as Vice President of his Kappa Kappa Psi chapter, President of his Phi Mu Alpha Chapter, and as a music captain for the Pride of Portales Marching Band. We would like to award the Southwest Cornerstone award to T.J. Coleman of the Beta Lambda chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.
- n. Welcome to the 2020-2021 SWD Council
  - i. President: T.J. Coleman - Beta Lambda
  - ii. Vice President for Membership: Ayleen Sanchez - Alpha Chi
  - iii. Vice President for Programs: Serin Park - Rho
  - iv. Secretary/Treasurer: Patrick Cavareo - Alpha Chi
  - v. Member-At-Large: Cole Brumbelow - Theta Nu



**4. D.O. Wiley Recipient is Epsilon Beta (UCA).**

**5. Announcements**

- a. Next Week will be the officer installations, stay tuned for that information
- b. Following being adjourned, Andy C will share the scrapbook via Zoom.

**6. Adjourn @ 9:00 PM**

- a. Gamma Iota Motions
- b. Epsilon Beta Seconds
- c. Passes

## Appendix A: Final Officer Report - Member at Large - Andy Cifuentes

To all of the amazing brothers of the Southwest District,

HEY SWD! I want to thank you all once again for this opportunity to serve on this level. It has truly been a once in a lifetime experience and words cannot fully describe my gratitude. If you would have asked me 3 years ago if I saw myself serving on the district level, I would have panicked. There was no way I thought I could be able to work up to that caliber. However, this is all easier to attain and work for than I thought. I'm in no way saying it was easy, but I am saying that any brother is capable of serving on the district level. It just takes some dedication. I want to continue seeing more and more brothers strive for the highest!

I was so thankful to be able to attend and represent the SWD as Member-at-Large at the 2019 National Convention. I can honestly say that this was literally one of the biggest moments in my life. Being able to work side by side with brothers and sisters from across the nation was such an inspiring event. The business conducted during the week only fueled the ideas I had been stewing on for the next year.

I want to thank all of the chapters who participated in the SWD Instagram Takeovers! You all did great and the project was able to really highlight many amazing chapters. I hope that I was able to effectively use the SWD's social media platforms to the best of my ability for you all. I also want to thank all of the hardworking chapters who helped submit something for the District Scrapbook or filled out the Chapter History Form.

There are a few things that I want to see continue or be worked on in the future, however. That is why I will be charging the next Member-at-Large with the following:

1. Continue to work on your social media skills and try to spread beyond the normal Facebook and Instagram posts.
2. Create a steady Social Media calendar early for your council to coordinate with.
3. Work on the district awareness of the Chapter History Form.
4. Start accepting Chapter History Forms and Scrapbook submissions in the Fall.
5. Create your History and Traditions committee and set goals and standards for them early.
6. Continue to work with chapter officers via the current officer facebook groups.
7. Ask for help when you need it.

Sorry if it seems like a lot of stuff. I promise whoever the next MAL is that I'm just a phone call or a text away.

I promise I'm not crying as I type this.

To the Tau Beta Sigma council and Counselors,

You all are such hardworking individuals and it was such a blast getting to work with you all at Winter Council. You all showed me so many different angles of approach for projects that I will continue to use in the future.

To the wonderful SWD Governors,

I'm so glad I got to know each one of you all. It was truly an amazing year and your guidance helped us be as successful as possible. I look forward to our continued friendship.

To Ashley Nowikowski,

You are an amazing hardworking human and I am glad to have gotten to know you. Your bright shining personality will make you such an amazing teacher!

To Rachael Baca,

Your love and dedication to music is so inspiring. I'm looking forward to the waves you're going to make in the musical world soon!

To Hannah Cheeseman,

Your work on the district and national level was incredible. I can't even begin to imagine the amount of hard work you put towards this Fraternity. BOOMER

To Garret Gardenhire,

I'm sorry I thought Walmart was founded in Oklahoma. I'm going to miss our constant bickering. It only made me sad a few times, I promise.

I can promise you all this. I will still make nearly every effort I can to see each and every one of you in the future. Just because we aren't all on the same council anymore, doesn't mean you're done hearing from me. It has been an amazing year and my life is now brighter after meeting and working with you all.

Fraternally yours,

Andy Cifuentes

Epsilon Epsilon

Southwest District Member-at-Large

## Appendix B: Final Officer Report - Secretary/Treasurer - Ashley Nowikowski

Dear Brothers of the Southwest District,

I wanted to start off by saying thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this amazing opportunity. I was able to make so many new connections to brothers and sisters across the district and learn about our organization in a whole new way. This position taught me how to balance my time and how to organize everything into Google Drive. Haha, of course, it taught me much more. Overall, I'm grateful for this experience. So, thank you.

I spent the summer following convention in Austin, Texas teaching 8th graders math and then when the semester started, I began my final year at UNM. The fall semester was when my vehicle was stolen. Some of you may recall my Jeep pictures being posted on the Meeting Grounds page in December. Deep thanks to the brother who posted that for me. While my vehicle was recovered, it was only recovered enough for the insurance to cut me a check. With that, I was left carless for about 2 months. This started the very stressful final semester which would include my final observations, my full assumption in the classroom, and Convention with my chapter. While we all know where that has put us now, I am pleased to say that I will still be graduating, I am still here with you all on Convention day, just in a new capacity, and I am still so grateful for this organization.

During my term, I was able to create a consistent template for council minutes, which you can find all of our minutes from the 2019-2020 term on the District Website. I was able to have about a one to three day turn around for all paperwork. I worked with Garret and others on updating the website. I kept in contact with several chapters to ensure that they turned in paperwork on time and all their questions could be answered. I learned more what our grant system is like and how they operate. While I accomplished a lot of great things that I set out to do, I wasn't able to do Digital Face-to-Face meetings like I wanted to. Student teaching definitely took up more time than I anticipated. I also wasn't able to promote the grants in a way that I wanted to. However, we still had about 11 chapters this term alone apply for our chapter assistance grants!

My 2019-2020 Charges were:

- Find or create a project of my choice to complete throughout the coming Summer and Fall semester
- Complete all forms assigned to me within a week of receiving them

I didn't find an explicit project in the Summer or Fall, but I did spend a lot of time organizing the documents that are within the Secretary end of this position. That alone was a fun project for me because I got to look at old minutes, old projects, and other historical type documents.

My charges to the 2020-2021 Secretary/Treasurer:

- Continue to utilize a clear minutes template and provide access to your template to other chapters in the district

- Complete all documents assigned to you within one week of receiving them
- Become familiar with the workings of the website in order to upload documents (i.e. minutes, events, and others) in a timely manner

My charges to the 2020-2021 SWD Council:

- Continue to meet regularly in order to maintain good communication
- Find an opportunity to bring you all together either in the Summer or Fall (or both) to make you bond strong

My charges to the Southwest District

- Find a way to reach out to a brother across the district. This position showed me how big our district is, but I have made some new friends and new connections solely because I reached out. It's an amazing feeling and I hope that you all can experience that.
- Reach out to your officers if you are confused about anything. We're here to help. I promise.

Some quick thank yous.

Garret – Thank you for always answering my multitude of questions. Your kindness means so much more to me than you'll ever realize. I wish you the very best in all that you do. You really tried hard, man.

Hannah – I've low key admired you ever since I was VPM. You're so amazing at your position and it has amazed me that you accomplished all that you did while also in grad school. I'm so proud of you and I hope you go super far. I know you're going super far away, but you know what I mean!

Rachael – You're my grandlittle and I cannot express how proud of you I am. You worked really hard this year despite everything going on. Please keep your head up and know that you are amazing!

Little Andy – By far my favorite thing about you is your willingness to log into a meeting no matter where you are. I've seen you logged in from a practice room, while you are walking around, and even in your car. You are so amazing and I appreciate all you do!

Clint – Thank you so much for being a phone call away when I was very panicked this semester. You're also just a wealth of knowledge and I really appreciated that. Please enjoy your new home and job.

Toni – I thanked you a bit in my committee report, but also from an officer perspective, thank you so much. I also really enjoyed having another education person in my midst since that is all I ever want to talk about. Please know I'll reach out many more times with questions regarding your classroom this coming fall.

Big Andy - Thank you for all of your insight during all of our meetings. I have always appreciated your perspective when we are making decisions. You've been amazing, so thank you!

Gamma Iota – Thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting me through all of this. This past year has been nothing, but a rollercoaster. Your support has been what has made it easier for me. I love you all so much and I know I wouldn't be the person I am today without each of you.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Ashley Nowikowski  
Kappa Kappa Psi, Gamma Iota Chapter  
2019-2020 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer

## Appendix C: Final Officer Report - Vice President for Programs - Rachael Baca

Brothers of the Southwest District,

Thinking back to last year, I am reminded of the anxiety I felt last year at convention. My chapter was once again presenting our bid to host convention and Ashley and I were running for council. We were all excited, happy to be there, but nervous for the results. When I found out I was slated, I was immediately relieved, but still so nervous. Since being elected, I have had nothing but joy for this opportunity.

But also since then, I have experienced so much more loss than I thought I'd ever have to go through. During the summer my boyfriend's older brother passed away. He had been sick for awhile, but he was so young. He was becoming an older brother to me and always helped me feel included in events with his family. Then in early September, an aunt of mine passed away. I was particularly close to her, but it made me realize just how old my grandparents were and all my aunts and uncles. To say in the least, it made me nervous for my own grandma who was close in age to my aunt. Later that month, a cousin of mine passed away... this was so unexpected for everyone. He was also young, his daughter being a high school junior this year.

A friend told me that deaths happen in 3s, and while a superstition, it gave me comfort in the thought that people in my life were done dying. I know that might sound weird, but it made me feel a little better.

This year my chapter also experienced some hardships, with brothers leaving and going conditional. And let this be said, if you are a brother who is considering leaving the fraternity or going conditional, I wish you well, but I also wish that you think about your brothers. I miss the people in my chapter who have left and I long for them to come back. I can't speak for everyone, but man, I miss my brothers. I miss seeing their faces at chapter meetings, I miss seeing them at socials and degrees and everything. I miss them so much more than they might know.

And lastly, this past January my grandma got sick. All my fears and anxieties suddenly became present again. All my worries came back. And even though it seemed she was getting better, she passed away late January. I have never missed someone as much as I miss her.

To all my brothers who may read this, or watch the video I will make to go with it, I hope you know that you've lost someone, whether it be recent or not, you are not alone in the grieving process. If you ever need someone to share memories of the person or persons, I am here. I will listen to you with patience and with respect. Each day is a battle to remember to be positive about it all, but you are not alone.

But with all of that, I have been blessed so much this past year. I started a new job at the

Norbertine Abbey, where I get to play music and sing and lead the community in musical prayer. I also finished a season of marching band as a section leader where for the first time ever, the trumpet section got along and spent time with each other. Then at the end of the season, I auditioned to be one of the next drum majors and got it! I made it into the Undergraduate Woodwind Quintet. I served as NAFME Vice President and as my chapter's VPP, this past semester even taking the role of VP and getting to lead my chapter in continuing education. And although our time in person was cut short, I did still get to spend time with my council and the TBS council during winter break.

I'm not sure what lies for us tomorrow or how long we will be limited to virtual calls, virtual mass, movie's via hangouts and watch parties, but I do know that we are a district full of brothers and sisters who love each other and ALWAYS strive for the highest.

This past year as Vice President for Programs has been such a huge learning experience. I have met incredible people and gotten to lead in a way that I hadn't pictured for myself. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve our district and our fraternity in this way. It is something I will always hold dear to my heart.

*To the TBS council,*

I know we weren't able to work together as much as maybe what is normal, but it has been such a pleasure getting to meet each of you. I wish you all the best of luck moving forward and can't wait till our paths will cross again.

*To Wendy,*

Thank you for being here for me this year and helping make sure everything we do together was successful. I know things didn't quite go the way we had hoped from the beginning, but I am thankful you were by side for it all. I'm going to miss you!

*To Garret,*

This whole year you have been nothing but kind to me. This was a particularly hard year, and you helped me so much. I am so grateful to you for being there when I needed advice and when I just needed to let you know what was going on. You helped me carry my workload and I can't thank you enough. You have really made this a special experience. Thank you.

*To Hannah,*

You have always been a friendly face on the council and I have loved getting to know you and become your friend. You have done such an amazing job this year and helped me when things in my chapter changed. I hope you're nice and comfy in your snuggly. Thank you for everything.

*To Andy,*



You've really done a great job bringing the council together. JACKBOX games and all the other fun things you brought to us. Thank you for being a good friend this year and I hope to continue getting to know you.

*To Ashley,*

My G-big... You have always been an inspiration to me. You have always made me want to work a little harder and strive a little higher. Ashley, you are one of the best big brothers I could ever ask for. I know this year wasn't easy, but you always push through and come out shining bright. I hope after this is done that you are able to get much needed rest. You deserve it. I love you and I am so happy to have you in my life. Thank you for everything that you do.

*To Toni, Clint, and Andy,*

I knew you were going to be people who supported us and helped us throughout the year, but I didn't know just how kind and amazing you would be. Thank you for being here to answer all our questions but also to help us navigate this year as people. I truly appreciate each of you and the support you've given me and the council. Thank you.

*To my chapter, Gamma Iota,*

All the way back to last spring, you supported me and Ashley. You have always been a group of people that strives for excellence and goes the extra mile to show you care. This has been a rough year for us, but in the end I believe that we are stronger than ever before. I know that none of this is how we had pictured this day and this is certainly not the convention we worked to have the honor to host, but you have all been so great through all this. I love every single one of you with my whole heart. I wouldn't be here without you and I wouldn't have made it through this year without the support you all constantly provided. Thank you <3

Charges for the 2020-2021 Vice President for Programs:

- Continue the history of excellence in the New ALTO team and submissions, as well as finding ways to incorporate SWD programs
- Work with your TBS counterpart on finding a service project that excites the district and promote it as soon as possible.
- Continue to work on awards packets and making sure the applications are easy to understand. Work with your council members to share info about awards and encourage chapters to apply.
- Your council and the governors are here to help you and support you. You are never alone in what you're doing. Don't forget this.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your district Vice President for Programs; it truly has been an honor to serve. Always remember, you are not alone in this crazy world and if you ever need anything, I am here and I will help in any way I can.

Fraternally submitted,

Rachael Baca  
Gamma Iota - Vice President for Programs  
Southwest District Vice President for Programs

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

Hello Brothers of the Southwest,

I can't believe today is actually here, my last day as a district officer. It's truly been a pleasure to serve you. Thank you to everyone who has helped me along the way including the district council and the governors. I am so happy that I have grown so close to you all and I hope I have made you proud.

Thank you to everyone for being so flexible in the time of COVID-19 and showing up to the virtual workshops Hannah Wilson and I put on. Hannah Wilson has been an amazing counterpart for two years now and I wouldn't be nearly as successful at what I do without her. Thank you to the two chapters who helped host the in person workshops we hosted: Beta Gamma (KKPsi) at the Louisiana State University and Gamma Eta (KKPsi) at New Mexico State University. Thank you to the chapters who didn't get to host, but were still willing and planning: Alpha (TBS) and Alpha (KKPsi) at Oklahoma State University, Gamma Tau (TBS) and Epsilon Beta (KKPsi) at University of Central Arkansas, Eta Nu (TBS) and Theta Kappa (KKPsi) at Tarleton State University, and Delta Phi (TBS) and Zeta Gamma (KKPsi) at Texas Lutheran University.

Charges:

For the 2020-2021 District Council

- 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 2020-2021 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

Thank you all for two years of great memories and lifelong friends.

Fraternally submitted,

Hannah Cheeseman

Delta Chapter - Alumni Relations Officer

SWD Vice President for Membership 2019-2020

## Appendix E: Final Officer Report - President - Garret Gardenhire

Brothers of the Southwest,

It has been my honor to serve you these past two years on your District Council, this opportunity has shown me the best of this organization and I can not be more thankful that I was granted this opportunity. Going into this year I had no idea how rewarding the office of District President would be and it would go on to shape my perception of this Fraternity.

My charges going into this year were:

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

In addition to these charges, I came into this term with the additional goals of:

- Improving the transparency of the District Council to allow all brothers to see what is happening on the District Level
- Improve the methods of communication currently used like Chapter Outreach and our District Website
- Strive to maintain and strengthen the Joint Relations between the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma District Councils

In the beginning of my term the council worked to try a few new methods of communication, like a Slack channel for chapter presidents, new Facebook groups, improving the Southwest District website, and mass email updates. We found that while not all of these methods were effective, the combination or "wide net" of information improved our success rate of connecting with chapters across the district.

This work is vital to the district, and there is still much work to be done. I am encouraged that the next District Council will be able to take over and carry on this mission of transparency across the Southwest.

My charges to the 2020-2021 Southwest District President are:

1. Continue work on improving the communications methods of the District Council, and strive to create personal connections with all chapters within the District.
2. Work with the National Council to get information regarding District Events published sooner.
3. Continue working on the available resources on the Southwest District website by working with your District Officers and your Joint Tau Beta Sigma Council.
4. Brainstorm new ideas for District Involvement while maintaining the new initiatives created over the past few years.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their friendship and guidance they have provided for the last two years:

- To my joint Tau Beta Sigma District Councils: I am heartbroken that we do not get to spend these last moments of our terms together as originally planned, but I am thankful for all that we have got to do over this year. Looking back, I will always cherish the moments we spent together like our super long trip to Albuquerque or getting together for little moments during the National Convention.
- Andy Cifuentes: I have grown so close with you over this past year, and I am so lucky to have gotten the chance to spend many nights sleeping in Hannah's living room with you. While you have shown me a lot about the different aspects of the world, I will forever hold a grudge that you thought Walmart was founded in Oklahoma.
- Ashley Nowikowski: meep mow! You have been so wonderful in all aspects in your role, and the only thing I wish was that I got to see you more. I am excited to see where you go (and those kids you teach are going to be lucky to have an amazing teacher like you)
- Rachael Baca: Your compassion for this office and your brothers is unparalleled. Your future in this Fraternity is bright. I still look back on our times at National Council and smile thinking of all the wonderful memories I have of you.
- Clint Wieden: Since my time as an MC, I have always been amazed at the work you do for this District. Your guidance this year has been critical as we navigate this crazy labyrinth of trying to have a District Convention. I am thankful for all the time I got to spend with you, and look forward to seeing you in the future.
- Toni Castle: You are a kick-butt teacher and I wish I would have had you when I was in High School. Your love for students and KPsi (Did you cringe there?) is obvious in all that you do, and I will always look back on our time together fondly.
- Andy Melvin: Listen, I may try really hard but it is only because I am trying to live up to your example. You are an amazing mentor and always have the right thing to say in times of trouble. I will see you soon on your Animal Crossing Island.
- Hannah Cheeseman: Sweaty. You are one of my best friends and I couldn't imagine life without you. I had no idea that the best thing I would get out of District Council was one my closest and dear friends. You may be moving up north, but you can expect me in a few months on your doorstep ready to go yell at some cows. (PS Looking forward to playing Minecraft with you)

I would like to thank this entire District one last time. This has been the opportunity of a lifetime, and I will forever be thankful. Please continue striving for the highest in all that you do, and do not be afraid to reach out to your new District Council if you ever need anything.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Garret Gardenhire, 2019-20 Southwest District President  
(AEA and Go Hogs!)

## Appendix F: Spirit and Recognition Committee Report

Brothers,

The 2020 Spirit & Recognition Committee was charged with the following:

- 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.

We began our virtual convention by first going through the stipulations of each award and what we are looking for as a committee. Individual leadership, community impact, and many other things were topics discussed before reviewing applications. We decided to go award by award since every committee member did not have a binder like at normal conventions. We found that as a committee some of the chapters did not closely examine the stipulations for each award and how to best answer each question asked on the applications.

Overall, many of the applications were very detailed and personable and showed the committee many insights into their chapter. Some of the chapters that applied did not actually give much detail into any of their answers. As a committee, we feel that an underwhelming amount of chapters applied for awards in general. We highly encourage as many chapters as possible to consider applying for all awards. You never know if your chapter has the application that the committee is looking for.

Charges to the Southwest District:

- Be aware of the constitution and policy guide when applying for any award.
- Be more innovative and chapter specific when giving answers to questions.
- Please write at least a well thought out paragraph on the specific stand-out activities that your chapter is involved with throughout the four pillars.
- Consult with your chapters on each and every answer to get a diverse point of view and avoid a single person's ideas.

Charges to the 2020-2021 District Council:

- The Member at Large and Vice President for Programs to advertise frequently the requirements and deadlines for all awards.
- 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.

Charges to the 2021 Spirit & Recognition Committee:

- Review the report of the 2020 Spirit Committee
- Before reviewing packets, decide what qualities you as a committee are looking for in each of the 4 Pillars..
- Review all applications submitted for the 4 Pillar Awards in order to ensure that all applicants are eligible for consideration.
- Evaluate and recommend any changes to the selection process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

Thank you to committee members:

- Jennifer Hitt, Theta Nu
- Cory Trabue, Zeta Gamma
- Raphael Williams, Delta Sigma
- William Irion, Nu Delta
- Breydon Renard, Epsilon Epsilon

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, Dino, you were a huge help in this trying and difficult time of our virtual district convention.

This was my 1st year serving as a District Committee Chair and it was a great experience. It has been an honor and I hope that everyone in this district continues to strive for the highest.

Fraternally submitted,  
Cullen Hinkle  
Spirit & Recognition Committee Chair  
Lambda Xi Chapter

Appendix G: Ways and Means Committee Report

Committee Chair Name and Chapter - Ashley Nowikowski – Gamma Iota Chapter

Advisor - Toni Castle – SWD Governor

The 2019-2020 Ways and Means Committee was 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.

Toni and I reviewed the 2019-2020 Committee Report. We went over the proposed budget from year. Due to the 2020 convention being cancelled, we didn't receive the proposed delegate fees. Our spring allotment was also delayed due to the pandemic.

We decided to remove the previous line items for Fundraising and Other. We no longer do fundraising as a district and the other was not consistent with our general budgeting. Colony Assistance and Chapter Assistance Grant were lowered due to no income from delegate fees. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the council went over on our Chapter Assistance Grant proposed expense due to the 2020 National Convention. This was done at the approval of the governors.

2020-2021 Proposed Budget

Fall Allotment	3500
Spring Allotment	650
Delegate Fees	700
Estimated Total Revenues	4850
District Officer Travel	
President	500
VPP	500
VPM	500
Secretary/Treasurer	500
MAL	500
Office expenses	



Office and mail (supplies for area workshop, winter council, and convention)	530
District Awards	500
Colony assistance	150
Grants	
Chapter assistance grant	1100
Estimated Total Expenses	4780

Charges to the 2020/2021 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

- Review the 2020 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
- Adjust the Chapter Assistance Grant appropriately for the upcoming 2021 National Convention after reviewing income from lack of delegate fees and delayed spring allotment from the Spring of 2019

Charges to 2020-2021 Secretary/Treasurer

- Continue with the oncoming budget Spreadsheet titled "KKPsi SWD Funds"
- Update the allotments when they are made available for the 2020-2021 year
- Add the past three years of expense reports to the ongoing budget, specifically the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 report

Charge to 2020-2021 Council

- Use the shared drive for all financial and general documentation to allow the committee access to information pertaining to the budget

Thank you, Toni, for helping me with all the questions and filling out the committee report. You were super helpful. I feel like together we made some good grounds for the following years financially and organizationally.

Fraternally Submitted,

Ashley Nowikowski

Gamma Iota

2019-2020 SWD Secretary/Treasurer

2019-2020 Ways and Means Committee Chair

## Appendix H: Membership Committee Report

Committee Chair Name and Chapter: Hannah Cheeseman, Delta

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

Sean Savard (Beta Gamma)  
Jacob McGee (VPM) - alpha omicron  
Jacob Purifoy (VPM) - lambda  
Herman Montoya (Beta Lambda)  
Darrell Davarsee Lewis (Iota Sigma)  
Christopher Broome (Eta Xi)

Advisor(s): Lizzi Pineiro

Committee Report:  
Brothers of the Southwest,

The membership education committee discussed many things to improve or clarify for VPMs, MCs, and others interested in the membership process. We talked about how to better advertise workshops through mediums other than Facebook due to Facebook's odd algorithms that cause people to miss group notifications. We talked about the continued use of the the SWD VPM Facebook group and ensuring that VPMs include the group in transition materials. The activity review forms were brought up and we want to ensure that VPMs at least have a temporary document by fall that lists all the activities approved so far. The membership candidate registration form was brought up and we talked about ways to alleviate the VPMs burden of entering the information of many people on it and potentially sharing those resources. We talked about other ways nationals can distribute information through google drive about lessons, portfolios, and recruitment. It was also suggested that chapters use google drive to ensure transition materials are passed on and documented throughout years. We talked about the fraternity song and hymn and providing chapters with resources to teach it to the chapter and MCs. We also talked about ways to review lessons and commit information to long term memory and potentially sharing those ideas with the nation. Finally, we talked about providing guides on things like what chain of command VPMs should go up if they have issues with their class and who to contact on the national and district level for help. The feedback was super helpful and will be passed on to both the future SWD VPM and the curriculum committee.

Charges to the 2020 Committee:

- Continue to get workshop feedback and determine why chapters like it and what prevents chapters from going to workshops
- Continue to get feedback for the curriculum committee and determine what resources VPMs need
- Continue to get feedback as the R2W continues to roll out new editions

Thank you's:

Thank you to Sean, Jacob McGee, Jacob Purifoy, Herman, Darrell, and Christopher for being awesome committee members and letting me ramble on. Thank you for Lizzi for helping provide expertise and feedback. 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 I: History and Traditions Committee Report

### Standing Committee Members Name and Chapter

- Andy Cifuentes (Head) - Epsilon Epsilon
- Ron Espinoza - Mu Lambda
- TJ Coleman - Beta Lambda
- Emily Copeland - Epsilon Beta
- Angel Sanchez - Delta Sigma
- Keegan Turney - Epsilon Beta
- Megan Cross - Lambda
- Tara Lopez - Gamma Iota
- Zane Radka - Epsilon Epsilon
- Garret Gardenhire (ex officio) - Lambda

### Convention Committee Delegates Name and Chapter

- Anthony Smith - Gamma Theta
- Andrew Perez - Epsilon Kappa

Advisor - Nicole Brooks

To the Delegation,

The 2019-2020 History and Traditions Committee was charged to work on or help with the following several charges as written by the previous committee:

### 2018-2019 Committee 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.

For the first charge, the District Council tasked the committee to further discuss the Steven C. Nelson History award. The main topic of discussion was to limit the amount of

winning chapters. The current wording allows for any eligible chapter to be awarded. After much discussion, the committee came to the consensus to keep the award worded as is. We decided that any chapter that takes the time to complete all of the listed criteria should be allowed the honor of the award. However, we also believed that easier access and a higher rate of awareness may lead to higher participation. We want the next committee to continue evaluating the necessity for multiple winners in the future. We would like the next district council to look into adding a list of previous winners onto the district website, making the awards page more upfront on the website, adding in award requirements next to award descriptions, correctly distinguishing the hyperlinks so they are visible, and possibly adding the Chapter History Form to the updated awards packet.

For the second charge, we were unable to quite get the Scrapbook submissions and History Update form ready to go year round. However, with our implementation of a chapter contact list for the committee, we were able to effectively and efficiently contact and distribute information to chapters around the district.

For the fourth charge, the committee came up with an idea to hold a competition of sorts. We decided to have chapters submit audio or video recordings of themselves performing the SWD Joint song with their brother or sister chapter or even solo SATB lines from the piece. We believed that this would spark a sense of friendly competition, as the prize for this contest would be getting featured on the SWD website! This would help promote the existence of the joint song as well as serve as a teaching tool for future brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, shortly after going live with the project, schools began online classes due to the outbreak of COVID-19. We would love for the next committee to continue this search for excellent recordings. However, with an uncertain future, we would also suggest exploring “virtual choir” options.

For the fifth charge, I was able to create the standing History and Traditions committee earlier than most other committees. This proved most effective as I was able to delegate tasks, such as chapter contact, information sharing, and even compiling and working on the District Scrapbook. The crew worked diligently and I cannot thank them enough for their hard work.

For the sixth charge, we all agreed that while the Spirit Stick is a traditional award, the exact wording of criteria should be up to the Spirit Committee. We also had been discussing for several months the possibility of retiring the SWD Spirit Drum. The thought to retire the drum came from difficulties storing, transporting, and maintaining the integrity of the drum and bike. After much discussion, we were unable to create a proper retirement plan for the drum and bike, as we were unable to find an appropriate and safe place to retire the drum and bike. We want the next committee to continue the search so that the preservation of this piece of our history is ensured.

After assessing the charges placed upon us, we started looking at other details. The first being the Chapter History Form. We realized that unfortunately, many chapters failed to complete this form due to confusion or lack of drive to complete it. We decided it needs to be shared more effectively and also needed a few edits and changes that I will work on with the next Member-at-Large. These include:

Section 1: Edit the wording of “Number of Newly Initiated Members” to “Number of newly initiated members OR membership candidates at time of completion”

Section 1: Adding in a tab for “Number of Honorary Members”

Section 3: Adding in a tab for “Current Chapter Committees and Heads”

Section 4: Adding in a tab for “List up to 5 interesting facts about your chapter” with a tag “Prior Awards may be found on OMRS”

After some more discussion, we also decided that a completed Chapter History Form should also count as a completed District Scrapbook submission, if the form includes appropriate materials. We believe this would help streamline the process as well as provides some more motivation to fill out the form. We would also like the next District Council to add the Chapter History Form to the current SWD Awards packet if possible. We believe that the creation of the District Almanac should also be public knowledge. This may prompt more chapters to fill out their Chapter History Form if they see what this information is going towards and also kickstart the finalization of the project.

After discussing some of the difficulties with the Chapter History Form we also came to the consensus that there needs to be some type of OMRS tutorial video. Some chapters’ history, such as awards, can be found on the OMRS, but many people do not know how to properly access or work on it. We believe that a short tutorial video demonstrating the available features would be beneficial to all brothers and sisters who may need it. After looking outward, we then looked inward. We started to discuss ways for the next committee to work more efficiently. We wanted the next head to implement member “checkpoints” to ensure committee members are held accountable for committee projects or chapter contact. One of the other topics was what to do when business starts to slow down. There were periods when all of our projects were live and we were simply waiting for the next deadline. After some discussion, we decided that the committee should take on other projects other than just the awards and Scrapbook. This can include social media projects, history oriented events, or workshops. One of the top ideas made was the creation of a type of History & Traditions chat. Inspired by the VPSA chats, we thought it would be neat to create videos highlighting chapters working on their own scrapbooks or historical projects.

#### Charges for the 2020-2021 History and Traditions Committee

1. We charge the District Council to add the previous winners of the Steven C. Nelson History award to the website and adding the Chapter History Form to the SWD Awards packet.
2. We charge the District Council to bring the awards tab to the front page of the website in some way, posting award requirements on the same page as the descriptions, and correctly marking the hyperlinks on the page.
3. We charge the History and Traditions committee to continue the search for excellent recordings of the SWD Joint song for the website. While also exploring “virtual choir” options.
4. We charge the Spirit committee to write an appropriate constitution insert for the SWD Spirit Stick. Properly detailing the importance of the award.
5. We charge the History and Traditions committee with continuing the search for an appropriate retirement location and continuing to evaluate the need for retirement.

6. We charge the next Head of the History and Traditions committee to adopt the above listed edits to the Chapter History Form.
7. We charge the Jurisdiction Committee to change the wording of one of the Steven C. Nelson History award's criteria. Section 10.7 of the Policy Guide, Awards and Traditions.
  - Submit a standardized and updated Chapter History FormTo
  - Submit a standardized and updated Chapter History Form (May also count as a Southwest District Scrapbook Submission if appropriate materials are included.)
8. We charge the District Council to continue working on the District Almanac.
9. We charge the District Council with creating an OMRS tutorial video, showcasing all of its features and how to use them.
10. We charge the next Head of the History and Traditions committee with creating member checkpoints to hold their committee accountable.
11. We charge the History and Traditions committee with creating 2 videos a semester showcasing the SWD's historical projects as listed above.

I would like to thank my committee and council for all of the amazing help. I could not imagine doing any of this work without you all. I look forward to seeing how we progress in the future.

Fraternally yours,  
Andy Cifuentes  
Epsilon Epsilon  
Southwest District Member-at-Large

## Appendix J: Chapter Leadership Committee Report

Brothers of the Southwest District,

The 2020 D. O. Wiley Committee was charged 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.

When the D. O. Wiley committee first met, we shared all of the submitted applications and reviewed them. Given the extreme circumstances we are all going through, I was informed that all chapters are eligible and still qualified. I was also informed that the chapters would be allowed to do their presentations using PowerPoint over Zoom.

We then moved on to discussing and deciding on questions we felt would reveal the most about each chapter with regards to our pillars, code of conduct, and purposes. They are as followed:

1. How is your chapter important to its members, your music department, and your university?
2. Which of the four pillars do you believe your chapter needs improving on?
3. How is your chapter unique?

The Committee and I were impressed by the amount of work and effort the chapters were able to present through PowerPoint presentations. Although the medium of the presentations was limited, we definitely saw the creativity behind them.

Every chapter gave an excellent presentation and were able to demonstrate how they represent the four pillars in their own unique ways. Based on the criteria, the committee found that one chapter particularly excelled and went above and beyond to exhibit each of these pillars in great and creative ways.

The Committee would like to the charge the D. O. Wiley Committee for 2021 with the Following:

- Review the report of the 2020 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 2021 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 2020-2021 Southwest District Council with the following:

- Continue to advertise for the D. O. Wiley award and encourage chapters to apply, because there are way more chapters that also deserve this award.
- Reach out to individual applying chapters and offer guidance to those who are eligible and may need assistance.

The Committee would 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.
- Given the circumstances and having to transition this year's convention to an online format, develop a way to communicate more efficiently regarding last minute changes of criteria to both the applying chapters and the committees.
- Consider developing a more efficient and proactive way to submit applications. Though Google Forms works well for general questions, the interface for PDF uploads was not too user friendly. It also does not allow applicants to save and come back to the application, which can be burdensome to the applicants.

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. All chapters are doing great things and should have the chance to show it off.
- Encourage your home chapters to consider their individual achievements in regard to the purposes and the pillars of our fraternity, and determine which awards your chapter is eligible for.

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I would like to thank the members of the 2020 D. O. Wiley committee:

Anthony Saenz - Epsilon Delta

Jacie Pujol - Rho

Topy Nguyen - Gamma Sigma  
Travis Otts - Alpha Psi  
William Phi - Theta Alpha

Thank y'all for being flexible with your time and for being willing to work with me, even though I had no idea what I was doing sometimes. I also want to thank our advisor, Justin Jensen, for your guidance through the committee meetings and the selection of the D.O. Wiley award recipient. I also want to thank Garret Gardenhire for answering all of my questions and for asking me to be the chair of this committee. I really appreciate the opportunity to be able to serve our district. This was truly a great experience.

Fraternally submitted,  
Nataly Ruan  
2020 D. O. Wiley Committee Chair  
Zeta Kappa Chapter, Texas A&M University - Commerce

## Appendix K: Nominations Committee Report

Brother of the Southwest District,

The 2020 Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

- Review the report of the 2019 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. 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

We began by reviewing the 2019 Nominations Committee Report and charges.

We continued our business by reviewing the candidates who submitted applications and determining if they were eligible as per the requirements laid out in the constitution. The committee determined that the following candidates were eligible to run for district office:

KaSandra Odle of the Epsilon Kappa Chapter  
Ayleen Sanchez of the Alpha Chi Chapter  
Sean Savard of the Beta Gamma Chapter  
Theron Coleman of the Beta Lambda  
Serin Park of the Rho Chapter  
Patrick Caraveo of the Alpha Chi Chapter  
Hannah Smart of the Alpha Psi Chapter  
Cole Brumbelow of the Theta Nu Chapter  
Kelly Gage of the Gamma Theta Chapter  
Macy Vincent of the Alpha Psi Chapter

Once all candidates were deemed eligible to run for office, the committee set up interviews via Zoom calls the week before convention with each candidate. During these calls, each candidate was asked questions from a list of general questions predetermined by the committee. The general questions were:

1. What is the one thing you would like to accomplish/what is your overall goal?
2. What does leadership mean to you?
3. How do you plan to work with the other members of the executive council to accomplish your goals?
4. How do you believe an organization/chapter should function?

5. Could you tell us about a specific experience that helped lead you to run for district office?
6. Would you be willing to accept any position if you are slated to something else?

Then, the committee members were given the floor to ask additional questions regarding the packet, position, or other relevant topics as they deemed necessary. Each candidate received adequate time to introduce themselves and answer all questions given.

Following the conclusion of the final interview the committee then identified the criteria for a positive recommendation for each office. Each candidate was then discussed in full and multiple candidates were re-called for further interviewing and clarification.

After much deliberation, the nominations committee was able to come to a final decision on our official recommendation for the district. While the option to slate an office as “no slate” is always available, the committee did not deem this necessary, and was able to recommend one candidate for each position. The 2020 Nominations committee is pleased to present our final recommendation for the 2020-2021 District Council:

President: Theron Coleman, Beta Lambda  
Vice President for Membership: Ayleen Sanchez, Alpha Chi  
Vice President for Programs: Serin Park, Rho  
Secretary-Treasurer: Patrick Caraveo, Alpha Chi  
Member-at-Large: Cole Brumbelow, Theta Nu

The nominations committee would like to thank all of the candidates for their interest in running for district office and all of their hard work. The committee urges the delegation to ask questions of all of the candidates in order to make an informed decision when choosing our next District Council.

The Committee would like to charge the 2021 Nominations Committee with the following:

- Review the report of the 2019 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. 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 developing most questions and interview plans.

The Committee would like to charge the 2021 Jurisdiction Committee with the following:

- Review the option of requiring candidates to submit a 2-3 minute campaign video in addition to the existing election materials required of the candidates, two weeks in advance of district convention, briefly outlining/highlighting key points in their platforms so that chapter's may be introduced to the candidates more easily prior to elections.

I would like to thank the members of my committee for their hard work and dedication to discussion and selection of candidates in the best interest of the fraternity.

Seferina Baca, Gamma Iota

Chase Patterson, Zeta Beta

Ian Patrick, Delta

Mason Thomas, Lambda

Parker Williams, Theta Phi

Luis Castillo, Alpha Tau

And our advisor Kalem Graham, Southeast District Governor.

I would also like to personally commend Garrett, the 2019-2020 District Council and Governors, my home chapter Delta Sigma, and the entire Southwest District for being so willing and to host convention online this year. I am proud to be a part of such an adaptable and innovative Brotherhood.

Fraternally Submitted,

Katarina Lile

2020 Nominations Committee Chair

Delta Sigma Chapter, University of Texas at Arlington

Appendix L: Jurisdiction Committee Report  
Report of the 2020 Jurisdiction Committee

Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

- Mattie J Awtrey - Alpha

Committee Members Names and Chapters :

- Ayleen Sanchez - Alpha Chi
- Jet Turner - Alpha
- Zabdiel Montes - Lambda Kappa
- Trace Rhode - Epsilon Beta
- Ruben Anfoso - Gamma Zeta

Advisor:

- Clinton Wieden - Southwest District Governor

Hello Brothers,

The 2020 Jurisdiction Committee was charged with the following:

- 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.

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

- Reviewed the charges to the 2020 Jurisdiction Committee.
- Discussion was held to ensure that the Southwest District Constitution and Policy Guide aligns with the current National Constitution.
  - All National Constitution changes are reflected within the Southwest District Constitution and Policy Guide as the Southwest District Council made appropriate changes before disbursing the 2019-2020 Southwest District Constitution and Policy Guide.
- Discussion was held to adjust the verbiage within the Awards Section of the Policy Guide to align with current district operations.
- Reviewed the Southwest District Constitution and Policy Guide document in order to ensure that all verbiage and terminology aligns throughout.
- Reviewed the recommendation from the Nominations Committee regarding campaign videos for district office.

Charges to the 2021 Jurisdiction 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.

Charges to the 2020-2021 District Council:

- Review recommendation from the Nominations Committee regarding campaign videos for district office, and develop procedures for the creation of such videos if the recommendation is implemented.

Thank you to all of the committee members for working together during this virtual convention. I appreciate your willingness to review all of the documents and input any thoughts or ideas. You all have made this committee meeting one of the easiest I have been a part of.

Thank you to our Advisor, Clinton Wieden, for providing continued support to this year's committee and helping us work through this new experience. Your knowledge and input was very appreciated and we could not have done it without you. You helped to sort through my personal confusion and ease the committee's minds on many topics.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Mattie J Awtrey  
Chair of the 2020 Jurisdiction Committee  
Alpha Chapter: Oklahoma State University

Proposed Changes to the Southwest District Policy Guide

Original Wording	Revised Wording	Reason
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## Appendix M: Final Governor Report - Clinton Wieden

Brothers of the Southwest,

It's hard to find an adequate way to describe just how this year has gone. All of us have had to adapt to new situations and scenarios in so many ways that it's sometimes hard to remember just what "normal" is, and things that really didn't happen that long ago now seem years away.

It's not even been a year since National Convention in the summer, but it feels like much longer. I want to thank you all for the effort and enthusiasm you showed to not only attend but actively participate in National Convention. We even won an award as a district because of what you did; though since it's on Garret's achievement shelf now and we aren't meeting in person, we may never see it again. I hope you all had a special experience at an event we will long remember.

My life changed significantly about a week after the convention when I took a new job, and the twists and turns of learning a new position in these times have been frequent. But I am thankful to be back at a place I love and nearer to the people who matter most in my life.

My activities this year outside of our administrative work were somewhat cut short due to the pandemic, but I'm thankful for the opportunities I had to meet with chapters throughout the fall. Aaron Moore and I have also been able to continue our work with Fraternity history through Podium articles, and that is work I always enjoy.

Our winter council meeting in Albuquerque was a great experience, and I have no doubt that the convention we planned to have there would have been one to remember. I am thankful for the time the councils, governors, and counselors were able to spend together, and I wish we were able to share that experience with all of you.

As we look towards next year, I am hopeful that many of the projects that have been discussed amongst the governors, council, and others begin to come to fruition, but I know that progress is not entirely within our control. I am eager to return to more normal operations, as I know many of you are, and I hope we will be in a position to do so soon.

Some brief thank-yous:

To the Tau Beta Sigma District Council, thank you for your work and adaptability this year. I know our council has enjoyed working with all of you, and best of luck to each of you in the future.

To Andy C., thanks for your work this year. I know it hasn't always been the easiest job to plan, but you have done good work and set the MAL position on a strong path moving forward. We are better for you having served this year.

To Ashley, I hope things calm down for you soon! It seems like ever since you got elected, you've had one thing after another happen. Even beyond being your advisor for this work, I am proud of the resiliency you have shown through everything and happy that I was able to help you where I could. Keep my number handy if you need to vent about graduate school, and good luck.

To Rachael, thanks for your work on making our programs the best they can be. I've enjoyed seeing you take initiative to make sure these activities and projects have a positive impact, and you have succeeded. Best of luck as you pursue your on-campus opportunities.

To Hannah, I can't say that I envy your successor. You came in with big shoes to fill, and now whoever comes next has to live up to your example. That's not going to be easy. In all aspects, you have striven to make the work of the VPM valuable, and the impact of that effort will be felt for years through the new brothers whose experiences were influenced by your work. Here's to enjoying the relief of finishing graduate school, best of luck in your new job, and thanks for everything you've done.

To Garret, thanks for everything you have done, both this year and last. You've had to be adaptable ever since you joined the Council, and this year, more than any of us ever expected. I have been appreciative of your work throughout your time with us in part because you are not afraid to ask questions – you want to understand, and you want to make sure things are done right. Why I think highly of you is because you do this not for yourself, but to ensure the best experience for others. Service itself is the goal, and that quality is both highly admirable and all too rare. Get a nice cabinet for your home office – I am fully confident that an achievement shelf is not going to be sufficient for what you will accomplish.

To the council as a whole, thank you for your work this year. You deserve more accolades than I can give for achieving what you have in the face of uncertain circumstances all year. When I look back on this group, the word that will always come to mind is “resilient.”

To Andy, Toni, Kathy, Ashlyn, and Katie, we have survived again. Thanks for your work and friendship this year; someday, maybe we'll get a low-stress year!

To all my friends and colleagues within Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, thanks for your continued friendship and support. I remain honored to be in your company and to carry out the work that we do.

In closing, to all Brothers: take care of yourselves, allow others to do the same, and take care of each other as best you can. When we reach the other side of this pandemic, let's be better than we were before.

Fraternally,

Clinton J. Wieden

Southwest District Governor

## Appendix N: Final Governor Report - Toni Castle

Brothers,

This is one of the most difficult reports I have ever written. I think it is worse than writing a 10 page P-CHEM report. The circumstances that we find ourselves in are unknown and scary. None of us were ready for this, but with my Brothers, I feel that we are making it through this difficult time. A spirit of fellowship is essential to surviving this pandemic. As we move forward, we will need our Brothers by our sides to navigate difficult times, share in successes, and grieve our losses. From personal experience, I know my Brothers have helped me through difficult times personally, academically, and with life in general. Our support for each other is amazing and will carry us forward through uncertain times.

It was a great start to our year, last spring. We left convention with a full council ready to work. We began the year with plans to get as many students to the National Convention as possible. The concerns of the district were important to us and we did our best to support our chapter delegates in getting to the National Convention. Homecoming was so educational and memorable. I was at the burial of the time capsule and was lucky to be there at the opening. We filled OSU to capacity and had a memorable experience.

We ventured out into our first digital workshop with CLC to ease the burden of travel in the summer. We learned quite a bit that would allow us to help us with the spring semester. The fall semester was filled with digital meetings. I was so sad to not get to go to the UH-OU game due to family obligations. The fall led to the winter council meeting. We had an amazing time in New Mexico. The Brothers of Gamma Iota were amazing hosts. Having two district officers from Gamma Iota allowed us to have a more at home feeling. The food was amazing and memorable. We left winter council with a plan. I was able to attend Area Workshop at LSU. It was a great workshop and I got to eat good food. I was looking forward to going to the South TX workshop, but plans changed. I was able to attend one of our virtual workshops and share time with our Brothers virtually.

Through all of the ups and downs of this year, I have been able to work with amazing young ladies and gentlemen. Andy, you did a great job with all of your work on social media and with the history of the district. I think every MAL has had to do some Facebook stalking to get pictures for the scrapbook. Thank you for making our time memorable and for the entire council. Ashley, you have the coolest hair! Thank you for your work as our secretary and treasurer. You will make an amazing teacher. Rachel, I loved seeing your videos posted on Facebook. Your voice brightened my day when I needed it. Thank you for working with our program, especially the New ALTO this year. Hanna, it has been an amazing two years. You have done so much for our vice presidents and our district. You did an amazing job planning workshop season all while completing a two year master's program in one year. You are an

amazing young lady. To Garret, you have done an amazing job. We have had a memorable two years. Thanks to your position, I had to put your name first on everything. Though I may have given you a hard time at times, you have done an amazing job. I have not forgotten my

promise, please keep an eye on the mail for a surprise later on. All of you are amazing leaders and I look forward to seeing all the amazing things you will do in your futures.

My co-governors have been a great support over the years. I am so lucky to have such dedicated Brothers as Clinton and Andy to help me support our district. I have tried to do this job without them, and am grateful to have them with me. As a team, we each bring our strengths to support the district.

I have witnessed amazing support throughout this year. Over the years, life happens. No matter how well you prepare, something may happen that will throw everything off track. This has happened multiple times over the years. This year's council has been the best at lifting each other up and providing support and guidance. When life happens, stop, breathe, and reach out to your Brothers support. We are here for you just as we are here for each other on council.

Take care of your mental wellbeing and your physical wellbeing.

AEA,

Toni Castle

SWD Governor

Beta Sigma – Life

Epsilon Delta - Alumni

## Appendix O: Final Governor Report - Andy Melvin

Brothers,

It is hard to believe that another year has already come to pass. It has been filled with many adventures, many changes, and many new people – most of these for the better. It has also been filled with very unusual challenges; adversity I don't think any of us would have ever imagined we would have to face. The things that make this year memorable are the things that I feel have allowed me to grow the most.

Following the SWD Convention in Weatherford, OK, last Spring, I was optimistic about the potential for our year. With a full Council on board from the start, we were able to immediately begin preparations for the coming year. Three months later, experiencing the National Convention on the same team as these folks was truly a special experience. Celebrating and experiencing the Fraternity's centennial was something I will always cherish, and the big turnout of students from our District meant that we were able to share these opportunities with many others near to us, too.

About a month later, I was fortunate to be able to host Clint, Garret, Hannah, and Andy at an OU football game. We spent the entire day with the band, a day filled with many memorable experiences. As guests of the ensemble, we not only were able to experience all of the rehearsal and game day activities, but we also had field passes to enjoy the Pride of Oklahoma's performances at pregame and halftime of that weekend's football game against the University of Houston. It was truly special to share the field with not only the Delta brothers, but also to visit with some of the Beta Sigma brothers, as well.

Around Thanksgiving, we received the tragic news that brother Chris Haughee had passed away suddenly. I had the privilege of working with Chris on the Ritual performance and Education Committee for its first three years of existence, during which we researched and developed what would later become The Inner Circle. By the end of this time, my relationship with Chris had grown quite strong, but it hadn't always been that way.

When I first met Chris, I will be honest that I did not care for him a great deal. He seemed forward in his opinions, and I perceived that he was a lot more interested in voicing his own concerns than he was hearing what anyone else had to say. Over time, this would develop into one of the greatest lessons in patience, understanding, and empathy that I had ever experienced in my entire life. Through our monthly meetings, and later some in-person work sessions, I grew to appreciate the experience that Chris brought to our work, and the fact that he was never shy to express a concern when he felt the work or topic needed to go in a different direction. Chris was a very "black and white" person, and though it took me longer than it probably should have to recognize and accept that, I ultimately felt I was able to learn more from him than perhaps any other brother with whom I have had the opportunity to work.

As I would later discover, you could not have found a more genuine friend or advocate. Chris showed his support for people and causes through his actions. You could always count on him to do exactly what he said that he would do, to voice his opinion whether you wanted to hear it or not, and to exhibit a passion for the fraternity that only someone with almost 5 decades of experiences could provide. Chris Haughee actively demonstrated our ritual lessons and purposes in everything that he did.

I share all of this today because I feel that there is a lesson to be learned for all of us from this experience. In our chapters, we often let our first impressions, be those good or bad, permanently affect the way that we perceive and interact with our fellow chapter members. Often, it takes all of these types of personalities to find the support that we need in various situations; sometimes, we need a brother we can have fun with and forget the outside world; sometimes, we need a brother who can be shoulder to cry on when things become difficult or overwhelming; other times, we need someone who will make us laugh. Most importantly, though, we sometimes need a brother who will set us straight; that will remind us of our true calling, and will tell us the things that we might not want to hear because deep down, their wisdom knows that we'll all be better for it in the end. Chris Haughee was this brother to me, and I feel confident in saying that though I haven't directly spoken to others about their ties with him, I know that many others shared this relationship with him, too. And we're all better for that.

The turn of the New Year meant that it was time to go to Albuquerque for the first (and ultimately only) time this term, for Winter Council meetings. It is always a special time to explore the convention site beforehand, planning where meetings and sessions will take places, and imagining 2-3 months later how exciting and energy-filled these spaces will be when packed with Brothers and Sisters from across the District. Eating New Mexican food for three days wasn't a terrible thing to experience, either!

The one workshop I was able to go to was a great time, in a place and campus I had never visited before. It was great to experience Las Cruces and New Mexico State with several other brothers, getting to meet students from Alpha Chi, Gamma Eta, and Gamma Iota chapters, and of course sampling the local fare once more. These brothers are doing great work, and it was exciting to share a day full of ideas, learning, and bonding with all of them.

Perhaps more than anything, I am very proud of the way that this District Council have handled themselves despite all of the adversity they have faced throughout this year. No one could have predicted even four months ago that we would all be stuck in our homes, planning and running a District Convention that would be happening from our computer screens rather than in conference rooms and banquet spaces. Though they had every reason to be in low spirits, the attitude this Council has displayed in keeping everything positive through these times has not only been remarkable, it has been contagious for all other brothers. I cannot put into words a proper description of my feelings of pride for what it has been like to work with this particular group through these circumstances.

Andy, you've done a terrific job this year as Member at Large. You've stayed active almost daily on a variety of Social Media platforms, and your work with the History Committee has set that group up for a bright future. Your passion for Kappa Kappa Psi is contagious, and you have been an inspiration to many. You have set a high standard in your work both on our Council as well as in your home chapter.

Rachel, it has been wonderful to see you balance having a job, 347 leadership positions in the UNM bands, your schoolwork, and chapter responsibilities on top of your district role. Though I'm sad (and a bit jealous) that the brothers of the District won't get to have you as an officer again, I know that there are many other organizations you care for that are going to be a lot better due to your extra attention and effort you'll be able to give them, now. You have a bright future ahead of you.

Ashley, you've faced more adversity this year than probably any other brother that I know. But even through it all, you've kept a positive attitude, stayed on top of your school and council work, and balanced your chapter responsibilities, too. I enjoyed getting to visit with a bit more in Las Cruces for the West Texas / New Mexico workshop, and you truly shined that day as the "lone ranger" Council member in attendance for both KKPsi and TBS. Good luck in grad school next year!

Hannah, I couldn't be more proud to call you my grandlittle. The work you have done as VPM for the SWD, and the groundwork you have laid, is going to ensure that this area of our fraternity is successful for years to come. You have had a profound impact not only on the student members, but many adult members of the organization, too. If the Delta chapter released an "All Century" list of the best chapter members in its history for its Centennial next year, you'd certainly make the list. I am excited to continue our work together when you join us on the alumni side in the coming weeks – the Fraternity will continue to be better because you are a part of it.

Garret, I can't imagine the multitude of feelings that must be going on inside your head with everything that you've accomplished this year. You have overcome challenges in ways that no other District President could have ever dreamt about, and you stayed calm, collected, and poised through the entire process. It is always good to have Scouts on your team – they always know what needs to be done to engage every member of the team and ensure they feel they have an important role to play for the success of the greater good. You have certainly achieved that this year. Congratulations on an incredible term as District President. The District has been lucky to have you, and I hope that after graduation you will continue to find ways to remain involved in Kappa Kappa Psi. College bands around the country would certainly be better due to your influence.

Clint and Toni, it has been a pleasure working with each of you again this year. I appreciate your guidance, council, and all of the hours-long conversations that we have following the regular District Council meetings. I feel like I am finally starting to get the hang of



this “Governor” thing, and I certainly owe much of that to each of you. I feel fortunate each time we visit or spend time together to be exposed to your wealth of institutional knowledge and experience – your perspectives have been refreshing and eye-opening to me as I try to learn how to be a better leader and advocate for the students that we interact with.

Each and every brother in the District should be proud of his or her accomplishments this year. You have overcome many challenges, provided leadership in your classes and in your bands, and helped with morale during times that (hopefully) won’t be faced again until well into the future. As I say each year, the most important thing that we can do to ensure long-term success is to do the little, routine things well – this provides the foundation on which we build everything else. Meet your paperwork and payment deadlines, learn your drill and music early, and don’t wait until the last minute on your schoolwork. You are capable, and you can do it! You wouldn’t be a member of this organization if you hadn’t already demonstrated this to people who care about you and support you a great deal.

Respectfully submitted,

AEA  
Andy Melvin  
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