THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF

TAU BETA SIGMA



 2021 District Convention Minutes

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**Opening Session (Business Session #1): Saturday, March 27th (9AM-10AM)**

**Call to Order at 9:08 AM**

This Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session was called to order by SWD President at 9:08 AM

* Introductions
	+ **Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Council**
		- Tyler Hern (Beta Nu) - SWD President
		- Madelynne West (Gamma Omicron) - SWD VP for Membership
		- Destinee Leger (Eta Pi) - SWD VP of Special Projects
		- Lainé Rogers (Delta Sigma) - SWD Secretary/Treasurer
		- Kathy Webster (Epsilon Beta) - SWD Counselor
		- Ashlyn Simmons (Psi) - SWD Counselor
		- Katie Rixton (Theta Theta) - SWD Counselor
	+ **National Headquarters Staff**
		- Steve Nelson - National Executive Director
		- Aaron Moore - National Alumni, Historical and Development Coordinator
		- Robert Bratcher - National Publications Manager and Multimedia Designer
		- Lisa Croston - National Events Coordinator
		- Nicole Brooks - National Chapter Field Representative, KKPsi
	+ **Tau Beta Sigma National Council**
		- Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu) - President
		- Erika Pope (Theta Theta) - VP for Colonization and Membership
		- Siobhan Wilkes (Beta Zeta) - VP for Special Projects
		- Leslie Gartin (Zeta Nu) - VP for Communication and Recognition
	+ **Board of Trustees**
		- Carolyn McCambridge (Alpha Xi) - Chair of the Board of Trustees
		- Rosalyn McDonald (Theta Phi) - Trustee
	+ **Other National Leadership**
		- Chapter Visitation Assistants
			* Katie Langley
			* Emily Donovan
			* Kathryn Howell
			* Christopher Lukasik
			* Sarah Griffith
			* Sami Kinnison
			* Heather McGowan
			* Brianna Mitchell
			* Chelsea Raising
			* Nikki Lyons
	+ **District Counselors**
		- Carrie Webster - NCD Counselor
		- Allison Leeman - NED Counselor
		- Amber Scott - SED Counselor
		- Sue Carr - Past NED Counselor
	+ **Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council**
		- Chris Foster (Tau) - Chair
		- David Alexander (Gamma Omega) - Vice Chair
		- Marissa Archuletta (Delta Kappa) - Programs Director
		- Thea Murphy (Theta Kappa) - Membership Director
		- Jessica Smith (Epsilon Epsilon) - Communications Director
		- Tyra Yiare (Eta Delta) - Finance Director
	+ **SWD Alumni Association**
		- Mikaela Rhodes- Chair
		- Hannah Wells - Membership Director
		- Katelyn Zimmer - TBS Member at Large
	+ **Past National Officers**
		- Dr. Nicole Sanchez - Past National President
		- Karon Hammond - Past National President
		- Jean Newman - Past National President
		- David Hammond - Past Board of Trustee Member
	+ **Past SWD Officers (Not Already Introduced)**
		- Natalia Harrison (Alpha Omicron) - Past President & Sec/Treas
		- Leah Arceneaux - Past VPM
		- Christy McKinney - Past President
		- Ciara Gibbs - Past Pres & Sec/Treas
	+ **Past District Officers**
		- Kathy Webster (Epsilon Beta)- Past President and Treasurer
		- Ashlyn Simmons (Psi)- Past VPM
		- Katie Langley- Past VPM
		- Kathryn Howell- Past President
		- Sami Kinnison- Past President and VPSP
		- Heather McGowan- Past President
		- Chris Foster- Past President and Treasurer
		- Hannah Wells- Past VPSP
		- Dr. Nicole Sanchez- Past President and VPCM
		- Karon Hammond- Past President
* Recognition of our Graduating Seniors
* Opening Announcements
	+ Go over events for District Convention weekend and where to find all links
* Seating of Delegates
	+ Please unmute and say “here” when your chapter is called.
	+ No proxies since it is a virtual convention
	+ Your chapter will be called 3 times in case there is any technical difficulties
	+ All proxies must change their name to their chapter name followed by their name
	+ Roll Call
		- Present
			* Alpha
			* Beta
			* Delta
			* Iota
			* Xi
			* Tau
			* Psi
			* Alpha Omicron
			* Alpha Upsilon
			* Beta Gamma
			* Beta Zeta
			* Beta Nu
			* Gamma Nu
			* Gamma Xi
			* Gamma Omicron
			* Gamma Tau
			* Gamma Phi
			* Delta Alpha
			* Delta Eta
			* Delta Pi
			* Delta Sigma
			* Delta Tau
			* Delta Phi
			* Epsilon Beta
			* Epsilon Psi
			* Zeta Mu
			* Zeta Phi
			* Eta Epsilon
			* Eta Nu
			* Eta Pi
			* Theta Theta
			* Iota Tau
		- Not Present
			* Beta Delta
			* Beta Omicron
			* Delta Upsilon
			* Iota Beta
	+ Thank you to all our delegates for being here. This concludes the seating of delegates.
	+ Rotation Seating for the 2021 Convention will begin with Zeta Phi.
* Reading of the Minutes
	+ Tyler Hern entertains a motion to accept the minutes from the 2020 Southwest District Convention without reading them.
		- Psi so moves
		- Alpha Seconds
		- Approve
		- Opposed
		- Abstentions
		- Motion Passed
* Standing Rules for Convention
	+ Adjusted Rules for Virtual District Convention are shown to the delegation.
	+ Tyler Hern entertains a motion to accept these standing rules for the 2021 District Convention.
		- So move by Tau
		- Second by Xi
		- Approve
		- Opposed
		- Abstentions
		- Motion Passed
* Presentation of the 2021-2022 District Officer Candidates
	+ Each Candidate will be given 3 minutes to give information on their background, why they want to be on district council, and some goals they have for office.
	+ District President
		- Tyler Hern
	+ District VPM
		- Madison Aquino
		- Jessica Martinez
	+ District VPSP
		- John Mark Junkins
	+ District Secretary/Treasurer
		- Johnn McCray
* Election Test Run
	+ Explanation by SWD Counselor Ashlyn Simmons
	+ Everyone needs to participate with their chapter email
	+ All responses are due by noon
* Committee Assignments
	+ Everyone should have been sent their committee assignments via email.
	+ A slideshow of the committee assignments is shown.
* Call for any questions.

**We will now recess until Saturday, March 27th at 3:00PM**

**Business Session #2 Saturday, March 27th (3PM – 4:50PM)**

This Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session was called to order by SWD President at 3:10 PM

* Roll Call
	+ Please unmute and say “here” when your chapter is called.
		- Present:
			* Alpha
			* Beta
			* Delta
			* Iota
			* Xi
			* Tau
			* Psi
			* Alpha Omicron
			* Alpha Upsilon
			* Beta Zeta
			* Beta Nu
			* Gamma Nu
			* Gamma Xi
			* Gamma Omicron
			* Gamma Tau
			* Gamma Phi
			* Delta Alpha
			* Delta Eta
			* Delta Sigma
			* Delta Tau
			* Delta Phi
			* Epsilon Beta
			* Epsilon Psi
			* Zeta Phi
			* Eta Nu
			* Eta Pi
			* Iota Tau
		- Not Present
			* Beta Gamma
			* Beta Delta
			* Beta Omicron
			* Delta Pi
			* Delta Upsilon
			* Zeta Mu
			* Eta Epsilon
			* Theta Theta
			* Iota Beta
* Presentation from Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership
	+ Scholarships available
	+ National Podcast
	+ Focus on Five Campaign Announcements
		- President’s Challenge can be used to supplement a stripe
	+ New Chapters
	+ Virtual ritual experience reminders
	+ Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility plans
	+ National Convention
	+ National Officer Candidates
	+ Board of Trustee Information
	+ Alumni Association Virtual 5k
* Final Report of the Membership Committee Presented by Ashton Butler (Alpha Omicron)
	+ I now yield the floor to the Membership Committee Chair Ashton Butler to give the final report of the Membership Committee
	+ Report
		- Tyler Hern entertains the motion to approve the final report of the Membership Committee
		- So move by Tau
		- Second by Gamma Tau
		- Approve
		- Opposition
		- Abstentions
		- Motion Passes
* Final Report of the Programs Committee presented by Ronald Wagner (Zeta Phi)
	+ I now yield the floor to the Programs Committee Chair Ronald Wagner to give the final report of the Programs Committee
	+ Report
		- Tyler Hern entertains the motion to approve the final report of the Programs Committee
		- So move by Delta Tau
		- Second by Eta Nu
		- Approve
		- Opposition
		- Abstentions
		- Motion Passes
* Final Report of the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee presented by Madison Aquino (Alpha)
	+ I now yield the floor to the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee Chair Madison Aquino to give the final report of the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee
	+ Report
		- Tyler Hern entertains the motion to accept the final report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
		- So move by Alpha
		- Second by Delta Phi
		- Approve
		- Opposition
		- Abstentions
		- Motion Passes
	+ Voting on the Budget
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the 2021-2022 budget proposed by the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee
		- Alpha so moves
		- Gamma Omicron seconds
		- Approve
		- Opposed
		- Motion Passes
	+ Voting on Constitutional Changes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the addition to 1.03
			* Delta seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion passes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the addition to section 3.11
			* Beta Nu Seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion passes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the addition to section 7.01
			* Beta Seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion Passes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the proposed change of the number 3.02 to 3.01
			* Epsilon Beta Seconds
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion passes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the proposed change of the number 3.03 to 3.02
			* Alpha Omicron seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion Passes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the proposed change of removing the following Standing Committees from 3.01: Committee on Convention Site, Committee on History and Traditions, Spirit and Sisterhood Committee (ad hoc committee), and Joint Action Committee (ad hoc committee)
			* Xi seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion Passes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the change of the number 3.01 to 3.03
			* Delta Seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion passes
		- Madison Aquino entertains the motion to accept the fixing of the format on 9.04
			* Eta Pi seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion passes
		- Tyler Hern entertains the motion to remove the bylaws that contains information on any standing committee previously voted to be removed (Convention Site, Spirit and Sisterhood, History and Traditions, and Joint Action Committees)
			* Eta Nu so moves
			* Gamma Xi seconds
			* Opposition
			* Abstention
			* Motion Passes
* Final Report of the Nominations Committee by the Nominations Committee Chair Aaliyah Carter (Delta)
	+ I now yield the floor to the Nominations Committee Chair Aaliyah Carter to give the final report of the Nominations Committee
	+ Report
		- Tyler Hern entertains the motion to accept the report of the Nominations Committee
			* Delta so moves
			* Tau seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion Passes
	+ Slate
		- We will now vote on the Slate on the 2021-2022 officers. Be advised that this is not to elect these candidates to their slated positions. This is simply a vote to accept the Slate as presented by the nominations committee.
		- President- Tyler Hern
		- VPM- Madison Aquino
		- VPSP- John Mark Junkins
		- Secretary/Treasurer- Johnn McCray
	+ Vote on slate
		- Tyler Hern entertains the motion to accept the slate as presented by the Nominations Committee
			* Epsilon Beta so moves
			* Xi seconds
			* Approve
			* Opposition
			* Abstentions
			* Motion Passes
* Final Report of the Credentials Committee by the Credentials Committee Chair Tyler Hern (SWD President
	+ Tyler Hern entertains the motion to accept the report of the Credentials Committee
		- Beta Nu so moves
		- Alpha Omicron Seconds
		- Approve
		- Opposition
		- Abstentions
		- Motion Passes

**We will now recess until Sunday, March 28th at 1:30PM**

**Business Session #3 Sunday, March 28 (1:30PM – 4:10PM)**

This Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session was called to order by SWD President at 1:34 PM

* Roll Call
	+ Please unmute and say “here” when your chapter is called
		- Present
			* Alpha
			* Beta
			* Delta
			* Iota
			* Xi
			* Tau
			* Psi
			* Alpha Omicron
			* Alpha Upsilon
			* Beta Gamma
			* Beta Zeta
			* Beta Nu
			* Gamma Nu
			* Gamma Xi
			* Gamma Omicron
			* Gamma Tau
			* Gamma Phi
			* Delta Alpha
			* Delta Eta
			* Delta Pi
			* Delta Sigma
			* Delta Tau
			* Delta Phi
			* Epsilon Beta
			* Epsilon Psi
			* Zeta Mu
			* Zeta Phi
			* Eta Epsilon
			* Eta Nu
			* Eta Pi
			* Theta Theta
			* Iota Tau
		- Not Present
			* Beta Delta
			* Beta Omicron
			* Delta Upsilon
			* Iota Beta
* District Service Project Update
	+ I now yield the floor to Destinee Leger, SWD VPSP, for an update on the District Service Project
		- We have sold 180 shirts and raised $640
		- All proceeds to go the Irons Middle School Band Program
* SWD Counselor Ashlyn Simmons reminds everyone to make sure you have access to your chapter email
* SWDAA Announcements and Awards
* Announcements from TBSAA
* Election for SWD President
	+ Counselors explain the voting procedure
		- Test Vote
	+ Tyler Hern has been slated for the position of president
	+ At this time, the floor is opened for nominations. Since the convention is virtual, can only come from the people who have submitted packets and have been checked and cleared by the counselors (asked 3 times).
	+ Floor is now closed for nominations.
	+ Options are
		- Tyler Hern
		- No Slate
	+ Madelynne West entertains a vote by acclimation.
		- Xi so move
		- Beta Seconds
		- Approve
		- Motion Fails
		- Move into secret ballot
		- Congratulations to the 2021-2022 President Tyler Hern from the Beta Nu Chapter.
* Presentation of the Dollie McDonald O’Neill Chapter Perseverance Award
* Secretary / Treasurer Final Report presented by Lainé Rogers (Delta Sigma)
* Vice President for Special Programs Final Report presented by Destinee Leger (Eta Pi)
* Election for SWD Vice President for Membership
	+ Madison Aquino has been slated for the position of VPM
	+ At this time, the floor is opened for nominations. Since the convention is virtual, can only come from the people who have submitted packets and have been checked and cleared by the counselors (asked 3 times).
		- Delta Phi nominates Jessica Martinez
	+ Floor is now closed for nominations.
	+ Options are
		- Madison Aquino
		- Jessica Martinez
		- No Slate
	+ Move to a secret ballot
	+ Congratulations to the 2021-2022 VPM Madison Aquino from the Alpha Chapter.
* Presentation of the Janet West Miller Outstanding Service to Music Education Award
* Vice President for Membership Final Report presented by Madelynne West (Gamma Omicron)
* Counselor Final Report Presented by Katie Rixton
* Election for SWD VPSP
	+ John Mark Junkins has been slated for the position of VPSP
	+ At this time, the floor is opened for nominations. Since the convention is virtual, can only come from the people who have submitted packets and have been checked and cleared by the counselors (asked 3 times).
	+ Floor is now closed for nominations.
	+ Options are
		- John Mark Junkins
		- No Slate
	+ Tyler Hern entertains a vote by acclimation.
		- Psi so move
		- Gamma Xi Seconds
		- Approve
		- Motion Fails
		- Move into secret ballot
		- Congratulations to the 2021-2022 VPSP John Mark Junkins from the Psi Chapter.
* Presentation of the Erika L. Pope Legacy of the Southwest Award
* Counselor Final Report presented by Kathy Webster
* Election for SWD Sec/Treas
	+ Johnn McCray has been slated for the position of Sec/Treas
	+ At this time, the floor is opened for nominations. Since the convention is virtual, can only come from the people who have submitted packets and have been checked and cleared by the counselors (asked 3 times).
	+ Floor is now closed for nominations.
	+ Options are
		- Johnn McCray
		- No Slate
	+ Tyler Hern entertains a vote by acclimation.
		- Alpha so move
		- Delta Sigma Seconds
		- Approve
		- Motion Fails
		- Move into secret ballot
		- Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Sec/Treas Johnn McCray from the Alpha Chapter.
* Presentation of the Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship
* Presentation of the Christina M. Gordon Scholarship of Excellence
* Counselor Final Report presented by Ashlyn Simmons
* President Final Report presented by Tyler Hern (Beta Nu)
* Presentation of the SWD District Scrapbook by Destinee Leger
* Officer Installation
* Adjourn
	+ Tyler Hern entertains the motion to adjourn the 2021 Southwest District Convention of Tau Beta Sigma
		- Beta Nu so moves
		- Delta Sigma seconds
		- Any opposition
		- abstentions
		- Motion passes

**Awards**

* Danny A. George Award for Fostering Joint Relations
	+ TJ Coleman of the Beta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Eastern New Mexico University
* Christina M. Gordon Scholarship of Excellence
	+ Logan Morris of the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Arkansas
* Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship
	+ Ryan Miller of the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Arkansas
* Erika L. Pope Legacy of the Southwest Award
	+ Destinee Leger of the Eta Pi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Northwestern State University of Louisiana
* Dollie McDonald O’Neil Chapter Perseverance Award
	+ Iota Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Baylor University
* Janet West Miller Outstanding Service to Music Education Award
	+ Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at University of Oklahoma
* Dorothy Allen Nichols Outstanding Smaller Chapter Award
	+ Delta Eta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Texas A&M University at Kingsville
* Patsy Drury Heijl Outstanding Larger Chapter Award
	+ Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Arkansas
* The Baton Winners
	+ Madison Aquino of Alpha at Oklahoma State University
	+ Tyler Hern of Beta Nu at Arkansas Tech University
	+ Lainé Rogers of Delta Sigma at the University of Louisiana Monroe

**Report of the Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer**

Hello Spicy Southwest District!

I don’t think I need to express here how insane this past year was. There were so many challenges that each of us faced and conquered with fortitude. I am extremely sad that my time as SWD Secretary/Treasurer is coming to an end. But I’m very thankful for this past year getting to serve my district while also growing as a person and creating new connections with sisters and brothers everywhere.

I have wanted a district office since I was initiated into Tau Beta Sigma 3 years ago, so getting this opportunity means everything to me. When I was elected to this office virtually last year, I never imagined that I would be addressing you all for the last time in the same way! After getting elected, I soon began reading anything I could get my hands on! Whether it be about social media or budgets or anything else relevant to my office, I read as much as I could on each topic. I was so eager to do everything I could to make sure the next year would be a great one for our district. I then hit the ground running with making sure our constitution was updated with the changes from District Convention and making sure our convention minutes were distributed.

I was very excited to be able to be a part of a District Council full of amazing people, most of whom I had already previously met at TBS events. We initially had many plans for in-person events, but I knew that this year would look a little different than usual. The first taste of our new council normal was Summer Council, but we made it work and made it fun! It was great getting to see everyone, make my goals for the year, and even watching Spider-Man with sisters (which everyone knows is my absolute favorite)!

Soon after that was Virtual National Leadership Conference. It was amazing getting to interact with people in the same office as me in other districts and share new ideas. It was definitely interesting for me because I actually had COVID-19 during it, but I was thankful to still get to participate in such an educational event.

Getting closer to school starting, I got to present two presentations at the Spicy al Coda Chapter Leadership Event. I was able to present one about budgets and one about being secretary with my wonderful KKPsi Counterpart Patrick Caraveo. Then, as school started, I was able to ramp up the SWD Social Medias while getting to work with all the wonderful district secretaries and treasurers. The secretaries and treasurers of the southwest made my job so easy. They kept me on my toes with questions, but shared so many great ideas and communicated so well! I was also able to directly communicate with 8 wonderful chapters in our district as well. Shoutout to Tau, Psi, Alpha Upsilon, Gamma Xi, Gamma Tau, Delta Pi, Eta Nu, and Eta Pi for talking with me throughout my term. You all are doing great things and I’m so proud!

To start off the spring semester, we had Winter Council via Zoom. It was a great time with convention planning and getting to have some time to work with my counterparts Patrick and Cole is always a fun time! This kicked off my favorite season, workshop and convention season! We had 2 virtual workshops, one of which I got to present at. They were both so great and had tons of great presenters. After that, Patrick and I got to work together creating the Virtual District Convention Marketplace to showcase all the cool things our chapters are selling! We really had to think outside the box to make this happen virtually.

 Throughout the entire year, I was happy to run the SWD Social Media accounts. I’m basically a Canva master now! I really enjoyed getting to showcase some of our chapters through chapter spotlights. You all are rockstars and doing so many cool things and great service, and I was excited to show that off. I also got to work with Destinee, our SWD VPSP on a District-wide Pen Pal Program, which connected sisters all across our district.

And now here we are at District Convention, celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our wonderful organization!

To my chapter, thank you for giving me the support I needed to become the person I’ve always wanted to be. I’m so proud of what Delta Sigma is doing.

To the District Council, thank you for everything. You are such a great group of people. Each one of you has inspired me in a different way, and I don’t think I would have survived quarantine without your beautiful faces. I know this isn’t goodbye and that we are always just a text away. Each of you has such a great energy, and I hope you know that you are literally changing the world.

To the District, thank you for trusting me with this office. I have had the best time getting to serve and help in any way that I can. Your faces have made my year so much better! I am so proud of the resilience and creativity you all have, and I know that you all will continue to make the southwest spicy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lainé Rogers

2020-2021 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer

Tau Beta Sigma- Delta Sigma

**Report of the Southwest District VPSP**

Greetings to the Sisters and Brothers of the Spicy Southwest District:

This has been a year like no other and it seems like the time has just flown by. Between the Zoom calls and group texts, I’ve never felt closer to the call of service and sisterhood.

After being elected in April, I was excited to begin working and planning. I spent some time setting goals and looking at my charges. Summer Council in June was a great time to meet everyone. We discussed our goals with the Counselors and worked together to create a vision for our term of office. And after the work was done, we even shared a Marvel movie together and discovered how much we had in common. Heading into July’s National Leadership Conference, ready to get to work.

It was amazing to meet other members of student leadership as well as National Leadership. It was a weekend full of engaging workshops and planning. Getting to meet with the District VPSPs and Siobhan, National VPSP was such an exciting atmosphere. We discussed how the Focus on Five campaign could be executed in virtual settings and within COVID-19 guidelines for sisters and their community members. We also began looking forward to the Sorority’s upcoming 75th Anniversary. One memorable takeaway was the reminder that no matter what would happen in the upcoming school year, any situation or obstacle could be faced with both fortitude and courage as well as with the help of our sisters and brothers in the bond.

I corresponded with the Delta, Beta Delta, Beta Omicron, Gamma Nu, Gamma Omicron, Delta Phi, Epsilon Psi, and Iota Tau these past months. Thank you for reaching out to me. I appreciate our phone calls, texts, and video calls in an effort to continue to grow your chapters into what your band program and communities need. Keep growing and continue to serve with love in your hearts.

I was charged with transitioning the Photo Challenge to social media. Thanks to Canva and the model set by my predecessors, the Photo Challenge found its way onto Instagram and Facebook. Creating more social media friendly challenges like a This or That or Tag a Sister were fun. As well as taking moments to self-reflect or share pictures in the traditional Photo Challenge. Thank you to all those who participated in the Photo Challenge: Alpha, Beta, Delta, Xi, Alpha Omicron, Gamma Xi, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Nu, Gamma Tau, and Delta Sigma. It was a great way to continue to connect with you this year.

Another project I was able to work on is the Pen Pal Program, the Council piloted this year and in partnership with our Sec-Tres Laine Rogers.  In an effort to connect all 36 chapters of the Southwest together, we made 51 pairs of pen pals. Totallying to 102 sisters who wanted to make new friends and enjoy having someone to talk to. As the pandemic continued on, we knew that the best way to fight isolation was to create a community. Thank you to all those who participated in the Pen Pal Program this year. We hope that your newfound friend is now a friend and sister for life.

In September, Siobhan and I hosted an introductory Focus on Five Liaison Bootcamp to kick off the year strong. We discussed how our National Programs and Focus on Five stripes could be completed this year. We laid out the framework for the year and discussed each part of the Campaign. Including the For Greater Practice Initiative to encourage chapters to document their personal practice time over a 3-month period to reach the collective goal of earning a chapter’s practice hour goal. We were able to discuss and answer questions as the chapters arrived back to school- face to face or virtually- to facilitate a smooth transition into the school year.

I would like to take a moment to commend all of the chapters of the Southwest for continuing to serve your band programs and communities this year. You were able to Pivot as needed to meet the needs of those around you. And congratulations to those chapters who have been working hard in the Focus on Five campaign. There’s still some time to participate and make that flag for National Convention.

This year the District Lyre Piece centered around the District publication: the *New ALTO.* The challenge was to submit to the *New ALTO* publication and submit a Powerpoint Presentation on your chapter’s history with the publication. This was chosen as to encourage District-wide participation in submissions ranging from articles to photo collages that expressed your perseverance and fond memories. As well as to increase District-wide knowledge on our beloved publication. Congratulations to the following chapters for earning this award: Alpha, Psi, and Beta Nu.

We selected a wonderful *New ALTO* team. I would like to thank  Enrrique Carrillo: KKPsi copy editor and Madison Aquino: TBS copy editor, Macy Vincent:Public Relations Officer, and  Landon Proffit: Design Editor. The Fall edition of *New ALTO* was published in December and reflected the resilience of the Southwest as we continued to grow. We recently closed the Spring submissions and are looking forward to publishing soon. Overall, we had 12 chapters that submitted this year to *New ALTO.*

With the new year, arriving in January, our Joint Councils convened for Winter Council. We met with our counterparts and discussed our plans moving forward for the year leading up to the District Convention. We also discussed plans for our upcoming Workshop Season and how best to continue to encourage chapters in being the best they can be.

This workshop season was a blast! During our first workshop at the end of January, I was able to present on two things near and dear to my heart: service and mental health. Serin and I presented on the importance of service to Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi as well as how we can Pivot during times of great trial to continue providing excellent service to our band programs and communities. I was also able to present with Ashlyn Simmons, LMSW and District Counselor on how individual self-care contributes to the overall health of the community, especially in our chapters. We encouraged participants to develop a self-care safety plan and to practice it when needed. In February, attending workshops on leadership, motivating chapter members, and our Southwest Alumni Association was very informative. Overall, I was glad to spend my Psi-TAU-days with my Brothers and Sisters.

This year our Service Project focused on supporting a middle school band program in Lubbock, Texas. The Irons Middle Band Program recently had an unexpected increase of students due to a school’s shutdown caused by COVID-19. Please support this cause in enriching the lives of young musicians.

From last year to this year’s virtual convention, after celebrating the Sorority’s 75th Anniversary, it has been a challenge. Travel mileage has turned into time spent on video calls and phone calls. Despite the physical separation, I have never felt closer to my Sisters and Brothers in the Bond. Truly, the bond knows no distance. Navigating this brave new world of technology was an adventure to say the least. May we treasure this time and look forward to what is to come.

I would like to say thank you to my Council and our Counselors. Tyler, Madelynne, Laine, Kathie, Katie, and Ashlyn, you all will forever hold a dear place in my heart and I am so proud of the work we have accomplished both in our Offices and in our lives. May we continue to show up to the arena and do the work necessary to reach our goals and find happiness. P.S. I hope we’re able to go on that Sonic trip one of these days.  Thank you to my fellow District VPSPs and our fearless leader, Siobhan. May we always strive to do things bigger, better, and bolder in every room that we enter. I would like to thank my counterpart, Serin Park, SWD VPP, as we learned and grew together. I wish you well on your journey ahead and may music’s sweetest melodies guide your path. I would like to thank my chapter dear old Eta Pi for introducing me to the Sisterhood as this journey is one for a lifetime. Fork ‘Em Demons! I would like to thank my support system. I hope that you are always curious and continue to shine like diamonds. I would also like to thank my Mom and my family as you all supported me and encouraged me to follow my dreams, no matter how big or how far they have taken me.

With the utmost sincerity, I would like to thank you for the opportunity and honor to be able to serve you, Southwest.  I am forever grateful to have spent this Pivot! Year as a member of your Virtual Council. May you continue to persevere through all that comes your way with fortitude and courage forevermore. Stay Spicy!

MOTS and MLITB,

Destinee Leger

 “Sweet and Spicy”

“Canva Queen”

Southwest District Vice President of Special Programs 2020-2021

**Report of the Southwest District VPM**

To the Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

I am so grateful to have served you this past year and to be able to have learned so much from this experience. This year was a year of virtual firsts for many. I was truly able to grow as a leader, experience new opportunities, and meet so many new sisters, and I am so excited to be able to share my year with you at our Diamond Jubilee.

After running off the floor and being elected at the 2020 Virtual Southwest District Convention on April 18th, we had our first meeting as the 2020-2021 council at the end of the convention and it had me extremely excited to start this new chapter of my life, so I began jotting ideas for the year and early stages of planning.

During the summer months, I held weekly virtual “Overture Bootcamp'' sessions with VPMs going over each Module and talking about tips and tricks to teaching these lessons and putting them into workbooks. It was always a fun thing to look forward to as we were all quarantined, and this was a good way to get our daily dose of social interaction bonding over Overture then sticking around to catch up. I was also able to get to know my counterpart, Ayleen, better and we began making plans for Chapter Leadership Conference.

June 12th and 13th, we held our Summer Council meeting virtually. We made our S.M.A.R.T. goals and got to meet the rest of our KKPsi counterparts. Even though we weren’t able to be with each other in person for this event, we were still able to begin to get to know each other with a leadership style quiz from Ashlyn and a Kahoot that Tyler made with questions answered by each of us. The following month, I participated in our virtual National Leadership Conference and got to work with Erika Pope, our NVPCM, and District VPMs from across the country and get a sneak peek at how Virtual Rituals would be played out. I was able to rep the SWD in presenting Module 6: Our District to the rest of the TBS District and National officers in attendance.

After NLC, Ayleen and I began the finishing touches for CLC and August 7th - 9th hosted our first virtual workshop together. It was a new experience for us both in planning a huge workshop like this, let alone a virtual one, and we were very excited to see it come to life! In the fall, I helped answer questions VPMs had about submitting their Membership Education Plan through the Fact Form and made sure chapters were submitting their MEPs by the appropriate deadlines. In November, I submitted my article to the Fall 2020 New ALTO, and the SWD Council encouraged our district to turn in their Fall Activity Reports (down to the hour!) and we were able to get a 100% completion rate! That’s a HUGE feat for our district and wouldn’t have been possible without you. To finish out the year, I hosted SWD VREs with the council after Erika had brought the idea to all of the District VPMs and began planning Area Workshops with Ayleen.

Then 2021 came! We had our Winter Council and Ayleen and I put the finishing touches on our two Area Workshops. The first one went smoothly. The weekend that we were supposed to have our second Area Workshop, a freak snow storm hit the district and a lot of sisters were left without power, so Ayleen and I picked a new weekend and moved everything to a week later! A very fun side of having virtual workshops are how far we’re able to get guest speakers from and I’d just like to give a special thanks to Allison Leeman, NED Counselor; Bang Co, KKPsi NVPSA; Erika Pope, NVPCM; Aaron Moore, National Alumni, Historical and Development Coordinator; Jessica Lee, KKPsi NVPCM; Carrie Webster, NCD Counselor; Hannah Wells, SWDAA Programs Director; and of course both SWD Councils for making our Psi-Tau-Days full of interesting workshops and being flexible with Ayleen and I.

In early February, Siobhan Wilkes, TBS NVPSP, reached out to me and asked if I’d be interested in making a video going over Module 6 for the newly petitioning Delta Alpha chapter at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. I was SUPER excited to be able to help out a new set of incoming sisters and sent in my video a few weeks later. I also began planning out Rituals and our Founder’s Day Ceremony (Happy Belated Founder’s Day everyone!).

This month was all about tying up loose ends and making the VPM position a nice little present for the next VPM to come. I submitted my New ALTO piece, was invited to and attended 2nd and 3rd Degree for the now Delta Alpha Chapter, and put the finishing touches on my transition document and officer report.

I am very thankful for the experiences this position has given me and I hope that next year we are able to see each other in person at least for an event or two.

Now for some thank yous:

To my SWD VPMs: Y’all made my job so easy this year, thank you SO much for your hard work. I hope you guys pass that hard working attitude on through those who come after you and carry it on through your careers.

To Ayleen: My partner in crime, thanks for making it super fun and easy to plan events with! You always make killer puns to put a fun spin on our workshops and you always have a positive attitude! Thank you for being amazing!

To Tyler: Thanks for being an awesome president to work with and always being on the ball. You always had wonderful quotes to end our meetings with and always seemed to know which one we needed. You did such a great job and I can’t wait to see what other amazing things you do next with TBS!

To Destinee: Destinee! It was so fun being able to work with you as both a VPM and a fellow council member! You’re so sweet and your smile lights up the room. Thanks for always checking up on us during stressful times! I can’t wait to see how far you go and how many smiles you put on others’ faces in your future.

To Laine: You’ve done SO much! The way you were able to keep calm and poise during all of the exciting life events you had this year along with finishing your senior year AND being amazing at your job is absolutely inspiring. You’re going to be amazing, and I can’t wait to see where your amazing brain takes you.

To our wonderful Counselors: Thank you all so much for always checking up on us when you knew we’d be going through a rough patch and when the SWD went through the freak weather we had the past year. Thanks for being there when we had questions and keeping us on track and always pushing us to be our best selves!

To Gamma Omicron: Thank you for geeking out with me last convention and blowing up our group chat the entire night of elections. Y’all kept my spirits high, backed me up to go through with everything, and kept my head on my shoulders through the whole process.

To the SWD: Thank you so much for trusting me with this position. It’s been wonderful being able to serve as your Southwest District Vice President of Membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madelynne West

2020 - 2021 Southwest District Vice President for Membership

**Report of the Southwest District President**

To the Spicy Southwest,

This past year has been a very interesting one to say the least. It has been an honor to serve as your District President and even though my time on council may be coming to an end, I am so incredibly thankful for the opportunity that you have given me to serve my district.

After last year's convention, I immediately started working on resources for the chapters of our district. With the upcoming deadline of the Chapter Summary Report, I wanted to get as many resources out as possible. I made the “Presidents Resources” Folder. I made resources for all of the big reports. These resources included: google documents with the information needed, presentations on how to complete the report with a timeline, and calendar and event resources. I also conducted a meeting with chapter presidents to discuss the upcoming reports and strategies to help in chapter.

After the 2020 Chapter Summary Report, which we had a great turn out on, I spent the summer organizing and setting goals for the year. I helped plan out our virtual summer council meeting where l solidified my goals and started working. I attended the National Virtual Leadership Conference where I learned so much about my office and strengthened my goals with Adrienne Rall, National President, and the rest of the District Presidents. I made the monthly updates for each month in the summer, attended the Virtual Chapter Leadership Conference, and pushed out information from Nationals about our ever changing setting during the pandemic.

During the fall, I communicated the resources made for the Chapter Personnel Report and the Fall Activities Report, made monthly updates for the chapters, tried to have monthly Tau Talks for Presidents, visited 5 different chapters virtual chapter rooms, started planning for our District Convention with my amazing counterpart, answered questions from chapters, took part in our District Rituals towards the end of the semester, and helped plan out our virtual winter council meeting. One of the biggest things we pushed for was the Fall Activities Report. All of the chapters in the Southwest worked extremely hard and probably got way to many emails from me than they would like, but we accomplished our goal of getting 100% of chapters submitted on time. I am so incredibly proud of all the chapters' work to accomplish this. Words can not express how proud I was of everyone in the Southwest District. After this accomplishment, it was time to get back in the zone for the District Convention. At the time everything for the district convention was being planned in person. Then we got the call that all conventions would be virtual.

Of course, everyone wanted the convention to be in person. At first, it felt like last year was happening all over again. I was sad for a moment, but then I realized how much time we had to make this convention the best it could possible be in a virtual format. By the time winter council came, we had an almost complete plan for changing the in-person convention to virtual, something that by now we have been expertly trained to do. We were able to PIVOT everything successful and develop a plan moving forward.

During the Spring, most of my time was spent working on the many aspects of District Convention. I attended one of our virtual workshops, continued making the monthly updates for our chapters, reached out to so many people concerning District Convention, created all the award forms for District Convention, set up our committees for the convention, set as the chair for the credentials committee, and created my transition documents for the future Southwest District President. I can not express how grateful I am to everyone that has come to the District Convention. Sometimes it is so hard to see the work that you have done over a period of time, but being at this virtual convention and seeing all my sisters and brothers fills me with such love.

I wouldn’t have been able to do everything I did in office without some massive help from the people around me so now for the thank yous.

To Laine,

You are an absolute power house of hard work, passion, and getting things done. When we first met at the Louisiana Area workshop last year, I knew that you would be amazing on District Council. I am so happy that you took that leap and ran for council. You have been an absolute joy to work with. I have loved getting to know you and I can not wait to see the amazing things that you do in life.

 To Destinee,

 I remember meeting you for the first time at an area workshop. Meeka and Ciara

 were on council and working hard as council members and you and I were their loyal car ride buddies and secretaries. I remember bonding with you at the area workshops over our shared interest and struggles. When you said you were interested in running for District Council, I was beyond excited. You have brought a ray of light to the District and I am so proud of the amazing growth I have seen in you this past year. I know that you will do amazing things in life and I can’t wait to see them.

 To Madelynne,

 You were the only person on District Council that I didn’t already know, but that quickly changed. You came into the office of District VPM and took to it beautifly. I have absolutely loved getting to know you this past year. I loved showing up to our District Council meetings early and talking about musicals that we love and different things that happened during the week. You have worked so hard over this past year and I cannot wait to see the amazing work you do in the future.

 To the Counselors,

 I have a wide range of experiences with all of you from going to Ashlyn’s workshop as an MC, to getting to know Kathy better when Meeka was elected to District Council, to getting to know Katie these past 2 years on council, I have every belief that I would not be where I am today without the support from all 3 of you. You do so much for every person in our District and even though it happens behind the scenes, you are greatly appreciated by everyone. You all have made my past 2 years on council the most memorable experience of my life. Thank you so much for everything.

 To my Chapter,

 Thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity to be in this organization. Beta Nu has changed my life entirely and I cannot express how much each of you mean to me. Thank you for taking a chance on quiet, shy, freshman me that didn’t even know what he wanted to do with his life. This organization has done so much for me and I will never be able to express how much the members of Beta Nu mean to me.

To all the sisters and brothers in the Southwest,

 I never would have had this opportunity to serve if it wasn’t for all of you. The immense faith and support that you have shown for me over this past year has been overwhelmingly amazing. This past year has been so hard because we had no idea what to expect. Despite all of this, you support me through every twist and turn. I am incredibly honored and grateful that I have had this opportunity. I hope that, even though this year has been virtual, that all of you have grown and thrived during this challenging time. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Being able to serve my district has been the best experience.

 This past year was definitely not what I expected it to be. Even so, the Southwest District has PIVOTED and THRIVED this past year. I have full confidence that the Southwest District will continue to progress and grow into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Hern

SWD President

2020-2021

**Report of the Southwest District Counselors**

March 28, 2021

Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

What a crazy, unprecedented, and unpredictable year it has been! Before I go any further, I want to take a moment to acknowledge each of you for having FORTITUDE and facing this year head on. You’ve rethought everything from recruitment to service to fundraisers and made this another successful year in our Tau Beta Sigma history.

This year started as a BIG question mark in so many ways. We held our first virtual district convention and left with a newly elected council that was ready to hit the ground running. We worked diligently to help chapters finish the school year strong despite being apart. All things considered, we had a good completion rate for the Chapter Summary Report.

Leading into the summer, we were still hopeful for an in person National Leadership Conference. However, like everything else- we went virtual. Instead of gearing up for a big road trip to Stillwater, I took a trip down the hall to my spare bedroom/office. NLC was great and gave us new ideas and information as we looked to the coming fall semester. I’m hopeful that maybe one day our council kids will get to experience Eskimo Joe’s and those Sweet Peppered Bacon Cheese Fries…..

Our annual Chapter Leadership Conference took place next and fortunately, we had planned for it to be virtual from the beginning. We had good conversations and received valuable information from our presenters.

Next, the fall semester kicked off with having everyone PIVOT! We worked tirelessly with chapters to adjust MEPs and chapter operations to an all online format. I was amazed at how flexible and open to assistance our chapters were. Despite the setbacks, I truly believe we saw a new level of collaboration that could change the way we approach future years.

This fall also saw the beginning of our Virtual Ritual Experiences. I had the privilege of participating in VREs with Theta Theta, Delta Pi, Gamma Nu, Eta Nu, Delta Sigma, Eta Epsilon, and Alpha. It was wonderful to connect with sisters and brothers around the district in this special way!

Our final big project for the fall semester was the Fall Activity Report. Since becoming a Counselor, my goal has been to have 100% on time paperwork for each submission. Each time we have been close, but not reached 100% until this year. I am so incredibly proud of our chapters for putting in the work to reach 100% completion for the Fall Activity Report! Now that we know it can be done, I charge each chapter with making 100% on time our standard for paperwork submissions!

The spring semester started with having our Virtual Winter Council meeting. We had a fun and productive time meeting with the Kappa Kappa Psi District council to plan out the rest of the semester and district convention.

From there, we were in busy spring mode- approving spring MEPs, preparing for Area workshop days, and preparing for district convention. It has been so rewarding to watch our district officers shine as they fully grasped their offices and were determined to finish the year strong.

Now we are here at our second virtual convention and doing so well in navigating the world of Zoom. I continue to be blown away by the flexibility and efficiency of our students and leaders! Thank you, Southwest District for keeping it classy and spicy!

And now for some thank yous…

To the National Council, thank you for allowing me to work with the students of the Southwest District. I feel so blessed to be able to continue my own Tau Beta Sigma journey while guiding our Active members in theirs.

To the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Council and Governors, thank you for the collaboration this past year. I look forward to another great year and HOPEFULLY seeing you in person soon.

To the Southwest District Council, thank you for being outstanding leaders for our district. We were so fortunate to have each of you be a part of the council during a year that has been all about the PIVOT! I know that wherever you go from here, you will be successful and each of you will shine!

To Kathy, thank you for being a sounding board this year and imparting all of your counselor wisdom to me. I’m sad that we didn’t get to see each other as much as normal, but I had so much fun on our little road trip to Austin! It’s hard to think this coming year is your last year as a counselor and I look forward to learning all of the things from you!

To Ashlyn, thank you for everything you’ve done for me both in TBS and my personal life this past year. From sharing your wi-fi to sharing your guest room for an unexpected sleepover, you always display factors 2 and 6 flawlessly. You are an amazing leader and asset to this organization. Our students are so fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from you!

To my girls, Charlie and Claire, I know you aren’t hearing this, but after this year I think you deserve a special shout out! Thank you for sharing your mommy and always being excited when “we” have a meeting. I hope that your love of band and TBS never stops!

Respectfully Submitted in the Bond,

Katie Dukes Rixon

Southwest District Counselor

Life Member, Theta Theta

Report of the Southwest District Counselors

Ashlyn Simmons

March 28, 2021

To the Sisters of the Southwest District,

It seems like yesterday, but also a lifetime ago that we were conducting the first ever VIRTUAL Southwest District Convention in 2020. Here we are, one year later, and we are still meeting virtually, but persevering through unforeseen obstacles. The best part of my role as Counselor was hearing the creative and ingenious ways sisters across the Southwest have been able to overcome the challenges that 2020 brought. I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again, it is an absolute privilege to support each of you during your journeys in Tau Beta Sigma.

After SWD Convention in 2020, we wasted no time and began planning for the upcoming, virtual year. We met (virtually) as a new Southwest District Council over the summer to set goals and intentions for 2020 and 2021. Once we had our ducks in a row as a Council, it was time to join the other District Councils and our National Council at the summer National Leadership Conference where we continued to plan fantastic programs and events for the upcoming year.

Our first event of this academic year was our Chapter Leadership Conference, hosted by our joint Southwest District Vice Presidents of Membership. Thank you to all of our sisters and brothers who attended, and a special thank you to all of our CLC presenters. I know that our student membership and myself greatly benefited from your wisdom! I was also able to step outside of the Southwest and present at the Midwest District Leadership Conference and talk about Self-Care and Stress Management with the Midwest Chapters.

Beginning in early August, myself, Kathy, and Katie were hard at work approving Membership Education Processes, documents, and events for chapters all across the district. This process continued through the entire academic year, and it was ever-evolving due to the unpredictability of the COVID situation on our college campuses. Thank you to all of our chapters and Vice Presidents of Membership for your countless hours of hard work creating and revising your Membership Education Plans.

Throughout the Fall and Spring semesters, I had the chance to meet with several chapters one-on-one to assist them in chapter operations, leadership development, and refining their Membership Education Processes. I have also had the distinct honor and privilege of leading the following chapters through Virtual Ritual Experiences, each one being unique and special to that chapter. Thank you these to the chapters for trusting me and the National Leadership Team to lead your candidates through 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Rituals:  Alpha, Beta, Delta, Iota, Xi, Psi, Beta Gamma, Beta Omicron, Gamma Omicron, Delta Sigma, Epsilon Beta, Eta Nu, Eta Pi, and from the SED district, Iota Chi.

In the Spring Semester, we met virtually as a Joint Southwest District Council alongside our host chapters to plan for our Virtual 2021 Southwest District Convention and our Virtual Area Workshops. For our first Area Workshop, I got the opportunity to co-present with Destinee, our wonderful SWD VPSP, over Self-Care and Stress Management. I have also had the chance to present to the Southeast District at their Convention this past weekend, and I am excited to announce that I was made an Honorary Member of the Midwest District of Tau Beta Sigma.

Throughout this entire biennium, I have also been hard at work with the 75th Anniversary Committee of Tau Beta Sigma. I Chaired the District Convention Celebration Subcommittee and helped plan many of the 75th Anniversary programs and events that are taking place this weekend and across the Nation at our various District Conventions. I hope that each of you are excited to celebrate 75 years of Tau Beta Sigma and are looking forward to another 75 years and beyond.

Finally, one of the biggest decisions that I made this past year was a very difficult and personal one... After months and months of consideration, I have made the difficult, but necessary, decision to step down as one of the Southwest District Counselors. These past three years as a Counselor have been an absolute joy, and I have made memories I will treasure for a lifetime. This past year has brought some exciting developments in my personal and professional life. Unfortunately, I do not have the capability to juggle all of my current responsibilities in a way that is sustainable and healthy. While this has been a difficult reality to face and accept, I know it is one that I must make. I hope that this can be a lesson to each of you in how to say no. In how to serve yourself as well as those around you.

Please know that while my role in Tau Beta Sigma might be changing, this does not mean that I am disappearing. I plan to continue to serve this organization and this District that I have grown to love and appreciate in ways I never thought possible. Expect to see me at National Conventions and at as many in-person and virtual events I can make it to!

I would like to end my report with some words of appreciation and admiration….

To the Southwest District Council…. I hope you all know by now how incredibly proud I am of you. This year has brought forth countless challenges and obstacles, and you have faced each of them with grace, poise, and professionalism. You are truly a force to be reckoned with. I look forward to the day we can finally meet in person and have a meal together!

To Kathy and Katie… Having the privilege to serve alongside the two of you has been a dream, and I value each of you as close friends. While I won’t be the one reviewing MEPs alongside you this next year, please know that I am always here for you. I look forward to supporting both of you as you reach for your goals both in TBS and beyond.

To the National Council of TBS… Thank you for always being there for your National Leadership team and for the students. No one envies the decisions that you have had to make. To Adrienne in particular, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as one of your District Counselors. Thank you for your unwavering understanding and support.

To the SAMS Club… You know who you are. Thank you for your unyielding friendship, support, and encouragement during all of the ups and downs. I’m really looking forward to the future.

To the entire Southwest District… I never thought this day would come where I would have to step back from this position. Each of you has the capacity to be a great leader both within your chapters and in the district, and these journeys to greatness start with one simple step. Just show up. That’s all that’s asked of you. Show up to meetings. Show up in messages. Let your presence be heard and seen. From there, simply see where the journey takes you.

While there are things that I will charge the next Counselor to do differently and better than I was able to do, I can truthfully say that I can look back on my time as Counselor with a lens of joy and satisfaction. I can say without a doubt that I gave this position my best and my all. I charge the entire Southwest District to give their best in whatever they set their mind to. May each of you forge ahead with the courage and strength it takes to make a difference.

It is an honor to be selected to serve…

Much Love in the Bond,

Ashlyn Simmons

Southwest District Counselor

Tau Beta Sigma, Life Member #3350 – Psi

Report of the Southwest District Counselors

Kathy Webster

March 28, 2021

Greeting Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

We came into this year with uncertain in every aspect of life, personal, professional, social due to an unknown pandemic that was taking hold of the world. We were anticipating that things would be affected for a few weeks, maybe a month. The council was preparing for District Convention in New Mexico, candidates for the upcoming convention were excited about the upcoming year, and yet we were presented with a major pandemic that took grasp of the world and cause everything to shut down around March 17th, grocery stores shelves had gone bare of several essentials and everyone avoided one another due to the Global Pandemic. All meetings and conventions shifted to a virtual platform. We all understood the overall concept but were not entirely sure of how to “make it happen,” or what it would look like, but we figured it out in a very short amount of time, and made it happen. We completed our convention, took care of business, elected officers, and breathed a sigh of relief. We made it over the hurdle and through convention, but we still did not know what was coming ahead of us.

As I look back on the year who would have known that everything would shut down around March 17th, 2020 but it did. At that time all anyone could think about was surviving the pandemic. We survived from day to day as we watch the news and listened as the count of how many people had become infected grew and grew around the world. Soon it became not just how many people became infected but how many lives were lost due to this global pandemic. It was not a joyous time. The new council that was elected at the first virtual convention of the Southwest District was wondering exactly what their year was going to hold for them, but they came into their roles with great anticipation and eagerness to do whatever needed to be done.

Once we realized that we were not going to be able to do in person events for quite some time, the challenge became figuring out how to continue going forward in all our activities, both in our personal and professional lives.

Each and every one of us woke up every morning, did the best that we could with the obstacles and challenges that were presented to us during that day, went to bed and got up and did the same thing the next day.

We began shifting in-person activities into virtual activities. The District Council held their summer meeting to set goals for their office and for the district for the upcoming year. We moved through the summer planning for an upcoming fall semester planning for both in-person and if we were not able to meet in-person in the fall. We attended National Leadership Convention in July via a virtual platform, planned for a virtual CLC and were fortunate to be able to expand our presenter to people from all over the nation. We had several active members attended to help figure out how the fall would be shaping up.

Chapters were heading back to school under new rules and regulations. Chapter officers worked diligently to ensure they were meeting all the new guidelines being imposed and making sure they still were serving the bands.

District Leadership was working diligently with all the chapters to support and provide guidance during this uncertain time. Their role during this year was to help bring reassurance to the chapters, that while everything was not what clear, if we kept moving forward, we were doing well.

So, how did we survive this past year….

Well, I will tell you how we survived….one day at a time, and before we knew it, we had survived a week, then a month, then more months. Chapters completed/file the reports, chapters managed to get MEP's created and approved, officers were elected new members were recruited, educated, and brought into the sisterhood, focus on five activities completed, and we all learned about zoom, meet, or whatever program was used to have online virtual meetings. We were able to interact with one another in ways that could have happened just 25 years ago. We took this time to encourage one another through the unknown slowly we have shaped a new normalcy for every part of our lives chapters council national leadership did whatever needed to be done to keep us moving forward and being able to serve our bands our community and each other. it has been amazing to watch how, with all these challenges that we were presented to us, that everyone stepped up to the plate and continued to help move our organization forward. A year later and we are still going strong.

I thank the National Council for allowing me the opportunity to continue to serve the Southwest District as their Counselor. It is an honor that I do not take lightly. I truly want to thank the National Council for their service to our organization over the last year. This was definitely not the year they had expected when their terms began in July 2019. They stepped up and made the tough decisions in the best interest of all our members. They were not easy decisions, but they were made with love and great consideration for what was best for each member, as well the organizations best interest.

To the council kids, you all did an amazing job this year. You faced your respective roles, set goals, and faced the obstacles head on like they were nothing. You did not know if what you were doing was what was needed to be done unfortunately there was no script there was no map to follow you guys were trendsetters you stepped up to the plate and you created the map that a future people will use if we ever have to do virtual meetings again. I could not be prouder of you all than if you were my own children. Meeting after meeting I would hear “I didn’t do much since the last meeting” and then a long list of activities that were completed were presented. I am proud of the year of service you have given this district, but more importantly you each should be proud of the work you have done.

Ashlyn and Katie……I could not have asked for better friends to go through this portion of my journey in Tau Beta Sigma. We complement each other so well, and it seems like we have been doing this gig for years and years. I thank you both for lifting me up and encouraging me during this last year. I could go on and on, but you guys know what you mean to me! I love you guys!

So, to answer the question of how did we survive the year in summarization…..

We came, We saw,

We crushed the challenges/obstacles presented to us,

Took Names, Kicked A$$!!!,

We loved each other more every day,

WE SURVIVED!

Respectfully Submitted with MLITB,

Kathy Webster

Southwest District Counselor

Report of the Membership Committee

2021 Southwest District

**Committee Chair:**

Ashton Butler | Alpha Omicron

**Committee Members:**

Brittany Laird | Epsilon Beta

Austin Miller | Gamma Phi

Sydney Rush | Gamma Xi

Stephen Yglesas | Iota Tau

Haley McKinney | Iota Beta

Jessica Martinez | Delta Phi

Illiana Rocha | Eta Epsilon

Asia Scott | Delta Alpha

**Advisors:**

Madelynne West, Southwest District Vice President of Membership | Gamma Omicron

Sami Kinnison, Chapter Visitation Assistant | Psi

Erika Pope, National Vice President for Colonization & Membership | Theta Theta

**The 2021 Membership Committee was charged with the following:**

1. Review the 2020 Membership Committee Report
2. Review the charges for the 2020-2021 Vice President of Membership and evaluate the effectiveness of their implementation
3. Review the progress of Overture and its implementation in the Southwest District
4. Discuss ways to advertise and reach out to brothers and sisters about workshops
5. Review the new Overture Membership Candidate Workbook for usefulness and edits.

**Discussion:**

 **The committee reviewed and discussed the 2020 Membership Committee Report. We also reviewed the charges for the 2020-2021 district Vice President of Membership, and we, as a committee, agreed that she successfully completed the charges given to her. We also discussed methods of advertisement for future district workshops.** Through discussion of options with advertising the workshops, an emphasis was placed on having direct communication with the sisters of the district through emailing members individually with information about each workshop. We also discussed featuring workshops with different overall topics. **We reviewed the progress of Overture and its implementation**, and we encouraged including Charter, Life, and other notable members in the discussion of explanation of their chapter and its history as a part of Module 7. Lastly, **the committee discussed the use of the Candidate Workbook**, its overall use from within the district, for where it is applied, and how it is used. A recommendation was made to Erika Pope to include specific options in the workbook rather than open pages.

* **Charges for the 2021-2022 Membership Committee**
	+ Review the charges of the 2020-2021 Membership Committee
	+ Review the charges of the 2021-2022 District Vice President of Membership
	+ Review the progress of Overture and its implementation
	+ Review the Candidate Workbook and consider alternative activities
* **Charges for the 2021-2022 Vice President of Membership**
	+ Continue to update the transition packet as needed and maintain it throughout the term of office to be given to the succeeding Vice President of Membership.
	+ When first making contact with new chapter officers for the 2021-2022 academic year, emphasize your role, responsibilities, availability, and way you can serve as a support for those officers.
	+ Inform the new chapter VPMs about the importance of reading the introduction portion of Overture so they can better understand the options for module setup and process timeline.
	+ Remind the chapter VPMs to use the most updated version of Overture when teaching the Membership Candidates
* **Charges for the 2021-2022 District Council**
	+ Evaluate the necessity and effectiveness of virtual workshops in comparison to in-person workshops

**Special Thanks to our committee members:**

Brittany Laird | Epsilon Beta

Austin Miller | Gamma Phi

Stephen Yglesas | Iota Tau

Haley McKinney | Iota Beta

Jessica Martinez | Delta Phi

Illiana Rocha | Eta Epsilon

Asia Scott | Delta Alpha

**A big thank you to our advisors: Madelynne West, Erika Pope, and Sami Kinnison**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chair of the 2021 Membership Committee**

Ashton Butler | Alpha Omicron

Report of the Programs Committee

2021 Southwest District

**Committee Chair:**

Ronald Wagner, Zeta Phi

**Committee Members:**

Amy Cox, Beta Gamma

Tamia Watson, Zeta Mu

Eric Miller, Tau

Sarah Owens, Delta Sigma

Shelby Dye, Iota

Tiffany Martinez, Delta Eta

Ana Plake, Alpha Upsilon

Allison Austin, Delta Pi

**Advisors:**

Siobhan Wilkes, Life Member of Beta Zeta, National VP for Special Projects

Destinee Leger, Eta Pi, Southwest District VP for Special Projects

**The 2021 Programs Committee was charged with the following:**

1. Review the charges from 2020
2. Review and discuss national programs and Focus on Five
3. Encourage chapters to continue submitting to District and National awards even when it isn’t required
4. Review and discuss the Pen Pal Program of 2020-21

**Discussion of Charge 1:Review the charges from 2020 Programs Committee**

 The 2021 Programs Committee reviewed the charges and report of the 2020 SWD Programs Committee.

**Discussion of Charge 2: Review of the 2020-2021 Photo Challenge**

The 2020 Programs committee charged the DVPSP to transition the photo challenge to social media vs google drive submissions. FO5 Liaisons, chapter members were communicated to join, but due to COVID, the challenges did not take off as expected. The challenges were created with virtual service and reflective posts in mind. 2020-2021 Challenges are created to encourage individual members and chapter participation. Chapters can receive credit for participation from both. The 2020-2021 Photo Challenge had low participation this school year. Out of the 7 monthly challenges, the most chapters participated in were two.

This year Covid impacted how chapters participated in the challenges because of the reduced ability to do specific projects. Social Media admins of chapters had their own vision and goal for the social media for the year, and may not have known how to participate in the challenges.

The committee discussed having the DVPSP/ SWD Council connect with the full chapter or specifically the Chapter Historian, Social Media Chair, or President to communicate the challenges and how to participate in the photo challenges.

* Use a GroupME to communicate the monthly challenges to chapters along with the other social media channels. President, Historian, Service, Focus on Five GroupMe.

*Photo Challenge Honorable Mentions for their Participation this year:*

* Alpha
* Beta
* Delta
* Xi
* Alpha Omicron
* Gamma Xi
* Gamma Omicron
* Gamma Tau
* Delta Sigma

**Monthly Challenge Ideas:**

* August : This or That Challenge
	+ No changes to this challenge. The Committee enjoyed the fun incorporated in this challenge.
* September: Tag a Sistau
	+ Liked the ability to engage with other sisters in the chapter and district
	+ Share chapter submissions to drive engagement
* October: Fall into Service
	+ Liked the theme
	+ Encourage chapters to share old and current projects during this month.
	+ Highlight National Programs and ways chapters serve the community as well.
* November: Gratitude/Thankfulness
	+ Liked the thankfulness and gratitude theme
* January: New Year, Same Me, New Goals
	+ n/a
* February: MLITB
	+ Add a challenge for celebrating Black History Month and black musicians, and culture and also a point for chapters to learn.
* March: TBSigma History Celebration
	+ Celebrating TBSigma for the anniversary
	+ March is Women’s History Month and celebrating Women in Music
		- Challenge chapter women identifying music majors, female faculty, etc

**Ideas and Recommendations:**

* Emphasize the use of the story feature for the challenges because some chapters like to curate their feed in a specific way. Use Hashtags as well to collect statistics on chapter involvement.
* Create challenges for full chapter engagement versus individual member posts.
* Chapters can create a reward and recognition system to encourage involvement from their chapter members*. Ex: end of semester awards, end of year awards.*
* The District can showcase the chapters who participate in the photo challenge
	+ Repost chapter pictures to the SWD Instagram feed, Story Highlights
	+ Highlight the list of chapters that participated in the Photo Challenge at the end of each month, as a means of encouraging more chapter participation if they missed the previous month. *(Fear of Missing Out\*)*

**Discussion of Charge 3: Review Focus on Five Participation and National Programs for the District**

The committee reviewed the 2020-2021 National Programs and the Focus on Five Campaign.

* Coda
	+ *Share music within your community by hosting a TBS Coda Project for senior citizens within your community. Chapters are required to host an activity that directly correlates to band and appreciation for or playing of instruments*
	+ Coda is a great way to promote TBSigma and the reward is great for the individual members.
	+ **Ideas/Discussion:** Music Week with Senior Citizens to incorporate music for more than one time. It would be great to allow for virtual completion of this project in the future post-Covid. Live Stream your chapter concerts to engage with the community.
* Women in Music Speaker Series
	+ *Host a Women In Music Speaker Series event for your campus and community, complete with a reception following the presentation.*
	+ **Ideas/Discussion:** Possibly focus this session for an individual class as well as a full community event. Virtual bonus opens up chapters to speakers outside of your immediate community. Would love to keep this project to have a virtual option. Loved having a Panel of speakers to present and even look for diversity in career on the panel.
* Crescendo
	+ *Inspire the youth in your community by planning and executing a Crescendo project: A Musical Youth Initiative Program. Chapters are required to host an activity that directly correlates to band and appreciation for or playing of instruments.*
	+ **Ideas/Discussion:** Recorded a performance for a local elementary school and the teacher reported that the students greatly enjoyed it and benefited from it. Instrument petting zoo (in person). Record or share advice to young musicians as they are continuing to be involved in music.Continue to utilize Zoom and other platforms to host virtual events. Virtual events can be overall beneficial to chapter participation as it allows more freedom in participation for students.
* NIB Auditions(Black Stripe)
	+ *Promote and host a recording session (or two) for the 2021 National Intercollegiate Band for your music department.*
	+ **Ideas/Discussion:** Hosting an informational session, pre audition help, hosting a full audition in person. Communication with Music departments will also encourage participation through students not in school band programs.
	+ District Lyre Piece
	+ C*hapters are encouraged to create a presentation on the New ALTO that can be used by District Fo5 Liaisons to promote the District publication and submit to either the Fall or Spring Edition of New ALTO.*
	+ **Ideas/Discussion:** The program was a good way to encourage members to submit to the New ALTO and learn about it.
* For Greater Practice
	+ *Chapters must appoint a member to be their FGP coordinator to spearhead this initiative for the chapter. Chapter members are encouraged to practice at least one hour each week (for three months) while school is in session to meet the chapters’ total practice goal for the quarter.*
	+ Create a presentation on Practice Tips
	+ Keep track of practice hours and submit
	+ Creating inner-chapter/ Chapter competitions
	+ Encourage posting of performances made from practicing
* Overall Focus on Five Participation
	+ Few of the chapters in the committee were participating in the Focus on Five Campaign this year. Did not have the motivation to participate.
	+ Virtual opportunities should continue to be part of the FO5 Campaign, and the committee encourages the 2021-2023 National VPSP to consider this.
	+ How to keep members engaged and inspired to participate in the National Programs.
	+ Help chapters to develop a strategic plan/timeline to participate in Focus on Five throughout the year versus all in one time block
		- Ex: For Greater Practice in the Fall, alongside a football season

**Discussion of Charge 4: Discuss ways to Encourage chapters to continue submitting to District and National awards**

* Awards are effectively communicated to Chapter Presidents
* District Council can encourage chapters by recommending them one-on-one
* Begin Promotion of the District Awards earlier in the school year to give chapters more time to consider and apply for awards and to ask for letters of recommendation.
* 4/7 awards require a DOB/Sponsor submission.
* Longer submission period to allow DOB/Sponsor to get back with chapters

**Discussion of Charge 5: Review the Pen Pal Program**

*This program was created during the 2020-2021 School year to help continue to keep members connected throughout the year.The SWD Sec-Tres and VPSP sent out the matches in late October. Following up, they sent out a Check-In on participants in early January asking for feedback and suggestions. In early March, a Pen Pal promo was sent out, asking for letters to be sent out by March 15th. The Pen Pal program had 51 pairs totalling to 102 sisters participating from 25 chapters.*

* The Committee believes that we should continue to offer the Pen Pal program going into the next school year. While chapters may be going back to normal service, there will still be a need for connections and sisterhood that this program offers.
* Open up the sign up dates for the program to allow for more members to join the pen pal program. The District can even open this up during the fall to welcome new members.
* Continue to promote this program on its own, versus in place with the other district announcements with monthly updates. Send pairs more discussion topics during the semester to keep the communication moving forward.
* Encourage participants to use their chapter address instead of personal address.

**Charges for the 2022 Programs Committee:**

* Review the charges from 2021 SWD Programs Committee
* Review and discuss Chapter Participation in the Tau Beta Sigma National Programs and the Focus on Five Campaign.
* Review the SWD Photo Challenge and the difference between participation from the previous year’s challenges. Determine Photo Challenge Winners to be recognized during the Convention.
* Review participation in the Pen Pal program and if this is a worthwhile project for the District.

**Charges for the 2021-2022 Vice President of Special Project:**

* Contact specific individuals(Chapter Presidents/Historians/Social Media Chairs) who are in charge of social media for each chapter to increase knowledge of the Photo Challenges and how to participate.Send communication to these individuals bi-monthly to remind them of the current month’s challenge, as well as communicate the details for the following month’s Photo Challenge.
* Review national and international celebrations(for ex: Black History/ Women’s History Month) and incorporate some of these monthly events into the Photo Challenges for chapters to learn and engage with topics that support the Sorority’s Mission. Continue to highlight the participants (individuals/chapters) that participate in the challenges each month.
* Give the District more regular status updates (midterms and finals) on participation in the Focus on Five Campaign (particularly chapter presidents and Focus on Five Liaisons) using Social Media, Email, or even the Chapter President & Focus on Five Liaison GroupMe.

**Charges for the 2021-2022 District Council:**

* Provide chapter officers with resources to GroupMes by email, etc. as a constant reminder of this resource. Expand the number of Officer-Specific GroupMes to include one for Chapter Historians and/or Social Media Chairs to provide a platform for collaboration on how to create a professional and engaging online presence for their chapter.
* Promote the District Awards earlier in the school year to encourage more participation. Provide details and tips on completion, and reach out to chapters individually who may be eligible for the specific awards

**Special Thanks**

This is the first time that I have been the committee chair and also my first time attending the District Convention. With the help of Siobhan Wilkes and Destinee Leger as advisors I felt informed the entire way through this process. With sisters like them that show commitment to helping others, it is almost impossible to fail. Their advice, comments, and discussion were instrumental in accessing our charges and moving forward. I would also like to thank the members of the committee for the wonderful discussion about the programs topics that we had. Lastly, I would like to thank the Zeta Phi chapter for making the past and present memorable while helping me develop through life.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Ronald Wagner, Zeta Phi

Chair of the 2021 Programs Committee

**Report of the Jurisdiction & Finance Committee**

2021 Southwest District

**Committee Chair:**

Madison Aquino, Alpha

**Committee Members:**

Courtney Gragson, Beta

Alyssa Bobalik, Psi

Helen Reece, Beta Nu

Kiana Ray, Gamma Omicron

Julian Samarripas, Delta Tau

Lafourn Martin, Epsilon Psi

Leah Morace, Eta Pi

**Advisors:**

Lainé Rogers, Delta Sigma, 2019-2020 SWD Sec/Treas

Leslie Gartin, Zeta Nu, TBS National Vice President for Communication & Recognition

**The 2021 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee was charged with the following:**

1. Redistribute funds to reflect a national convention year.
2. Review the amount of applications coming in for the two district scholarships and reallocate funds as necessary.
3. Review the amount of applications coming in for travel assistance fund and reallocate funds as necessary.
4. Evaluate $250 increase to Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration to see if increase remains appropriate for next year.
5. Review Kappa Kappa Psi’s 2020 Southwest District Constitution and check for inconsistencies that don’t require a joint discussion.

**Finances:**

The Jurisdiction and Finance Committee looked at the budgets from the last year (a non-national convention year) and two years ago (a national convention year) to come up with a proposed budget for the upcoming year.

The District Officer travel expenses have remained the same with each being allocated $500. The Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration portion has remained the same at $750. The District’s Honorary Membership Fee and District awards will also remain the same at $250 and $200 respectively. According to 9.04.1, the Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship is only offered during Non-National Convention budget years. We decided to reallocate $75 of the $425 from the Service to Music Scholarship to the Scholarship of Excellence in order to promote sisters throughout the District to apply. We then added the remaining $350 to the National Convention Travel Assistance for chapters to apply for. Miscellaneous also remained the same at $200 since it seemed to be sufficient for the District in prior years.

This year, the committee was unable to make proper judgements about the travel funds since all events have been virtual since the start of the pandemic last year. However, we are charging this task to the next committee when travel is anticipated to occur again.

The proposed budget for the 2021-2022 term is as follows:

**Proposed Budget (2021-22):**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **District Officer Travel Expenses** |  |
| President | $500.00 |
| Vice President of Membership | $500.00 |
| Vice President of Special Projects | $500.00 |
| Secretary-Treasurer | $500.00 |
| **District Convention Expenses** |  |
| Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration | $750.00 |
| Honorary Membership Fee | $250.00 |
| District Awards | $200.00 |
| Scholarship of Excellence | $500.00 |
| **Workshop/District Travel Assistance** | $500.00 |
| **National Convention Travel Assistance** | $350.00 |
| **Miscellaneous** | $200.00 |
| **Total** | **$4750.00** |

**Proposed Changes to the Southwest District Constitution:**

**1. Updated Sections for Consistency with the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Constitution**

**CURRENT:** 1.03 The Southwest District will consist of all active chapters and colonies of Tau Beta Sigma in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

**PROPOSED:** The Southwest District will consist of all active chapters and colonies of Tau Beta Sigma in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, unless assigned elsewhere by the Tau Beta Sigma National Council.  **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This change provides more consistency with the Kappa Kappa Psi SWD Constitution and acknowledges the jurisdiction of the National Council.

**CURRENT:** 3.11 The General Service Grant is a fund that can be applied for by chapters seeking assistance with their worthwhile projects, whether they are service or music education orientated. The General Service grant will be awarded to a select submitted proposal. All grant proposals will be due by the end of the first Joint Session. Grants must have final approval by Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Governor(s) and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Counselor(s). Additional requirements will include a follow-up article in any southwest district and/or national publication. The submitted proposal must include:

a. Application form

b. Current chapter budget and status of chapter account.

c. An essay detailing the proposed service project/use of the money requested and how it may affect the community.

d. A letter of recommendation from the Director of Bands and/or Sponsor.

**PROPOSED:** Add “This redistribution will not affect the standing budget of 1/3 (one-third) to each JAC program for the following year.” to the end.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This addition will provide consistency with the Kappa Kappa Psi SWD Constitution.

**CURRENT:** 7.01 The District newsletter shall be called the New ALTO. It shall be published online through the Southwest District website. A print publication should also be created and made available online in a downloadable PDF. A digital copy will be sent to National Headquarters, National Officers, and the Board of Trustees for both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

**PROPOSED:** 7.01 The District newsletter shall be called the New ALTO. It shall be published by a staff appointed by the Southwest District Councils of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma online through the Southwest District website. A print publication should also be created and made available online in a downloadable PDF. A digital copy will be sent to National Headquarters, National Officers, and the Board of Trustees for both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This change provides consistency with the Kappa Kappa Psi SWD Constitution and displays that it is the staff responsible for publishing the New ALTO.

**2. Sections Being Edited for Clarity/Mistakes**

**CURRENT:** 3.02 All committees will be appointed by the District Counselor(s) or President and will consist of a minimum of three members.

**PROPOSED:** 3.01 All committees will be appointed by the District Counselor(s) or President and will consist of a minimum of three members.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** The purpose of listing this one first would be to define what makes a committee before listing the names of specific committees, for clarity.

**CURRENT:** 3.03 Members of special committees will serve until relieved of their appointments by the District Counselor(s) or President

**PROPOSED:** 3.02 Members of special committees will serve until relieved of their appointments by the District Counselor(s) or President.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This change will specify how long members of the committee serve before listing the names of specific committees, for clarity.

**CURRENT:** 3.01 The standing committees of the Southwest District will be: Committee on Membership

Committee on Convention Site

Committee on Credentials

Committee on Jurisdiction & Finance

Committee on Nominations

Committee on Programs

Committee on Spirit & Sisterhood

Committee on History & Traditions

Joint Action Committee

Other special committees may be created when considered necessary by the District Counselor(s) and/or the District President.

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Committee on Programs

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Other special committees may be created when considered necessary by the District Counselor(s) and/or the District President.

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This one is currently 3.01, which could be made more clear if listed after the current 3.02 and 3.03 are read. This change is designed to make the beginning contents of Part III: Committees more clear. Also, this change will add a line break between “will be:” and “Committee on Membership” to make it easier to read.

**CURRENT:** 9.04 The following awards are presented at District Convention: Chapter

Distance Award

Christina M. Gordon Scholarship of Excellence

Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship

Daniel A. George Award for Fostering Joint Relations

Best Scrapbook

Best Freestanding Display (Joint w/Kappa Kappa Psi)

Best Tabletop Display (Joint w/Kappa Kappa Psi)

Best Overall Display (Joint w/Kappa Kappa Psi)

Janet West Miller Award for Outstanding Service to Music Education (Chapter)

Dollie McDonald O'Neil Chapter Perseverance Award

Dorothy Allen Nichols Award (Outstanding Smaller Chapter)

Patsy D. Hejl Award (Outstanding Larger Chapter)

Spirit of Sisterhood Award-Sigma Turtle (Smaller Chapter)

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Tau Turtle (Most spirited chapter)

Erika L. Pope Legacy of the Southwest Award

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Tau Turtle (Most spirited chapter)

Erika L. Pope Legacy of the Southwest Award

**CHANGES/RATIONALE:** To add a line break before “Chapter” to make this easier to read.

**Charges for the 2022 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee:**

* Redistribute funds to reflect a non-national convention year.
* Review 9.04.1 to determine if the budget could sustain two scholarships during a National Convention year.
* Review the number of applications for the district scholarship and reallocate funds for the next two scholarships as necessary.
* Review the number of applications coming in for the travel assistance funds and reallocate funds as necessary.
* Evaluate $250 from 2020 increase to Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration to see if increase remains appropriate for next year.
* Review Kappa Kappa Psi’s 2021 Southwest District Constitution and check for inconsistencies that don’t require a joint discussion.

**Charges for the 2021-2022 District Secretary/Treasurer:**

* Discuss Constitutional Consistency with your counterpart to create any necessary proposed changes for the next SWD convention.
* Create an application for National Convention Assistance and distribute the funds electronically after discussion with the TBS District Council.
* Review district spending and compile a table including past budget, amount spent, and proposed new budget per budget line item. Also please include the current bank account balance.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2021-2022 Budget** | **Amount Spent** | **Proposed 2021-2022 Budget** |
| **Budget Line Item** | 500 | 5.99 | 500 |
| **Etc** |  |  |  |

**Charges for the 2021-2022 District Council:**

* Make sure that the TBS SWD Constitution follows the TBS National Constitution and is reflective of the practices of the District.
* Evaluate the efficacy of the number of District Workshops and Conferences throughout the year and decide how many, and whether to host them virtually or in-person.

**Special Thanks**

 I would like to give many thanks to the members of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee for their hard work and patience. We came in without any proposed changes so I appreciate the careful consideration of the changes we have proposed today. Thank you all for your contributions on all of the constitution changes and budget revisions.

 Next, I want to give a big thank you to Tyler Hern, SWD President for his organization and preparation for this convention. I would also like to give a big thanks to our committee advisors, National VPCR Leslie Gartin and SWD Secretary/Treasurer Lainé Rogers, for the immense amount of support and encouragement you both have given me. This would be an incredibly difficult task without your guidance, so thank you all for the time you have spent to help this committee run smoothly.

 Finally, I would like to show appreciation for my chapter, Alpha. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you this weekend at the 2021 Southwest District Convention. I’m grateful to be able to celebrate our organization’s 75th Anniversary in such great company. I would also like to give a big thank you to our amazing Sponsor, Lisa Croston, who does so much for our chapter and has supported me as a leader during my time in Tau Beta Sigma. Lastly, I would like to give thanks to one of our Alpha Alumni, Harrison Calvert, for answering my questions since Day 1 and encouraging me to learn and grow within my endeavors. To my chapter, I do not think I could be where I am today without every single one of you. I will forever be grateful for the lessons, friendships, and connections that I have made through Tau Beta Sigma and all of the experiences I have gained within it.

**Go Pokes and Respectfully Submitted,**

**Madison Aquino, Alpha**

**Chair of the 2021 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee**

Report of the Nominations Committee

2021 Southwest District

**Committee Chair:**

Aaliyah Carter, Delta

**Committee Members:**

* Gamma Nu -Emily Hines
* Xi -Jessica Chandler
* Beta Zeta -Hannah Meredith
* Gamma Tau -Anne Sting
* Theta Theta -Hailey Moore
* Eta Nu -Julia Avery

**Advisors:**

Adrienne Rall, Life Member of Theta Mu, National President for Tau Beta Sigma

**The 2021 Nominations Committee was charged with the following:**

1. Review the 2020 Nominations Committee Report.
2. Collect all materials from all candidates running for District Council.
3. Schedule interviews with each District Council Candidate
4. Review the materials of each candidate, and verify that each candidate packet contains required items, in accordance with the District Constitution
5. Create individual questions personalized to each candidate’s platform.
6. Interview each qualified candidate by asking personalized questions about the office of which they are running.
7. Discuss who the committee feels is best qualified for each office. Submit a slate in your preliminary report.

**Discussion:**

2021 Nominations Committee reviewed the 2020 Nominations Committee report. We were able to collect all of the materials from each candidate running for District Council and verified that each candidate's packet contained the required items, in accordance with the District Constitution. Interviews were conducted and recorded via Zoom where individualized questions were presented to the candidate. These recordings were then shown to the Nominations Committee so they could discuss which candidates were qualified for each office. After discussions, the Nominations Committee agreed on the persons to be slated for the 2021-2022 Southwest District Council.

**Charges for the 2022 Nominations Committee and/or Nominations Committee Chair and Advisor:**

* Charge the 2021-2022 district president to include in an email to the nominations committee processes both prior to and at convention. Please include reviewing publicly posted packets, the confidentiality of interviews, and any other important information to assist in the committee’s success.
* Review the 2021 Nominations Committee Report.
* Collect all materials from all candidates running for District Council.
* Schedule interviews with each District Council Candidate
* Review the materials of each candidate.
* Create individual questions personalized to each candidate’s platform.
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* Discuss who the committee feels is best qualified for each office. Submit a slate in your preliminary report.

**Special Thanks**

 I want to thank the nominations committee for being so kind and energetic when selecting for the slate. I loved how we were still able to bond in the little time we had and I hope that our bond lasts well into the future. I also want to thank my advisor Adrienne Rall for guiding me through this process and answering all the questions I and my committee had. MLITB!

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Aaliyah Carter, Delta**

**Chair of the 2021 Nominations Committee**

Slate for 2021 Southwest District Officers:

 President

* Tyler Hern

 Vice President of Membership

* Madison Aquino

 Vice President Of Special Projects

* John Mark Junkins

 Secretary/Treasurer

* Johnn McCray

Report of the Credentials Committee

2021 Southwest District

**Committee Chair:**

Tyler Hern, Beta Nu

**Advisors:**

Ciara Gibbs, Eta Pi

**The 2021 Credentials Committee was charged with the following:**

1. Calculate the Chapter Distance Award (number of members in attendance times the miles traveled)
2. Have as many of the calculations done before convention begins and put them in a spreadsheet.
3. Have the numbers of people in each chapter before convention begins to ensure quick calculations.
4. Find out which dignitaries will be attending convention and all positions they have held
5. Complete report as early as possible during/before convention.
6. Bring materials for the Distance Award to convention .

**Discussion:**

* Charges 1-3 and Charge 6 cannot be completed because of the virtual format of Convention
* Creating a list of all Dignitaries who attended the virtual convention for Tau Beta Sigma.
* Tau Beta Sigma National Council
	+ Adrienne Rall- Tau Beta Sigma National President
	+ Erika Pope - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President of Colonization and Membership
	+ Siobhan Wilkes- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President of Special Projects
	+ Leslie Gartin - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
* Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
	+ Carolyn McCambridge - Chair of the Board of Trustees
	+ Rosalyn Mcdonald - Trustee of the Board of Trustees
* Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council
	+ Chris Foster- Chairperson
	+ David Alexander - Vice-Chair
	+ Marissa Archuleta- Programs Director
	+ Thea Murphy- Membership Director
	+ Jessica Smith- Communications Director
	+ Tyra Yaire- Finance Director
* Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership
	+ Sarah Griffith- Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Kat Howell - Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Christopher Lukasik - Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Sami Kinnison - Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Katie Langley- Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Heather McGowen- Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Brianna Mitchell- Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Chelsea Rasing - Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Emily Donovan - Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Kathryn Howell - Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Nikki Lyons - Chapter Visitation Assistant
	+ Carrie Webster - North Central District Counselor
	+ Kellie Leitz - North Central District Counselor
	+ Amber Scott - Southeast District Counselor
	+ Allison Leemann - Northeast District Counselor
	+ Sue Carr - Past Northeast District Counselor
* Southwest District Alumni Association Board of Directors
	+ Mikaela Rhodes - Chairperson
	+ Evelyn Jones- Membership Director
	+ Hannah Wells- Programs Director
	+ Connor Terry - Communications Director
	+ Ross Fondren - Finance Director
	+ Bradley Hammett - KKPsi Member at Large
	+ Katelyn Zimmer - TBS Member at Large
* Past Southwest District Officers
	+ Scott Sergeant - VPM
	+ Natalia Lambert - President, Sec/Treas
	+ Leah Arceneaux - VPM
	+ Wendy Stewart - VPSP
	+ Christy McKinney - President
	+ Ciara Gibbs - President, Sec/Treas
	+ Kathy Webster - President, Treasurer
	+ Ashlyn Simmons - VPM
	+ Erika Pope - VPM, Counselor
	+ Lisa Croston - President, Treasurer
	+ Katie Langley - VPM
	+ Kathryn Howell - President
	+ Sami Kinnison - President, VPSP
	+ Heather McGowan - President
	+ Chris Foster - President, Treasurer
	+ Hannah Wells - VPSP
	+ Nicole Sanchez - President, VPCM
	+ Karon Hammond - President, Counselor
* Southwest District Council
	+ Tyler Hern - SWD President
	+ Madelynne West - SWD VPM
	+ Destinee Leger - SWD VPSP
	+ Laine Rogers - SWD Secretary/Treasurer
	+ Katie Rixon - SWD Counselor
	+ Ashlyn Simmons - SWD Counselor
	+ Kathy Webster - SWD Counselor

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**Special Thanks**

Thank you to Ciara, the District Counselors and National Leadership for helping me as well as attending this event.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Tyler Hern, Beta Nu**

**Chair of the 2021 Credential Committee**