# **SWD Winter Council Meeting, January 16-17, 2021**

KKΨ Attendance: Theron, Ayleen, Serin, Patrick, Cole, Toni, Andy, Clinton TBΣ Attendance: Tyler, Destinee, Madelynne, Laine, Ashlyn, Kathy, Katie

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#### Joint Session #1:

- Update on SWD Convention 2021: Will follow the virtual setting of SWD 2020.
- Suggest utilizing a Gantt Chart for delegating duties for everyone to know what they will be doing.
  - o Helps improve % of duties being completed and layed out in a simple way.
- New ALTO:
  - Utilize one platform and lighten the workload for the graphic designer.
  - Create a timeline for the New ALTO team.
- Area Workshops:
  - Have speakers and workshop lists finalized ahead of time to provide a 2-week window for promotion time.
    - Speakers for the 1st Area Workshop will have presentations by the SWD Council.
    - Speakers for the 2nd Area Workshop will contain presentations by SWD Council and the National Leadership if available.
  - "How to Run for District Council" Will be conducted during a separate session block.
    - Other Workshop Topic Ideas:
      - Working with different types of leaders
      - Team building
      - Parliamentary Procedures
      - Focus on Mental Health
      - Ideas on Service Opportunities
      - Navigating the OMRS
      - Fundraising
      - Info on various Alumni Associations
    - Review your own strengths and what you feel confident on presenting yourself.

## Meeting with Host Chapters, Beta and Alpha Omicron

- Ideas to Involve the Lubbock Community and both chapters:
  - "A day in the life of living in Lubbock, Texas"
  - Virtual scrapbook
  - Gathering places of both chapters
  - History of the Beta Chapter
  - Pre-Order Convention T-Shirt (proceeds will be donated to a school in the Lubbock Area)
  - Have host chapters virtually sing at the virtual banquet
  - (All ideas to be filtered through both National Councils before going forward)

## Separate Session #1

- The Charge:
  - The Charge will no longer be part of 2020-2021 District Programming.
  - Chapters are not clear of the guidelines set for The Charge.
  - Past years, the chapter with the most participation was given preferred seating at the banquet.
  - Can be utilized for creating a more personal feel with district chapters.
    - Better understanding of chapters for awards.
  - Chapters have an outlet to showcase their work to the district.
  - Utilize the SWD Website to list the guidelines for participating in The Charge.
- Chapter Showcase:
  - Consider combining all programs into a single program called Chapter Showcase.
    - Helps alleviate District Awards.
  - Revamps purpose and focus for chapters participating.
- Digital Scrapbook Submissions:
  - Consider re-creating the submission form.
- Joint Committee:
  - Consider removing the Joint Action Committee for the SWD 2021 Convention.
- New ALTO:
  - Work on internal team building.
  - Create clearer guidelines and open the submission form earlier for more chapters to submit.
    - Will alleviate stress on the team.

- Provide more updates to the council of where the team is at with the New ALTO.
- o Focus on upgrading the quality of submissions by chapters.
  - Quality over quantity.
- Consider adding the New ALTO Team roles to the SWD Policy Guide to better define understanding.
- Work on setting 'Group Norms' and create job descriptions for the individuals so everyone understands who leads specific tasks.
  - Consider adding descriptions to the Website New ALTO page.
- Consider emailing the submission link to Chapter Presidents and encourage them to share to their chapters.
- Find alternate ways to distribute information.
  - (utilize the SWD listserv)
- Share the theme for the publication earlier than the design is created.
- o For similar articles think about including quotes instead of a whole page.

#### Fire-Psi-de Chat:

- Consider creating a panel for running for District Office.
  - Digital campaigning norms.
    - Create a list of rules for candidacy.
  - Have a DO create a 2-3 minute speech of how each person runs their office.
  - Remember each officer has a description in 2 p locations on the Constitution and Policy Guide.
- Launch chat on Feb. 6 with the first video being posted on Feb. 1.
  - Follow the line of office elections (Pres, VPM, VPP, Sec/Treas, and MAL).
  - Create a script for the video (what we do, etc.)
  - Videos must be in horizontal format.
  - Include a graphic with each video.
- Announce registration two weeks before the chat day.
- Title: Chilling with the Spicy-Bros Chat?

#### District Game Nights:

- Consider creating a Discord Chat for communication during the game night.
- Utilize breakout rooms for playing separate games.
  - Among Us
  - Trivia (use Kahoot)
  - Minecraft
  - Movie Night (Group Share Platforms, Netflix Party, Disney+)

- Create a list of the games provided to plan ahead.
  - Put on the registration form asking which game each person will be playing.
- District Music Night:
  - Open Mic Night
  - Chapter concerts
  - Drum Corps International
- Leadership Development:
  - Will be put alongside Fire-Psi-de Chats
  - Consider creating a new page on the SWD Website to include all past workshops and powerpoints
    - Anything done under KKPsi Resources is allowed.
    - Anything done for main tabs must be joint related.
      - Consider making a (Leadership Resources Tab)

# Joint Session #2

- SWD Convention Update:
  - Friday, March 26 evening will contain all the celebrations / rituals
  - Saturday, March 27 will contain all the business.
- Area Workshop Update:
  - Livestream workshops on the SWD Facebook Page
  - Consider livestreaming on the SWD Instagram
  - Potentially creating a Joint Youtube Channel and post workshop videos.
  - Ask the District who can help with ASL and closed captioning.
- New ALTO Update:
  - Reviewed ways and means to improve the New ALTO.
- District Marketplace Update:
  - Have chapters fill out a marketplace registration form.
    - Registration form will include chapter contact info, item info/if the item is able to sell to both kkpsi or tbsigma, and chapter social media.
  - Marketplace will be a catalog on a Google Doc for chapters to view.
  - Chapters will contact the chapters directly for the item they are interested in purchasing.
    - Timeline for the Marketplace:
      - February 1 Announce registration form
      - February 22 Close registration form
      - March 1 Publish marketplace
      - March 29 Close marketplace
  - Link to the Marketplace will be posted on the Convention page.

## Separate Session #2

- Website:
  - Review items on the SWD Website to be added / removed.
    - Remove chapter family tree
    - Add a 'Leadership Resources' tab or page
      - Include past kkpsi and tbsigma workshops, office training, and other various leadership resources.
- Convention Planning:
  - o Review current SWD Convention Schedule Draft
    - Workshop Suggestions:
      - Ritual-Based Recruitment Jessica Lee
      - Mental Health/Zoom Fatigue Bang Co
      - Music related Derek Stoughton
      - DOB Tony Falcone
      - Chapter Member Engagement
  - Committees:
    - D.O. Wiley Andy
    - Ways & Means Toni, Patrick (chair)
    - Jurisdiction Clint
    - Nominations Toni,
      - Potential Chairs: Rachel Baca, Jacob McGee, Emily Copeland
    - History & Traditions Clint, Cole (chair)
    - Membership Ayleen (chair)
    - Spirit & Recognition Danny George, Serin (chair)
  - Ritual:
    - Assignments will be under Ayleen
      - Honorary Suggestions:
        - Bang Co
        - Mikaela Rhodes
        - Hannah Cheeseman
        - Garrett Gardenhire
  - Chapter Showcase:
    - Remove the Joint aspect of Chapter Displays from the constitution.
  - Elections:
    - Create a 5 Minute video with past district officers discussing favorite parts of their term.
    - Consider updating the sample district officer packet to prevent copy and pasting from continuing (utilize a protected view).
    - Review policy on packet due dates.
  - Advertisement and Hype:
    - Remind chapters that even though convention is online it's still occurring.

- Use the right words (ex: transition instead of cancelled)
- "It's Moving Day! Convention is Moving Virtual"
- Delegates:
  - Still need a registration form to verify delegates.
    - Can create the registration early.
    - Reminder: Committee members do not have to be seating delegates.
  - Reach out to chapters to provide friendly reminders to participate.
  - Committees can be a bit larger than before with it being virtually.
  - Committee member planning can begin now.
- National Help:
  - Alot time for chapters to talk to National Officers if they are at risk or need help.
- Workshops:
  - SWD Council can aid with any Tech Team stuff for workshops.
- To Be Discussed After Winter Council:
  - District Awards
    - Awards submissions due March 12
  - District Officer Feedback Form
  - Different types of Chilli
  - Which state is the best?
  - District Officer Videos

## Convention Promotion / Advertisement - Counterpart Session #2

- Beta and Alpha Omicron:
  - Instagram Takeovers with both chapters
    - Will help create an in-person aspect to convention.
  - Share all the activities they do to show they are excited about convention too
  - Have both chapters assist in the countdown by taking pictures of their chapters favorite spots on campus.
- Countdown to Convention:
  - Create a countdown based on the convention theme.
- Draft Timeline for Promoting:
  - January 31 Save The Date Announcement
  - February 13 Instagram Takeover
  - March 16 Start Countdown to Convention

# -Sunday, January 17-

## Separate Session #3

- Delegate Registration Form:
  - Any chapter member has the opportunity to be a chapter delegate.
    - Proxies:
      - Backup will be another member of the same chapter.
  - o TJ will discuss with Tyler on Delegate Registration Form responsibilities
- Individual District Awards
  - Southwest Cornerstone Award
    - An award to recognize a brother who goes above and beyond in service their band program and chapter.
  - Southwest Outstanding Joint Relations Award
    - An award to recognize a Sister who is dedicated to maintaining and strengthening joint relations between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma on their campus and the Southwest.
  - Individual awards TBD at a later date.
- Committee Charges to Review:
  - History & Traditions:
    - Including the Steven C. Nelson Award Recipients on the SWD Website.
    - Bringing the Awards Tab forward on the SWD Website.
    - Creating a District Almanac
  - Ways & Means:
    - Creating a shared drive for District Finances
  - Nominations:
    - Review policy for campaigning videos.
- Council Meeting Plan:
  - Next Council Meeting to be January 31 @7:30pm CST
    - Business to discuss:
      - District Officer Videos
      - Award updates
  - Begin meeting twice a month beginning in February.
    - Business to discuss:
      - Website review
  - Begin short meetings once a week beginning in March.

- Fire-Psi-de Chat Plan:
  - o Announce Friday, January 23
  - Begin countdown Monday, February 1
  - Close registration Saturday, February 6 @5:00pm CST
    - Provide the time and day that the link for the call will be shared.
  - Utilize Ayleen's Zoom account.
  - Record and livestream the chat to the SWD Facebook Page.
  - Review the VPSA Chat Registration Form for ideas.
  - Look to host two more chats near the end of February and middle of March.

### Joint Session #3

- New ALTO:
  - Destinee and Serin will meet at a later date to discuss planning for the Spring 2021 New ALTO edition.
- "Great Winter Council meeting"! Tyler and TJ
- Members from the KKPsi Council not returning will begin meeting to discuss campaigning for District Officer Elections.

Southwest District Winter Council 2021 Adjourned 11:07am CST