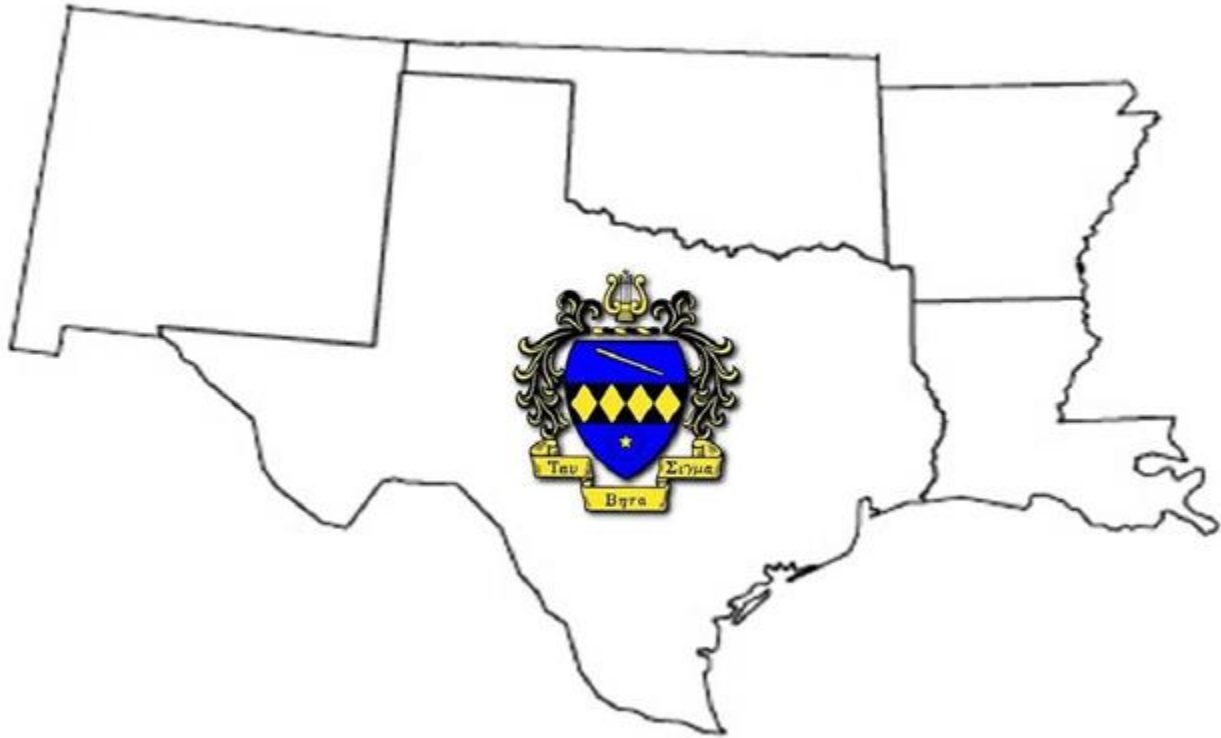


The Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma



2022 District Convention Minutes

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TBΣ Business Sessions

Opening Separate Session

April 9th at 8am

1. Call to order
 - a. This Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session is now called to order at 8:16am.
2. Seating of Delegates
 - a. 3 rounds
 - i. Give brief description of how the seating of delegates will work
 - ii. 1st round is chapters that filled out the delegate form / delegates from chapters
 1. Alpha - Form filled out
 2. Beta - Form filled out
 3. Delta - Form filled out
 4. Iota
 5. Xi - Form filled out
 6. Tau
 7. Psi - Form filled out
 8. Alpha Omicron - Form filled out
 9. Alpha Upsilon
 10. Beta Gamma
 11. Beta Delta - Form filled out
 12. Beta Zeta
 13. Beta Nu - Form filled out
 14. Beta Omicron - Form filled out
 15. Gamma Nu - Form filled out
 16. Gamma Xi - Form filled out
 17. Gamma Omicron - Form filled out
 18. Gamma Tau - Form filled out
 19. Gamma Phi - Form filled out
 20. Delta Alpha - Form filled out
 21. Delta Eta
 22. Delta Pi
 23. Delta Sigma
 24. Delta Tau
 25. Delta Upsilon - Form filled out
 26. Delta Phi
 27. Epsilon Beta - Form filled out
 28. Epsilon Psi - Form filled out

29. Zeta Mu
 30. Zeta Phi - Form filled out
 31. Eta Epsilon
 32. Eta Nu
 33. Eta Pi
 34. Theta Theta - Form filled out
 35. Iota Beta
- iii. 2nd round is chapters that filled out the proxy form if the proxy can be sat
1. Iota
 - a. Alpha
 2. Tau
 3. Alpha Upsilon
 - a. Gamma Tau
 4. Beta Gamma
 5. Beta Zeta
 6. Delta Eta
 7. Delta Pi
 8. Delta Sigma
 9. Delta Tau
 - a. Delta Upsilon
 - b. Alpha
 - c. Beta
 10. Zeta Mu
 11. Eta Epsilon
 12. Eta Nu
 13. Eta Pi
 14. Iota Beta
- iv. 3rd round is finding proxies for all remaining seats starting with the **Zeta Phi** chapter.
1. Tau
 2. Beta Gamma
 3. Beta Zeta
 4. Delta Eta
 5. Delta Pi
 6. Delta Sigma
 7. Zeta Mu
 8. Eta Epsilon
 9. Eta Nu
 10. Eta Pi
 11. Iota Beta

Chapter	First Round	Second Round	Third Round
Alpha	Present		
Beta	Present		
Delta	Present		
Iota		Alpha (1)	
Xi	Present		
Tau			Theta Theta (1)
Psi	Present		
Alpha Omicron	Present		
Alpha Upsilon			Alpha (2)
Beta Gamma			Delta (1)
Beta Delta	Present		
Beta Zeta			Psi
Beta Nu	Present		
Beta Omicron			Alpha Omicron
Gamma Nu	Present		
Gamma Xi	Present		
Gamma Omicron	Present		
Gamma Tau	Present		
Gamma Phi	Present		
Delta Alpha	Present		
Delta Eta			Beta Delta
Delta Pi			Beta Nu
Delta Sigma			Gamma Xi
Delta Tau		Beta	
Delta Upsilon	Present		
Delta Phi			Gamma Omicron
Epsilon Beta	Present		
Epsilon Psi			Gamma Phi
Zeta Mu			Delta Alpha
Zeta Phi	Present		
Eta Epsilon			Epsilon Beta
Eta Nu			Theta Theta (2)
Eta Pi			Alpha (3)
Theta Theta	Present		
Iota Beta			Delta (2)

Next Year, the delegate seating will start with Iota.

3. Assigning of Committees

- a. Committee lists will be projected for everyone to see. If you are a proxy, make sure you are going to the committee meeting of the chapter you are proxying for.
- b. Nominations Committee
 - i. Chair: Xi
 - ii. Iota Beta
 - iii. Zeta Mu
 - iv. Epsilon Beta
 - v. Zeta Phi
 - vi. Eta Epsilon
 - vii. Delta Eta
- c. Membership Committee
 - i. Chair: Beta Nu
 - ii. Beta Delta
 - iii. Delta Upsilon
 - iv. Gamma Phi
 - v. Tau
 - vi. Eta Nu
 - vii. Beta Omicron
- d. Programs Committee
 - i. Chair: Alpha Omicron
 - ii. Epsilon Psi
 - iii. Eta Pi
 - iv. Delta Pi
 - v. Alpha Upsilon
 - vi. Delta Phi
 - vii. Delta
- e. Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
 - i. Chair: Gamma Xi
 - ii. Beta Nu
 - iii. Alpha
 - iv. Theta Theta
 - v. Beta
 - vi. Delta Sigma
 - vii. Beta Gamma
- f. Spirit and Sisterhood Committee
 - i. Chair: Gamma Tau
 - ii. Gamma Omicron
 - iii. Psi

- iv. Delta Alpha
 - v. Iota
 - vi. Delta Tau
 - vii. Beta Zeta
4. Reading of the Minutes
- a. I entertain a motion to accept the minutes from the 2021 District Convention without reading them.
 - i. So moved – Delta Tau
 - ii. Seconded – Beta Delta
 - 1. All in favor
 - 2. Opposed
 - 3. Abstention
- 4. Motion Passes**
5. The Standing Rules of Convention
- a. Project and read through the Standing Rules for the 2022 Convention for the Delegation
 - i. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mT45xFMNoQdwqNtYHLf1wse4HdgDIS4bxyX4W1mK3do/edit>
 - b. I entertain a motion to accept the Standing Rules of the 2022 District Convention.
 - i. So moved – Beta Nu
 - ii. Seconded – Beta Omicron
 - 1. All in favor
 - 2. Opposed
 - 3. Abstention
- 4. Motion Passes**
6. Meet the Candidates for District Office
- a. Each Candidate will have 1 minute to introduce themselves to the delegation
 - i. There will be a Q and A period during the last separate session before elections take place.
 - b. Sec/Treas. Candidates
 - i. Johnn McCray (1 min)
 - c. VPSP Candidates
 - i. Kiana Ray (1 min)
 - d. VPM Candidates
 - i. Lauren Allen (1 min)
 - ii. Rylee Creed (1 min)
 - e. President Candidates
 - i. Madison Aquino (1 min)
7. Announcements

- a. If anyone is considering running from the floor for elections this year, it is in your best interest to speak with the Counselors and the Nominations committee now. This way we will be able to vet you and get you in front of the nominations committee if possible for an interview. If this pertains to you, please see the counselors immediately following this separate session.
 - b. Up next, we will have our Women in Music speaker
 - i. Then a committee block with workshops
 - ii. Lunch
 - iii. Music Hour
 - iv. Committee Block with workshops
 - v. Separate session
8. Recess
- a. We will now recess this separate session until 4pm today.
 - b. Recessed at 9:35pm

Second Separate Session

April 9th at 4pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. This Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session is now called to order at 4:22pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Alpha
 - b. Beta
 - c. Delta
 - d. Iota
 - e. Xi
 - f. Tau
 - g. Psi
 - h. Alpha Omicron
 - i. Alpha Upsilon
 - j. Beta Gamma
 - k. Beta Delta
 - l. Beta Zeta
 - m. Beta Nu
 - n. Beta Omicron
 - o. Gamma Nu
 - p. Gamma Xi
 - q. Gamma Omicron
 - r. Gamma Tau
 - s. Gamma Phi
 - t. Delta Alpha
 - u. Delta Eta
 - v. Delta Pi
 - w. Delta Sigma
 - x. Delta Tau
 - y. Delta Upsilon
 - z. Delta Phi
 - aa. Epsilon Beta
 - bb. Epsilon Psi
 - cc. Zeta Mu
 - dd. Zeta Phi
 - ee. Eta Epsilon
 - ff. Eta Nu
 - gg. Eta Pi
 - hh. Theta Theta

- ii. Iota Beta
 - jj. All seated delegates are present**
 - 3. Announcements from National Council
 - 4. Report of the Nominations Committee
 - a. Committee Chair
 - i. I entertain the motion to accept the report of the 2022 Nominations Committee
 - 1. So moved – Delta Eta
 - 2. Seconded – Epsilon beta
 - a. All in favor
 - b. Opposed
 - c. Abstentions
 - d. Motion Passes**
5. Report of the SWD Secretary/Treasurer, Johnn McCray
6. Report of the SWD Vice President of Special Projects, John Mark Junkins
7. Review for the night
8. Recess
 - a. We will now Recess until 8 am tomorrow morning
 - b. Recessed at 5:24pm

Final Separate Session

April 10th at 8am

1. Call to Order
 - a. This Tau Beta Sigma Separate Session is now called to order at 8:10am
2. Roll Call
 - a. Alpha
 - b. Beta
 - c. Delta
 - d. Iota
 - e. Xi
 - f. Tau
 - g. Psi
 - h. Alpha Omicron
 - i. Alpha Upsilon
 - j. Beta Gamma
 - k. Beta Delta
 - l. Beta Zeta
 - m. Beta Nu
 - n. Beta Omicron
 - o. Gamma Nu
 - p. Gamma Xi
 - q. Gamma Omicron
 - r. Gamma Tau
 - s. Gamma Phi
 - t. Delta Alpha
 - u. Delta Eta
 - v. Delta Pi
 - w. Delta Sigma
 - x. Delta Tau
 - y. Delta Upsilon
 - z. Delta Phi
 - aa. Epsilon Beta
 - bb. Epsilon Psi
 - cc. Zeta Mu
 - dd. Zeta Phi
 - ee. Eta Epsilon
 - ff. Eta Nu
 - gg. Eta Pi
 - hh. Theta Theta
 - ii. Iota Beta
 - jj. All seated delegates are present**
3. Report of the Credentials Committee
 - a. Committee Head – Tyler Hern, SWD President
 - b. Chapter Distance Award

- i. Beta
 - 4. Report of the Membership Committee
 - a. Committee Chair – Ivan Suaste, Gamma Nu
 - 5. Report of the Programs Committee
 - a. Committee Chair – Faith Bloomfield, Alpha Omicron
 - 6. Report of the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee
 - a. Committee Chair – Emelie Fincher, Gamma Xi
 - i. Budget
 - 1. I entertain a motion to accept the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 term.
 - a. So Move – Delta Tau
 - b. Second – Eta Epsilon
 - i. Favor
 - ii. Opposed
 - iii. Abstention
 - c. Motion Passes**
 - ii. Bylaws
 - 1. I entertain a motion to accept the bylaw changes except for the proposed change to 9.04 as a block
 - a. So Moved – Gamma Nu
 - b. Seconded – Zeta Mu
 - i. Favor
 - ii. Opposed
 - iii. Abstention
 - iv. Motion Passes**
 - 2. I entertain a motion to accept the bylaw changes to the current 9.04.
 - a. So Moved – Epsilon beta
 - b. Seconded – Beta Nu
 - i. Favor
 - ii. Opposed
 - iii. Abstention
 - c. Motion fails**
7. Break until 9:45pm
8. Report of the Spirit and Sisterhood Committee
 - a. Committee Chair – Sierra Bell, Gamma Tau
 - b. I entertain a motion to accept the report of the Spirit and Sisterhood committee to reflect changes to the district chant.
 - i. So moved – Delta Pi
 - ii. Second – Psi
 - 1. Favor
 - 2. Opposed
 - 3. Abstention
 - iii. Motion passes**
9. Presentation of Spirit and Sisterhood Awards
 - a. Tau – Gamma Tau Chapter (Presented by Beta Nu)

- b. Beta – Beta Chapter
 - i. Honorable Mention – Theta Theta
 - c. Sigma – Delta Alpha Chapter
 - i. Honorable Mention - Delta Upsilon
- 10. Test vote
 - a. The best Spiderman is Tom Holland as elected by the council
- 11. Elections Part 1:
 - a. President
 - i. Madison Aquino, Alpha has been slated for the position of President.
 - ii. At this time, I open the floor for nominations
 - 1. Call for any more nominations 3 times
 - 2. I now close the floor for nominations for President
 - iii. Your options for President are
 - 1. Madison Aquino
 - 2. Or No
 - 3. I entertain a motion to accept Madison Aquino as SWD President by vote of Acclimation
 - a. So moved – Delta Upsilon
 - b. Motion Passes**
 - c. Congrats Madison Aquino**
- 12. Awards not at Banquet (Given while we are waiting on results or directly after)
 - a. Christina M. Gordon Scholarship
 - i. Awarded to Lauren Terry, Psi Chapter
- 13. (If still needed) Counselors: The 2022-2023 Southwest District President is
- 14. Elections Part 2:
 - a. Vice President for Membership
 - i. Lauren Allen, Beta has been slated for the position of VPM.
 - ii. At this time, I open the floor for nominations
 - 1. Call for any more nominations 3 times
 - 2. I now close the floor for nominations for VPM
 - iii. Your options for VPM are
 - 1. Luran Allen
 - 2. Or No
 - 3. I entertain a motion to accept Lauren Allen as SWD VPM by vote of Acclimation
 - a. So moved – Beta
 - b. Motion Passes**
 - c. Congrats Lauren Allen**
- 15. Awards not at Banquet (Given while we are waiting on results or directly after)
 - a. SWDAA Delegate Grant
 - i. Awarded to the Gamma Nu and Beta Chapters
- 16. Elections Part 3:
 - a. Vice President of Special Projects
 - i. Jacob Stover, Beta Nu has been slated for the position of VPSP.
 - ii. At this time, I open the floor for nominations
 - 1. Kiana Ray, Gamma Omicron

- 2. Call for any more nominations 3 times
 - 3. I now close the floor for nominations for VPSP *raps gavel*
 - iii. Your options for VPSP are
 - 1. Jacob Stover
 - 2. Kiana Ray
 - 3. Or No
 - iv. Counselors will now send out the Ballot through Election Runner
 - v. Counselors: The 2022-2023 Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects is Jacob Stover
 - 1. Congrats Jacob Stover**
- 17. Final Report of the SWD Vice President of Membership, Madison Aquino
- 18. SWD Counselor Report, Chelsea Rasing
- 19. Election Part 4:
 - a. Secretary/Treasurer
 - i. Johnn McCray has been slated for the position of Sec/Treas.
 - ii. At this time, I open the floor for nominations
 - 1. Call for any more nominations 3 times
 - 2. I now close the floor for nominations for Sec/Treas
 - iii. Your options for Sec/Treas are
 - 1. Johnn McCray
 - 2. Or No
 - 3. I entertain a motion to accept Johnn McCray as SWD Secretary/Treasurer by vote of Acclimation
 - a. So moved – Alpha
 - b. Motion Passes**
 - c. Congrats Johnn McCray**
- 20. SWD Counselor Report, Katie Dukes
- 21. Presentation of the Southwest District Scrapbook
- 22. SWD Counselor Report, Kathy Webster
- 23. SWD President Report, Tyler Hern
- 24. Officer Installations
- 25. Adjourn
 - a. I now entertain the motion to adjourn this Tau Beta Sigma separate session of the 2022 district convention.
 - i. So moved by Beta Nu
 - ii. Seconded by Alpha
 - 1. All in favor
 - 2. Opposed
 - 3. Abstentions
 - 4. Motion Passes**
- 26. You are adjourned
 - a. Now let's continue to the next room for our final joint session.

Joint Business Sessions

Opening Joint Session

April 8th at 4:30pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. We call the 2022 Southwest District Convention to Order at 4:34pm
2. Introductions
 - a. 2021-2022 Joint Southwest District Council
 - i. Kappa Kappa Psi
First, we will introduce the KKY District Council
 1. President – TJ Coleman
 2. VPM – Emily Copeland
 3. VPP – Mason Vincent
 4. Sec/Treas – Patrick Caraveo
 5. MAL – Edgar Canales
 6. Governors:
 - a. Andy Melvin
 - b. Clinton Wieden
 - c. Lizzi Pineiro
 - ii. Tau Beta Sigma
 1. President – Tyler Hern
 2. VPM – Madison Aquino
 3. VPSP – John Mark Junkins
 4. Sec/Treas – Johnn McCray
 5. Counselors/Soon to be Counselor
 - a. Kathy Webster
 - b. Katie Dukes
 - c. Chelsea Rasing
 - d. Linnetta Ratliff (Counselor in Training)
 - b. National Headquarters Staff
 - i. National Executive Director – Steve Nelson
 - ii. National Events Coordinator – Lisa Croston
 - c. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
 - i. National VPME – Bang Co
 - ii. National VPPP – Edward Savoy
 - iii. National VPSA – Tarshae Odom
 - d. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
 - i. Chair – Eric Morson
 - ii. Trustee – Dr. Malinda Matney

- e. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Board
 - i. KKPsiAA BOD Chair – Greg Boike
 - ii. KKPsiAA BOD Vice-Chair – Molly Kuchan
 - iii. KKPsiAA BOD Director – Christopher Giles
- f. Other National Leadership (KKY):
 - i. Chapter Field Representative – Kennedy Struck
 - ii. MWD Governor – Dr. Nicholas Rorrer
- g. Tau Beta Sigma National Council:
 - i. National President: Erika Pope
 - ii. National VPSP: Leslie Gartin
 - iii. National VPCR: Allison Leemann
- h. Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership:
 - i. MWD Counselor – Shalyn Nystrom
 - ii. CVA – Sarah Griffith
 - iii. CVA – Natalia Harrison
 - iv. CVA – Sami Kinnison
 - v. CVA – Brianna Mitchell
- i. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Board of Directors:
 - i. TBSAA BOD Membership Director – Marissa Archuleta
 - ii. TBSAA BOD Communications Director – Mikaela Rhodes
 - iii. TBSAA BOD Programs Director – Jessica Smith
- j. Southwest District Alumni Association:
 - i. SWDAA Chair – Brianna Mitchell
 - ii. SWDAA Membership Director – Evelyn Jones
 - iii. SWDAA Programs Director – Natalia Harrison
 - iv. SWDAA Communications Director – Dino Cardenas
 - v. SWDAA Finance Director – Ciara Gibbs
 - vi. SWDAA KKPsi MAL – Kelton Ashcraft
- k. Past National Officers and Other Dignitaries
 - i. KKY
 - 1. Danny A. George
 - ii. TBS
 - 1. Beth Bronk
- 3. Message from the Counselors and Governors
- 4. Recognition of Graduating Seniors
- 5. Opening Announcements / Southwest District Convention Summary
 - a. Tyler: Immediately following this Joint session will be our Dinner break from 5pm-6:50pm. After this we will move into our separate rituals and ritual workshops. After this we will start bright and early tomorrow with Separate Sessions at 8am.

6. Recess

- a. We will now recess this joint session until tomorrow at 5:30 pm.
- b. Recessed at 4:48pm

Second Joint Session

April 9th at 5:30pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. We now call this session to order at 5:35pm
2. Announcements
 - a. Service Project
 - b. Tyler: Preferential seating at the banquet will start at 7pm tonight. If you are a host chapter, District Council, National Dignitaries, or the SWDAA Board of Directors please join us at this time. Opening seating will begin at 7:15pm.
 - i. If you have a non-banquet ticket, enjoy your dinner time. We will see you tomorrow at 8am.
 - c. Group Photo:
 - i. We are now going to leave from here to take a group picture before leaving to get ready for the banquet.
3. Recess
 - a. We will recess this joint session until tomorrow at 12pm.
 - b. Recessed at 5:38pm

Closing Joint Session

April 10th at 12pm

1. Call to order (TJ and Tyler)
 - a. We now call this joint session to order at 11:47
2. Last Call for Service Project/Update (Mason & John Mark)
3. SWDAA Presentation
 - a. DC AI CODA Awards
 - i. Presented to KKY Meghan Landberg, Gamma Phi
 - ii. Presented to TBS John Mark Junkins, Psi
 - b. Ritual Scholarship
 - i. Presented to KKY Gamma Omega Chapter
 - ii. Presented to TBS Zeta Mu Chapter
4. KKY Award Presentation
 - a. SWD Outstanding Joint Relations Award
 - i. Presented to TBS Sallie Hendrix, Psi
 - ii. Presented to TBS Cassidy Ruff, Alpha
 - iii. Presented to TBS Carmella Love, Psi
 - b. TBS Counselor Retirement Recognition and Thanks
 - i. Kathy Webster
5. Introductions of the 2022-2023 District Councils
 - a. KKY
 - i. MAL – Vacant
 - ii. Sec/Tres – Vacant
 - iii. VPP – Edgar Canales, Lambda
 - iv. VPM – Davis Vaughn, Lambda
 - v. Pres – Patrick Caraveo, Alpha Chi
 - b. TBS
 - i. Sec/Treas – Johnn McCray, Alpha
 - ii. VPSP – Jacob Stover, Beta Nu
 - iii. VPM – Lauren Allen, Beta
 - iv. Pres – Madison Aquino, Alpha
6. Final Announcements and Thanks
7. Motion to adjourn the 2021-2022 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District Convention
 - a. Moved by KKY Lambda
 - b. Second by TBS Psi
 - i. All in favor
 - ii. Opposed
 - iii. Abstentions

iv. Motion Passes

District Council Reports

President – Tyler Hern

Dear Spicy Southwest,

I was beyond humbled by the opportunity to serve as your District President again this past year. After I was elected for my second term at the last District Convention, I immediately set out to work. For the rest of that Spring I continued making monthly updates for the chapters of the Southwest as well as working with chapters to get our final reports of the year submitted. We knew that this year would be a challenge because a lot of chapters were just now going back to in person operations and with most of our chapters having a lot of new members, it was a challenge to say the least. After we finished the year strong we set our sights on the National Convention.

I had the honor of sitting for the Southwest District during the 2021 National Convention and being the chair for the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee. It was the first in person event in so long. I was so happy to get to be with all of my sisters and brothers in person to rejoice in the organization that we love so much. It was a whirlwind of emotions that proved to be one of the best experiences. After this, it was time to focus on the school year coming up.

Our next event for the district was the chapter leadership conference to kick off the school year. Our joint councils hosted this event right before the start of school to make sure our chapters had everything that they needed for the upcoming school year. During the fall, I communicated resources made for the Chapter Personnel Report and the Fall Activities Report, made monthly updates for the chapters, had monthly Tau Talks for the Presidents, and started planning District Convention with my amazing counterpart. I also started planning for our District Winter Council over the break. One of our main goals for the district this year was to have 100% of our chapters obtain the red stripe for Focus on Five. While we did not achieve this goal, a lot more chapters completed this stripe this year which is a win in my book.

Then came our Winter Council meeting with the joint district councils for convention planning. This is traditional in person at the convention site. However, due to COVID, which has to be the catchphrase of anyone's life these days; it was moved virtual and only a few of us were actually able to come and see the site. I would be lying if I said that this didn't scare me. Finally being able to meet in person as a district council and once again being moved to online. It gave me a lot of deja vu moments from when the pandemic first started and the years before. After that meeting all I could do was hope that the conventions didn't get moved online again. During this meeting, however, we were able to see the layout of the convention and finish some fine details before heading into next semester.

During the Spring, I continued to make the monthly updates, work on things for district convention, and help with paperwork and deadlines. As the convention neared, I completed resources for the convention, created committee lists, found chairs and advisors for the convention, and worked to make sure some final details were in place. I also spent time writing

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this report and making my transition document. I hope everyone has enjoyed this convention and I am so appreciative of all of the people who made it happen.

Of course, I would not have done any of these things alone so I have a sleuth of thank you's:

To John,

This year wasn't always the easiest, but you always came to council meetings with a great attitude and a smile on your face. You put your best foot forward in every situation and always looked for new, inventive ways to help our District. This convention is our first meeting in person which is crazy to me that I can know you so well and just now be meeting you for the first time. I know that you are going to do amazing things in the future and I cannot wait to support you in all of them.

To John Mark,

No one else can possibly bring the level of humor that you bring to a district council. The only thing more impressive than that is the love you have for service and your district. I enjoyed every time that I got to hear your laugh on our district calls. We share a lot of things including a room and an honorary big. I am so proud of all the work you have done and even though you only had 1 year in the district I am so happy that you took the leap to join this council and serve.

To Madison,

We have known each other far longer than when you were on the district council and you have been a great friend since the moment we first met at one of the first ever Tau Talks that I hosted. You constantly amaze me with your fortitude, kindness, and your love for this organization. You have been an amazing inspiration to our district and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for you.

To the Counselors,

Katie- We joined the council at almost the same time, so the last 2 and a half years have been very similar for us. We had an in person meeting for Winter council our first year and then the rest of our experience with District, up until this point, was virtual. Even with this, I have always felt nothing but love and support from you. You were always there when I needed you with realistic sass and unconditional support. This is my last time on Council, but I know that every council that you have will feel the same support and love that I have felt from you. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me.

Chelsea - I know that this was your first year as a counselor, but I knew you as a mentor long before you became a counselor. You have always been someone that I can confide in and trust. You have helped me tremendously this year. You have an amazing love for this organization and I am excited for your future as a counselor.

Linnetta - I know that you are not a full counselor yet, but you have already been extremely supportive and loving for our council. I have no doubt that you will be an amazing counselor. Thank you for helping this past year and just being an amazing human being overall.

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Kathy - I remember the first time I met you at an Area Workshop as an MC at U of A. You immediately talked to me and started getting to know me. Over the years before I was in council, I traveled with Meeka Smith to various area workshops and every time I got to see Kathy and talk more about District and District Council. From the very moment that I met Kathy, she believed in me so much and pushed me to go outside of my comfort zone. She has been an invaluable resource to our District. She has been my mentor for so long and I am so happy that she is a part of my life. The District is so grateful for everything you have done.

To my chapter,

I owe so much to Beta Nu for always believing in me and supporting me in all the things that I wanted to do in the District. They have been my home for the past 5 years and I do not know where I would be without them. Thank you so much for pushing me to do better for our chapter and this District.

And Finally to the District,

The 5 years of being in TBS have been a roller coaster of emotions, hardships, achievements, zoom calls, and a myriad of other things. I have loved every minute of it, but I think that it is important for the District to know that I was not always the person that I am today. When I first joined TBS I was a very scared and very shy freshman who didn't know how anything worked and where I fit in. I decided to join TBS because it seemed like a home and I was right. This is my family. As with life and any family there are always hardships, but I strongly believe that everything that I have been through has helped me be the person I am today. As that scared, shy freshman, I never imagined that I would be standing in front of the Southwest District in my second term as District President. Everything that has happened has helped me grow and develop as a sister, a leader, and a person. Since this is my last report, I wanted to have some sort of message, something for everyone to take away. After 5 years in this amazing organization I think the advice I have is this:

Life can really stink sometimes. We all know that opportunities that you thought were right there can be pulled out from under you so quickly. But we also know with opportunity that when one door closes, another one always opens. You just have to be courageous enough to see it, to seize upon it, and follow it wherever it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma.

It has been an honor to serve this District. Thank you!

MLITB,
Respectfully submitted,
Tyler Hern
District President 2021-2022

Vice President of Membership – Madison Aquino

To the Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

I am honored to stand before you today, and I do not think I will ever be able to truly express how incredible my experience serving on the Southwest District Council has been. This year was a continuation of many virtual events, but also a transition into many new experiences for a lot of chapters. I was truly able to grow as a leader, learn so much, and meet so many new sisters. This journey has given me many lessons and opportunities, and I am excited to share my adventure with you at what is the first in-person District Convention for many of us.

After my election at the 2021 Virtual Southwest District Convention on March 28th, we had our first meeting as the 2021-2022 council right after convention and it had me extremely excited to start this new chapter of my life, so I started brainstorming and jotting down ways to plan and execute each project, task, and event.

On June 5th, we held our Summer Council meeting virtually. Each of us made our SMART goals and got to speak individually with the Counselors to go over them. 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 some ice breakers and watching a movie together.

Through the summer months, I began making connections with VPMs and chapters. Before National Convention in July, I hosted a virtual Q&A session for VPMs to ask any questions they had about the school year or convention. Thank you to the VPMs that came and shared your thoughts about the upcoming year. It was refreshing to get to know my fellow sisters and hear about all the exciting things you had planned.

In July, I had the pleasure of flying to Grand Rapids, Michigan to attend the KKY & TBS National Leadership Conference. I had the opportunity to work with other district officers, as well as national leadership. Working with Erika Pope and Siobhan Wilkes, as well as members of the curriculum committee and other District VPM's was an incredible experience. We were all able to discuss details about Overture and collaborate.

After the end of NLC, I had the honor of staying in Grand Rapids and serving as the Alpha Chapter Delegate at National Convention. The District VPMs got to present a workshop at National Convention, which was so much fun getting to bond with others and learn from the experience. Also, it was to my surprise that my fiance, Harrison, proposed right before the banquet began at National Convention and of course, I said yes.

Starting right after we got back from National Convention, I held weekly virtual "Overture Bootcamp" sessions with VPMs going over each Module and talking about tips and tricks to teaching these lessons and answering any questions. It was always a fun thing to look forward to as we were all getting back into things, and this was a good way to get to know District VPMs and talk about how excited we were for the upcoming year. I was also able to get to know my counterpart, Emily, better and we began making plans for Chapter Leadership Conference.

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Right after we got home from National Convention, Emily and I began planning everything for Chapter Leadership Conference. We were able to host this as our first virtual workshop together on August 22nd, and we were very excited to plan the beginning of our journey together and watch it come to life. Special thanks to the SWD Councils for being flexible and working with us as we were learning more about the ins and outs of hosting virtual events.

Also during August, I was asked by National VPME, Siobhan Wilkes, to work with Linnetta Ratliff on a post-installation plan to assist the Delta Alpha Chapter of TBS. We held bi-weekly meetings with their President, Asia Scott, to help answer questions and watch their progress. It's been a pleasure working with both parties, and I am excited to continue watching the Delta Alpha Chapter grow as they move forward.

Throughout the fall, I helped answer questions that VPMs had about submitting their Membership Education Plan through the Fact Form and made sure chapters were submitting their MEPs by the appropriate deadlines. I created and sent a PowerPoint in the groupme that had answers to the FAQs that I was receiving, and quickly realized that many of our chapters are experiencing different situations with their membership and operations as we move out of COVID.

I graduated in December 2021, and suddenly it was already 2022. We had our Winter Council virtually on January 15th and 16th. At this point, Emily and I finished up as much as we could on our two Area Workshops that were hosted on January 29th and February 26th. We sent out a feedback form to the District to learn about which topics they wanted to hear about. Each of our Area Workshops went smoothly, and while I know many of our sisters and brothers are experiencing Zoom burnout, I believe that the upside of having virtual events is the ability to invite speakers from anywhere in the world. I'd like to give a special thanks to each of our speakers, Erika Pope, TBS National President; Siobhan Wilkes, TBS National Vice President of Membership and Expansion; Bang Co KKPsi National VPME Jessica Lee, KKPsi National President; Christopher Meerdink; the Curriculum committees for each respective organization; and of course, both SWD Councils for helping host these fun days of interesting workshops.

In January, I also had the opportunity to speak at the Southeast District Membership Education Retreat with the SED VPM, Holleyanna Nolen. Ever since we met at National Convention, I looked up to her and her leadership, so I was grateful for the opportunity to present with her and learn from this experience.

One important note is that during this Spring Semester, a lot of chapter members were hosting their own in-person rituals for the first time. I was thankful that I could help with many of the questions that chapters had, and especially thankful that I could be a resource to others as they adapt and move forward through the ever-changing set of precautions that our different universities are being faced with. Thank you to the chapters that trusted me to help in every capacity that I was able to this year.

The last two months were 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 about how I met my fiance through our Sisterhood. I worked to plan and host a really great in-person ritual for the

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SWD Honoraries from the last three years that were able to join us. Lastly, I put the finishing touches on my transition document and officer report.

I am very grateful for the experiences this position has given me and I am honored to serve in this capacity to give back to our District. I am so excited to move forward with you all and watch our District continue to grow.

Now for a few much needed thank yous:

To my SWD VPMs: All of you are truly incredible! Thank you for being both patient and open with me. I hope you all are able to continue being a light for those around you wherever you go.

To Emily: To my counterpart, it has been an absolute pleasure working with you! We didn't get much facetime together in Grand Rapids since you were in the NIB, but I still think we made everything work and I am so glad that we got to meet.

To Tyler: I am so proud of all the work you have done for our organization and District. You have been such a great President to work with and friend to rely on. You've done such great work and I can't wait to see all the other amazing things you'll accomplish in life.

To John Mark: It was so fun being able to work with you! You always lit up the room and made each of us laugh. Thanks for always keeping it light and being there for us. I can't wait to see how you'll grow and how many people you will continue to lift up.

To Johnn: You're one of the greatest friends and supporters that I could've asked for. You are such a great leader, and I'd like to thank you for letting me share this part of your journey with you. I can't wait to see all the other things you'll be able to accomplish in life, and I hope to be there to cheer you on.

To our wonderful Counselors: Thank you all so much for always being there when we had questions and helping us to become our best selves. I appreciate you all checking in on us and being there for each of us. Thank you for always knowing what we needed and encouraging us along the way. I look up to each of you, and I am so happy that we got to work with you all this year.

To Harrison: My loving fiance, thank you for being my best friend and mentor throughout my TBS journey. I appreciate you and everything you've taught me more than I could explain. I am so excited for us to get married and continue our TBS journey as we grow together.

To Alpha: I can't even begin to describe how thankful I am for each one of you. Thank you all for supporting me and believing in me no matter what. I am so proud to call each of you my Sisters.

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To the SWD: Thank you so much for trusting me with this position. It is an honor to be selected to serve, and to give back to an organization that has given me so much. It's been wonderful being able to serve as your Southwest District Vice President for Membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Madison Aquino
2021 - 2022 Southwest District Vice President for Membership
Tau Beta Sigma - Alpha Chapter

Vice President of Special Projects – John Mark Junkins

Dearest Sisters and Brothers of the Spicy Southwest District,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you all this year as your District Vice President of Special Projects. It has been an esteemed honor and a great personal privilege to serve in this position. I never thought that I would be on the district council, and I never thought I would be doing so under such strange and unexpected circumstances. But I am so lucky that I had the support of so many sisters when I ran, and I am so glad I took the chance and ran when I did.

This year started off in a whirlwind. I hit the ground running as soon as last year's convention was over. Destinee, my predecessor, walked me through everything I should expect while in office, and helped me figure out how to navigate my responsibilities. As the school year ended, I helped the district finish the Focus on Five Campaign. We here in the Southwest finished strong, and we had a 48% completion rate on programs, with 9 chapters that completed the entire campaign!

As we went into the summer, we started preparing for National Convention. At our summer meeting, I set goals for myself for the office. Once we got to Grand Rapids, I had a blast at National Leadership Conference, where I learned all about event planning, motivating the middle, and how to be okay with being vulnerable with others. I also started planning our District Lyre Piece, and helped our National VPSP evaluate the standards for our national programs and Focus on Five. At National Convention, I had the honor of representing my chapter as a delegate. I served on the Programs committee, where I was able to help give suggestions for improving the efficacy of the National Programs, and was given a lot of good feedback about how I can better serve as District VPSP.

Going into the fall semester, it was time to get the ball rolling on the Focus on Five Campaign. I sent out information to all of the chapters about the requirements for each stripe. As Liaisons joined the group, I added them to our District Groupme. We had a really good showing with the Red Stripe, with 80% completion! I officially introduced the District Lyre Piece, and created resources to help chapters complete the project. I then updated the databases for service and sisterhood ideas.

As we approached Winter Council, I reevaluated my goals for the year and focused more on Focus on Five, the District Lyre Piece, and the New ALTO. After a long and tumultuous process, we announced the New ALTO staff, and started meeting with them. We opened up submissions to the district as well. I gave some more resources for the National Programs, and offered some open office hours for chapters to ask questions and get advice for how to complete their programs. As the Spring has gone on, I have helped facilitate meetings of the New ALTO staff, I have continued to track chapter progress on Focus on Five, and I have helped prepare for District Convention by setting up our District Service Project.

I am so proud of the work the district has done this year. It has been a hard year as we transition back to in person meetings and events, and reintroduce ourselves to our National Programs,

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District Projects, and other sorority activities. So far this year, we have had 17 chapters that have completed at least two stripes! We had submissions for the New ALTO that represented a dozen chapters. As our chapters have been starting our election processes, we already have multiple chapters working on their District Lyre Project. You all have worked hard this year, and I am confident that we will finish this year strong!

I would like to thank you all for giving me this opportunity to serve the District. It has been an amazing experience, and I have been honored and humbled to be involved in the growth and progress of the Southwest! I want to thank the District Council for all of their support this year. You guys have made being an officer fun and exciting, and even though we have had limited time to hang out in person, there are no other people I would want to spend my Sunday nights with online! I will always treasure my experience this year, and I can't wait to see what you all do in the future! I want to thank the counselors for all of your guidance and support this year. You have always been there for me this year, and I am so grateful for the encouragement, and for keeping me accountable when I was struggling some this year. You are the kindest and most caring sisters, and I can never repay you for showing me the love and support that I have needed! I also want to thank my counterpart, Mason. Mason, you put up with me all year long, and I cannot thank you enough! I have loved our meetings just chatting about school and life and everything. You have been such a hard working brother, and I wouldn't want anyone else to be my better half! I wish you the best of luck next year! And finally, I would like to thank my sisters in the Psi chapter. I wouldn't be here in front of you if they hadn't taken the chance on me. I have been honored to represent our chapter on council, and I cannot think of a better group of people. I couldn't have done this without the support and encouragement given to me by my sisters here at home, and I will always be proud to come from a chapter that is so loving, supportive, and enthusiastic!

This year has been a wild ride, but one that I would go on over and over again if I could. Thank you for letting me serve you. The Southwest District represents the best that TBS has to offer, and I am so glad to be a part of our sisterhood.

MLITB & MOTS,

Respectfully Submitted,

John Mark Junkins,
"Dynamite" "Scrub" "Finale Fanatic" "The Hat" "Skidmark" "Nickname" "Wa-Wa Twins"
"Uncle Sam" "Dissenting Opinion" "Editorial" "ShatCon" "Button Brigade"
Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects, 2021-2022

Secretary/Treasurer – Johnn McCray

Spicy Southwest,

It was a great pleasure to have been given the opportunity to serve as your Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer for the 2021-2022 term. Through this opportunity, I was able to meet people from across the district, learn valuable skills that will benefit my career as a music educator, develop my love for the organization, and develop not only as a sister, but also as a person. I learned many things about myself through this experience and I am forever grateful for the opportunity.

During the summer after my election, I pondered my platform as I began creating SMART goals. I had many things I wanted to accomplish. The counselors warned that we may not achieve everything we want to but helped us break our goals into digestible pieces. I also took this time to make edits to the district constitution, created a ledger, and submitted the minutes created by my predecessor from last convention's minutes. At CLC before the semester started, I gave a joint presentation with my KKY counterpart. This presentation was called "Keepin' the Books" and it covered everything to do as a secretary/treasurer. The summer came and went, then it was time for the new semester.

At the start of the semester, many chapters across the southwest were learning how to return to normal. I saw many questions, and such come to the council, many of which related to returning to regular chapter life. This common theme of helping chapters return has continued out over the entirety of my term, and in part impacted and changed some of the goals I had set for myself.

As the semester started, I began working on some of my goals. I sent out a website questionnaire which got little feedback. I received many questions and answered them via GroupMe and email. I began developing a plan for transferring our district communications from GroupMe to Slack. This plan would later hit some roadblocks through logistics that would later be worked out. Then I got the approval to create a SWD Facebook Page, which is active and online now! I dedicated a couple hours a week for my platform goal of office hours/meeting times with chapter officers. This I found was beneficial to the chapter officers who took advantage of it. This is something I continued for the remainder of my term.

Later in the semester, I had several projects that I was working on run into problems. My slack plan had been approved, but we had to figure out the appropriate way of adding members to the server. This would be adjusted, but then get put on the back burner again as more urgent business came forward. Around bowl season, I had sent out requests for chapters to spotlight their chapter on the district social media, but I didn't get a response from any chapter. I had decided because there wasn't much response to it, I would let it go. Chapters were struggling getting through the bowl season, end of the semester, spikes in covid cases at the time, and I decided this was just one more thing that chapters would have to stress about.

Winter council came during the winter intersession came and I was feeling pretty upset with myself. Some of the goals I had felt passionate about were not being completed and I had

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been overwhelmed with my own personal life at the time. Chelsea had “sat me down” over our google meets call and talked me through what I had done so far. I had created a Facebook Page, made updates to the website, answered lots of questions, created a framework for future district communications, and much more. I was so bogged down with what didn’t go right, I was blind to what was going well in my term.

For the spring semester, I had focused on getting the website cleaned up and working on the district marketplace. The district website is very hard to manage and took a lot of time learning how to operate. Once I figured it out, I was making cosmetic updates to try to make it more navigation friendly. For the marketplace, I got the information out and then created a document that I added to as chapters sent in their information.

One big project that I took on was the creation of the Button Trade-off. As a member initiated during covid, I do not know much about being in-person beyond this school year at the chapter level. All the other council members were either seniors close to or graduating, and the counselors. I was the only one that knew what it was like to not know what to expect. Knowing that many others from the district would be nervous at convention because of this, I wanted to have a social initiative at convention that would encourage members to go up to and meet new people. Hopefully many chapters have participated in this project and have met new friends that will be cherished for a lifetime.

As I conclude my term and reflect on everything I have learned and achieved, I can only be thankful for the opportunity. While I wish some things would have been a little different, I know that I am not only a district officer, but also a chapter president, student, musician, friend, family member, and sister to others in the bond. I gave the position my all, and I hope the district found my service in its favor.

With this in mind, I will charge the 2022-2023 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer with the following:

- Complete the District Constitution edits before leaving school for the summer, do not put it off until the deadline.
- Develop a Social Media plan and formula for posting before the start of the fall semester
- Continue updating the website and focus on materials/content of the website.
- Evaluate effectiveness of district communication and (potentially) use the slack framework to transition the district communications to that platform.
- Enjoy your time in office, help as many people as you can, ask questions and for help, and do not be hard on yourself.

My time in office was not without the help and support of many amazing people. While I may name a few, this list is not exclusive.

- To my predecessor, Laine’ Rogers, thank you for answering my many questions and helping me into a smooth transition into my role. I am forever grateful for your help.
- To the 2021-2022 SWD Council, thank you for always being kind and loving, while answering my questions and supporting me in all my endeavors and projects I took on.
- To the SWD Counselors, thank you for having my back and keeping me on track, while also teaching me the ropes of in-person chapter life.

- To Chelsea Rasing, for grounding me a couple times throughout the term and reminding me of what is good.
- To my Chapter Sponsor, Lisa Croston, for always pushing me be it at the chapter or district level and making me the best president and district officer I could be.
- To my fellow council member and chapter member, Madison Aquino, for always being there for me after our chapter meetings as we waited for the district calls to start. You always supported me and challenged me to be the best sister I could be for our chapter and the district.
- To my chapter, Alpha, I would not be where I am without you. Thank you for taking a chance on me, trusting me to be your chapter president, and supporting me in my role as district officer.
- Finally, to the Spicy Southwest, thank you for trusting me to serve you. I hope you are proud of the results of my efforts this school year.

Thank you for the amazing opportunity. This is something I will remember as a highlight of my Tau Beta Sigma career. I will use the skills I have learned in my future career and endeavors. Much Love in the Bond, MOTS, and Go Pokes!

Respectfully Submitted,
Johnn McCray
Tau Beta Sigma
Alpha Chapter President
SWD Secretary Treasurer

Counselor – Chelsea Rasing

Sisters and Brother of the Southwest District,

1 year ago, I did not envision myself standing in front of you today telling you about what I accomplished within my first year serving as one of your Southwest District Counselors. When the call for applications opened last spring for District Counselors and Chapter Visitation Assistants, at first, I was hesitant, because imposter syndrome was telling me that I could never measure up to the amazing counselors that I have seen and worked with throughout my time in Tau Beta Sigma. However, one of our amazing CVA's, Christopher Lukasik, asked me if I did not place an application, would I regret it within 6 months, 1 year, or even 6 years. It was then I knew to not listen to the imposter syndrome, submitted my application, and started my journey in what I have always believed is the best job in the Sorority, and I was absolutely right.

I started my year at National Leadership Conference in July 2021. During this time, I started to work with the Southwest District Council in setting up for the 2021-2022 School Year. We spent time at NLC going over Leadership with Intention, Event Planning, and time to work with the council in preparing goals for the year. We then went into National Convention in person in Grand Rapids, and I got the chance to meet many sisters from the Southwest and start to building bonds with these chapters: Alpha, Beta, Delta, Xi, Tau, Psi, Alpha Omicron, Beta Zeta, Beta Nu, Beta Omicron, Gamma Xi, Gamma Omicron, Delta Sigma, Delta Upsilon, Delta Phi, Epsilon Beta, Eta Nu, and Eta Pi. Thank you for taking time out of your summer in all the uncertainties of the world to gather to learn about the Sorority and take skills back to your chapter.

After National Convention, we then moved into the Fall Semester, which started with our Chapter Leadership Conference, where we had workshops presented by the District Councils to best assist your chapter leadership in how to help your chapter effectively navigate the transition into more in person activities and their leadership roles.

After Chapter Leadership Conference, I started to work with chapters in reviewing and revising their MEPs for Fall Intake classes, providing insight and ideas in how to best implement Overture in meaningful ways to your Membership Candidates, now Sisters. Thank you Delta Sigma, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Phi, Gamma Tau, and Gamma Xi Membership Educators for being able to share your ideas, being receptive to feedback, and making sure that your processes were the best they could be for your chapters.

After the Fall Semester, in which I was excited to be a spectator of what your chapters are doing by seeing what you were sharing with the District Council and Social Media, we then moved into the Winter Council Meeting, where I started to help the District Officers prepare for the busy spring semester in where we were planning our first in person District Convention since 2019, as well as looking at goals to celebrate, refine, and find a focus for the last few months of their offices. I am proud to say that all of the District Officers were successful in all of these tasks, and it shows in the work that they did on behalf of the District.

The main focus then went into our reviewing Membership Education Plans for our Spring Intake Classes submitted by your Membership Educators, and I am beyond excited to see the work that

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these Sisters and Brothers placed into the care of their plans. Thank you to Beta Nu, Beta Omicron, Delta Eta, Epsilon Beta, Gamma Nu, and Theta Theta for listening to feedback, providing quality education programs, and the hard work you have done!

We then moved into our Virtual Area Workshops in the Spring Semester presented by our District VPMs. The workshops were well attended, and shared some great insight for chapters including about how to be a best version of yourself as a chapter member, conflict management, positive leadership, using Overture, and Ritual performance tips. Thank you to all of our presenters and chapters that attended. Come next Spring, be on the lookout for more information about Area Workshops, and make a plan to attend whether virtual or in person. You may get to see the skills of our SWD DJ, DJ Rasing the Roof.

I am also grateful to the chapters that reached out that I got to work with on a one on one basis this past year, whether it was an in person visit, or an invite to a virtual chapter meeting. This is one of the best parts of being a counselor, and that is working with the students. Thank you to both Eta Epsilon and Theta Theta for inviting me into your chapters! I have loved working with y'all, and hope to continue to be invited to chapters in the future. Don't be afraid to ask!

As we continue into the Spring Semester, our focus was then placed on planning this District Convention, which is no easy task in making sure all Sisters and Brothers feel comfortable in knowing how in person convention works after being virtual for the past 2 years, as well as making sure that our convention matched the needs of the district. By looking around, and seeing the sisters and brother in this room, I can see that fire and passion in Tau Beta Sigma and growth in knowledge that y'all have learned in these past 3 days, whether it was a simple idea on how to present an idea to a chapter, a new Sister or Brother from across the District that is going to be your person in Tau Beta Sigma, and idea on how to improve your Programs, Overture Implementation, ,or Ritual; know that these lessons will go just beyond this weekend, but only if you, the people sitting in this room, continue to share them. Share them with your sisters and brothers at home that couldn't make it, in the hopes you can take an idea or a relationship with another chapter, and continue to let it grow to make your Chapter better and brighter each and every day!

I have a few people to thank in this journey I have taken to get to here.

To Tyler, Madison, John Mark, and Johnn – when I was first announced as a District Counselor, one of my biggest fears is that I when I joined into the Southwest District as a Counselor, I wouldn't be able to be seen as a Counselor, joining in the relationships you had already started building (remember, imposter syndrome?). However, after our first virtual meeting, and then meeting y'all at NLC, I felt so at ease and you accepted me, and for some reason listened to what I had to say. I'm so grateful to have had y'all as my first District Council that I get to work with, and know that you made my job even easier. Thank you for your work that you have done for the district, as I am proud to have been a part of your District Officer experience. You will always be able to call or text to ask questions, even if they are just the random life ones.

To Katie – I'm so grateful to my red headed partner in crime (I promised we didn't plan this!). Thank you for answering all my questions about the Southwest District, as I spent the time

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learning the history. I'm so grateful that we get to continue to work together for that Southwest District. Thanks for making me laugh, for always helping me with my confidence in knowing that this is where I need to be. Just, thank you.

To Linnetta – I'm so grateful that I have gotten to spend the past year getting to know you, because I can see your passion for helping the Sisters and Brothers of Tau Beta Sigma. I'm excited to see how you will continue to support the Sisters and Brothers, and cannot wait to have you officially join the Counselor Crew!

To Kathy – When I called you almost a year ago about deciding to place in an application, I did not realize that we would be where we are today. I am so grateful that you opened your arms to me as part of the counselor crew, and that you always welcomed me to the Southwest. Kathy, thank you for your service, thank you for your support of the sisters and brothers in the District. Thank you for just being yourself!

To the Sisters and Brothers in the Southwest District – Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your Southwest District Counselor. You have shown me your tenacity, your drive, your passions, and your love for your sisters and brothers. This makes my job easy to help guide you to make your chapters the strongest that you can be.

However, I now have a challenge for you Southwest District. Take what you learn this weekend, and bring it back to your chapter to improve and grow. Plan to connect with Sisters and Brothers in the District, your District Council and Counselors, and your National Leadership. We are all here to serve you, and provide you support that you need. Reach out and ask! Make the time to stay involved with the District, whether you attend any district events including CLC and Area Workshops. Start planning to attend District Convention next year, and start saving to attend 2023 National Convention in Orlando, Florida. Be intentional in the work you do, reach out for support, and always know, I am in your corner every single day, cheering you on whether you want it or not.

Much Love in the Bond,

Chelsea Rasing
Southwest District Counselor
Life Member, Theta Mu

Counselor – Kathy Webster

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Counselor – Katie Dukes

Sisters and Brothers of the Southwest District,

As you've probably heard many times this weekend, I am so excited to be here IN PERSON with you all for this year's Southwest District Convention. One of my favorite things has been "meeting" you again IRL instead of seeing you in a little box on my computer screen!

After the 2021 SWD Convention in (insert your own city here), we hit the ground running to onboard the new District Council members. We were so fortunate to have Madison, John Mark, and Johnn join Tyler on the council this year. It was an exciting time as we realized we would probably be working with our chapters on transitioning back to in-person meetings, rituals, and service. We then assisted our chapters in completing their Chapter Summary Reports and began looking to the summer.

In June, we met virtually for our Summer Council Meeting. It was fun to bond as a Council and set our goals for the school year.

Next up was the National Leadership Conference and National Convention IN Grand Rapids, Michigan. Erika and Jessica Lee put together a fun Legends of the Hidden Temple themed Conference that was meaningful and informative for our students as we looked towards a new biennium. National Convention was the first time in two years that we had gathered as sisters and it was good for my soul. I enjoyed bonding with my fellow Counselors across the nation (looking at you Allison Leeman and Shalyn Nystrom) and "getting some" of the nice breezes from the...Grand Rapids.

When the school year kicked off, I had the opportunity to work with our chapters on their Membership Education Plans. I was so impressed by the variety of activities that our chapters are doing to engage potential members and new members alike. In addition to MEPs, we worked with Chapters on preparing and submitting their Fall Activity Reports.

Next was 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 first in person convention since "the C"! 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!

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And now for some thank yous...

To the National Council, thank you for allowing me the opportunity 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.

To the Southwest District Council, I have been so impressed with the work that you all have done and the professionalism you have shown. I know that wherever you go from here, you will be beyond successful and each of you will shine!

To Linnetta, you have already proven yourself as a huge asset to the team and I am looking forward to kicking things off... after Nap Con of course.

To Chelsea, it has been great working with you this year. I am excited to see what shenanigans we can get into next year.

To Kathy, thank you for imparting all of your counselor wisdom to me. I don't want to get too mushy right now, so I will talk to you privately.

I know they aren't here, but to our ex-officio council members AKA my daughters, Charlie and Claire, 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

Committee Reports

Credentials Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Tyler Hern, Beta Nu

Advisors:

Ciara Gibbs, Eta Pi

The 2022 Credentials Committee was charged with the following:

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

Discussion:

- Creating a list of all Dignitaries who attended the convention for Tau Beta Sigma.
 - Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - Erika Pope- Tau Beta Sigma National President
 - Leslie Gartin- Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President of Special Projects
 - Allison Leemann - Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
 - National Headquarters Staff
 - Steve Nelson - National Executive Director
 - Lisa Croston - National Events Coordinator
 - Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council
 - Marissa Archuleta - Membership Director
 - Mikaela Rhodes - Communications Director
 - Jessica Smith - Programs Director

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- Tau Beta Sigma National Leadership
 - Sarah Griffith - Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Natalia Harrison - Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Sami Kinnison - Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Brianna Mitchell - Chapter Visitation Assistant
 - Shalyn Nystrom - MWD Counselor
- Southwest District Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - Brianna Mitchell - Chair
 - Evelyn Jones - Membership Director
 - Natalia Harrison - Programs Director
 - Dino Cardenas - Communications Director
 - Ciara Gibbs - Finance Director
 - Kelton Ashcraft - KKPsi Member at Large
- Past Southwest District Officers
 - Natalia Harrison - President, Sec/Treas
 - Ciara Gibbs - President, Sec/Treas
 - Kathy Webster - President, Treasurer
 - Erika Pope - VPM, Counselor
 - Lisa Croston - President, Treasurer
 - Sami Kinnison - President, VPSP
 - Ashlyn Simmons - VPM, Counselor
- Southwest District Council
 - Tyler Hern - SWD President
 - Madison Aquino - SWD VPM
 - John Mark Junkins - SWD VPSP
 - Johnn McCray - SWD Secretary/Treasurer
 - Kathy Webster - SWD Counselor
 - Chelsea Rasing - SWD Counselor
 - Katie Rixon - SWD Counselor
 - Linetta Ratliff - SWD Counselor
- Chapter Distance Award:
 - This award is calculated based on how many members the chapter has come to District multiplied by the miles from there location to the District Convention.
 - The calculations were done before the District Convention began with an up-to-date list of registration.
 - Presentation of the Chapter Distance Award:
 - This year the Chapter that is receiving the Chapter Distance Award is one that is 561.9 miles away. They may not be the farthest away chapter, but this chapter brought 13 active members. The winner of the Chapter Distance Award this year is the **Beta Chapter.**

Charges for the 2022-2023 District President/Credentials Committee:

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

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 2022 Credential Committee

Jurisdiction and Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Emelie Fincher, Gamma Xi 2021-2022 Treasurer

Committee Members:

Alyssa Ellis, Beta Nu 2021-2022 Corresponding Secretary

Kassidy Ruff, Alpha 2021-2022 VPSP

Shelby Owings, Theta Theta 2021-2022 President

Kaylee Smith, Beta 2021-2022 Treasurer

Proxy, Delta Sigma (Drew Walker, Gamma Xi)

Proxy, Beta Gamma (Caitlin Beson, Delta)

Advisors:

Johnn McCray, Alpha, 2021-2022 SWD Sec/Treas

Allison Leemann, Eta Gamma, National Vice President for Communication and Recognition

The 2022 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee was charged with the following:

1. Redistribute funds to reflect a non-national convention year.
2. Review 9.04.1 to determine if the budget could sustain two scholarships during a National Convention year.
3. Review the number of applications for the district scholarship and reallocate funds for the next two scholarships as necessary.

4. Review the number of applications coming in for the travel assistance funds and reallocate funds as necessary.
5. Evaluate \$250 from 2020 increase to Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration to see if increase remains appropriate for next year.
6. Review Kappa Kappa Psi's 2021 Southwest District Constitution and check for inconsistencies that don't require a joint discussion.

Finances:

The Jurisdiction and Finance Committee reviewed the budget from last year (a NatCon year) to come up with a proposed budget for the 2022-2023 year.

The committee was charged with allocating a \$2,000 surplus into other budget areas. We discussed allocating \$300 for a service project/relief donation to the Andrews High School Band program after the loss of their head band director. \$200 was initially added to the Scholarships budget, leaving us with a \$1,500 surplus. The committee then discussed adding a budget line using this \$1,500 surplus to fund a SWD TBS Composition Competition project. Since the current year was a non-NatCon year, and Area workshops are leaning towards future virtual options, the committee made the decision to propose a lowering of each District Officer Travel Expenses budget from \$500 to \$300 each. This change gave the committee an \$800 surplus, \$500 of which was allocated back to the SWD TBS Composition Competition project. \$150 of the remaining \$300 was then added to the Scholarships budget line at \$75/scholarship. The remaining \$150 surplus was added to the Miscellaneous budget line. We allocated \$200 of the 2020 \$250 budget increase to the Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration budget line to total \$1,000 to cover an average of 5 Convention Assistance applications up to \$200 per

chapter. The remaining \$50 was allocated at \$25/scholarship to the Scholarships budget line, bringing the total to \$600/scholarship.

These proposed budget changes will be reviewed momentarily.

Proposed Budget (2022-23):

Expenses	
District Officer Travel Expenses	\$1,200.00
President	\$300.00
Vice President of Membership	\$300.00
Vice President of Special Projects	\$300.00
Secretary/Treasurer	\$300.00
District Convention Expenses	\$675.00
Honorary Membership Fee	\$675.00
District Awards	\$0.00
Scholarships	\$1,200.00
Scholarship of Excellence	\$600.00
Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship	\$600.00
Assistantships	\$1,000.00
Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration	\$1,000.00
Workshop/District Travel Assistance	\$0.00
National Convention Travel Assistance	\$0.00
Miscellaneous/Other Expenses	\$2,675.00
Miscellaneous	\$375.00
Service Project Donation	\$300.00
TBS SWD Composition Competition	\$2,000.00
Total	\$6,750.00

Proposed Changes to the Southwest District Constitution:

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

- **CURRENT: Cover Page -** THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF TAU BETA SIGMA
- **PROPOSED:** Centering “Revised 2021” and links included.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This change provides consistency and creates a cleaner look on the SWD TBS constitution cover page.

- **CURRENT:** ex. 1.05.1
- **PROPOSED:** ex. 1.05.a
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** change all sub-bylaws to match bullet types for consistency with the SWD KKY 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, unless assigned elsewhere by the Tau Beta Sigma National Council
- **PROPOSED:** 1.03 The Southwest District will consist of all active chapters and **petitioning groups** 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:** consistency with National Constitution.

- **CURRENT:** 1.06 The Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma recognizes the use of joint meetings with the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi to adopt new programs and procedures and select convention host chapters...
- **PROPOSED:** 1.06 The Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma recognizes the use of joint meetings with the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi to adopt new programs and procedures and select convention host chapters...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** to reflect current practice and maintain consistency as we do not do this anymore.
- **CURRENT:** 2.01 The Southwest District will be under the jurisdiction of the District Counselor(s) who is appointed by the National President and approved by the National Council...
- **PROPOSED:** 2.01 The Southwest District will be under the jurisdiction of the District Counselor(s) who is appointed by the Tau Beta Sigma National President and approved by the Tau Beta Sigma National Council...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** grammar/consistency.
- **CURRENT:** 2.07 The District Vice-President of Membership will, in the absence of the President, preside at all meetings of the District...
- **PROPOSED:** 2.07 The District Vice President for Membership will, in the absence of the President, preside at all meetings of the District...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** maintaining consistency with the National Constitution

- **CURRENT:** 2.08 The District Vice-President of Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing special projects as determined by the District Council.
- **PROPOSE:** 2.08 The District Vice President for Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing special projects as determined by the District Council.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** maintaining consistency with the National Constitution

- **CURRENT:** 3.05 The Committee on Jurisdiction and Finance will examine proposals for amending the constitution, proposals related to the finances of the district, and review the operating budget for the ensuing year as submitted by the District Council. This committee shall be advised by the District Secretary-Treasurer.
- **PROPOSE:** 3.05 The Committee on Jurisdiction and Finance will examine proposals for amending the constitution, proposals related to the finances of the district, and review the operating budget for the ensuing year as submitted by the District Council. This committee shall be advised by the District Sec/Treas.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** consistency with the SWD Constitution.

- **CURRENT:** 3.06 The Committee on Nominations will carefully investigate the eligibility of candidates for the election to the offices of District President, Vice President of Colonization & Membership...
- **PROPOSE:** 3.06 The Committee on Nominations will carefully investigate the eligibility of candidates for the election to the offices of District President, VPM...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** consistency with both National and SWD Constitution.

- **CURRENT:** 4.02 Each colony in the District shall be represented at District Convention by a non-voting Representative. If a colony is not present at district convention, there will be no Alternate Representative, and the seat will remain vacant.
- **PROPOSE:** 4.02 Each **petitioning group** in the District shall be represented at District Convention by a non-voting Representative. If a **petitioning group** is not present at district convention, there will be no Alternate Representative, and the seat will remain vacant.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** consistency with National Constitution.
- **CURRENT:** 9.03 There will be 6 Area Workshops with content chosen by the District Council. Logistics, facilities, and a feature workshop will be the responsibility of the Host Chapter. The Feature workshop must be approved by the District Council prior to the Workshop.
- **PROPOSE:** Move to Meetings section (Part V)
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** consistency with the content in Section V rather than Miscellaneous.
- **CURRENT:** 9.04.1 The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship will only be presented at District Conventions that fall during Non-National Convention budget years.
- **PROPOSE:** **9.05** The Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship will only be presented at District Conventions that fall during Non-National Convention budget years.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** consistency - this would also move to the Awards section.

- **CURRENT:** 10.02 In the event that the SWDAA is no longer recognized by the National Alumni Association, the National Alumni Association members residing in the Southwest District, present at District Convention, will be solely responsible for determining the next Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association representative.
- **PROPOSE:** suggested removal
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** consistency with National Constitution.

2. Sections Being Edited for Clarity/Mistakes

- **CURRENT:** 1.02 The name of this organization will be the South-west District of Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority for College and University Band Members.
- **PROPOSED:** 1.02 The name of this organization will be the **Southwest** District of Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** Removing “for College and University Band Members” for concise wording and removing the hyphen from Southwest for grammar.
- **CURRENT:** 2.02 Each District Officer shall be at least a sophomore student with a current minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and...
- **PROPOSED:** 2.02 Each District Officer shall be at least a sophomore student with a **current** minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this fixes a minor grammatical error.

- **CURRENT:** 2.06 The District President will preside at all meetings of the District. They will appoint and are an exofficio...
- **PROPOSED:** 2.06 The District President will preside at all meetings of the District. They will appoint and are an **ex officio**...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this fixes a minor grammatical error.

- **CURRENT:** 2.06 ...They will serve on the committee on Credentials during District Convention.
- **PROPOSE:** 2.06 ...They will serve **as committee advisor** during District Convention
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this fixes a minor clarity issue.

- **CURRENT:** 2.08 ...They will maintain a scrapbook of documented activities of the District to be presented at the District and National Convention.
- **PROPOSE:** 2.08 ...They will maintain a scrapbook of documented activities of the District to be presented at the **District Convention.**
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** This is in practice at SWD Convention, but not National Convention.

- **CURRENT:** 2.08 ..week-end...
- **PROPOSE:** 2.08 **...weekend...**
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this fixes a minor grammatical error.

- **CURRENT:** 2.16 ...re-quest...

- **PROPOSE:** 2.16 ...request...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this fixes a minor grammatical error.
- **CURRENT:** 3.04 The Committee on Membership will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all proposals that relate to membership retention, and membership expansion.
- **PROPOSE:** 3.04 The Committee on Membership will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all proposals that relate to membership retention, and membership expansion. **This committee shall be advised by the District of VPM.**
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** content and consistency with the rest of the document.
- **CURRENT:** 3.07 ... make additions to the Southwest District Scrapbook as deemed necessary. This committee will be advised by the Southwest District Vice President of Special Projects...
- **PROPOSE:** 3.07 ... make additions to the Southwest District Scrapbook as deemed necessary. This committee will be advised by the **District Vice President of Special Projects.**
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** removed Southwest for redundancy.
- **CURRENT:** 3.08 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....

- **PROPOSED:** removal
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** We don't do this anymore.
- **CURRENT:** 5.01 A regularly called meeting of the District will be held every year. The location will be determined by the previous District Convention. In the absence of a decision by the District Convention, a site shall be chosen by the District Counselors in conjunction with the Kappa Kappa Psi District Governors. The exact date will be determined by the host chapters subject to approval of the majority of the Southwest District chapters.
- **PROPOSE:** 5.01 A regularly called meeting of the District will be held every year. Details of the Convention will be determined by the District Counselors, District Governors, and National Presidents.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this is no longer the current procedure.
- **CURRENT:** 7.02 The Vice President of Programs from Kappa Kappa Psi and the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma will select qualified members to serve as the following positions: formatting and design editor, two copy editors, and a public relations officer.

- **PROPOSE:** 7.02 The Vice President of Programs from Kappa Kappa Psi and the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma will select qualified members to serve as the following positions: formatting and design editor, two copy editors, and a public relations officer. **These positions may be changed at the discretion of the SWD Council.**
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this change was suggested for accuracy and clarity.
- **CURRENT:** 7.03 The two copy editors for the New ALTO will be comprised of one individual from Kappa Kappa Psi and one individual from Tau Beta Sigma...
- **PROPOSE:** 7.03 The two copy editors for the New ALTO will **be one** individual from Kappa Kappa Psi and one individual from Tau Beta Sigma...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this fixes a minor grammatical error.
- **CURRENT:** 7.09 ...e-mail...
- **PROPOSE:** 7.09 ...email...
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** this fixes a minor grammatical error.
- **CURRENT:** 8.01 Each District Officer at each regularly called District Convention shall submit a typewritten report in triplicate. The report shall concern the activities of their term of office.
- **PROPOSE:** 8.01 Each District Officer at each regularly called District Convention shall submit a **typed** report. The report shall **include** the activities of their term of office.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** minor grammatical changes. We also no longer use typewriters nor print committee reports.

- **CURRENT:** 8.02 All reports of District Officers and committee chairpersons will be submitted typewritten, in triplicate to the District Counselor(s)....
- **PROPOSE:** 8.02 All reports of committee chairpersons will be submitted typed to the District Counselor(s)....
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** removed “District Officers” for redundancy. We no longer use typewriters nor print committee reports.
- **CURRENT:** 8.03 A copy of all reports and the minutes for the District Convention will be given to each District Officer by the close of the final separate session.
- **PROPOSE:** remove
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** no longer in practice.
- **CURRENT:** 9.04 Best Scrapbook, Best Freestanding Display, Best Tabletop Display, Best Overall Display
- **PROPOSE:** Removal
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** These awards are no longer given out.
- **CURRENT:** Part IX: Miscellaneous
- **PROPOSE:** Part IX: Boundary
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** reorganization for clarification of the document.

- **CURRENT:** 9.01 The Southwest District shall be divided into six (6) areas: the Oklahoma Area, the Arkansas Area, the North Texas Area, the East Texas/Louisiana Area, the South Texas Area, and the West Texas/New Mexico Area. The boundaries of these areas are defined as follows:
 - All boundaries of the Southwest District with other districts shall also be boundaries for the respective Areas of which they are part.
- **PROPOSE:** 9.01 The Southwest District shall be divided into six (6) areas: the Oklahoma Area, the Arkansas Area, the North Texas Area, the East Texas/Louisiana Area, the South Texas Area, and the West Texas/New Mexico Area. The boundaries of these areas are defined as follows:
 - **All boundaries** of the Southwest District with other districts shall also be boundaries for the respective Areas of which they are part.
- **CHANGES/RATIONALE:** separating 9.01 into separate clauses based on the paragraph below will provide clarification of the document and encourage consistency with previous formatting.

****The Committee also reviewed formatting of the document and made changes that will not require voting****

Charges for the 2023 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee:

- Organize a fundraising effort for the TBS SWD to ensure a steady income.
- Reevaluate the format of the budget in its entirety to balance income versus traditional expenses of the SWD.

- Reallocate funds to reflect a NatCon year.
- Evaluate the TBS/KKPsi SWD Constitution prior to District Convention.
- Acknowledge service project funds within the TBS SWD Budget.
- Determine feasibility of maintaining current scholarship amounts within the TBS SWD Budget.
- Evaluate participation in the Scrapbook and Tabletop Display Awards to determine necessity of retaining these Awards.

Charges for the 2022-2023 District Secretary/Treasurer:

- Maintain the TBS/KKPsi SWD Constitution within a singular Microsoft Word document format.
- Procure all information necessary pertaining to scholarships and assistantships prior to District Convention.
- Review District spending and maintain past budgets, amount spent, and proposed new budgets per budget line item.

Charges for the 2022-2023 District Council:

- Utilize the “TBS SWD Composition Competition” budget line to fund a composition competition project using the guidelines/suggestions provided by the 2021-2022 TBS SWD Jurisdiction and Finance Committee.
- Split the proposed scholarship budget money evenly between 4 total recipients, awarding 2 applicants the Scholarship of Excellence and 2 applicants the Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship.

Special Thanks

First, I'd like to give it up for the 2022 SWD TBS Jurisdiction and Finance Committee. With this being my first (and last) in-person Convention as an Active member, I took on a lot of responsibility all at once, but the committee made it super easy to feel confident while running discussion in our block hours (and how about that time management?).

Johnn McCray, thank you for being awake and on your phone at 11:37pm both Friday and Saturday nights, and genuinely, thank you for interrupting me to help us through a discussion point or offer insight that I hadn't considered yet. Thank you to Allison Leemann as well for checking on questions I had and texting people that could answer the questions if you couldn't.

I have the biggest thanks for my chapter, Gamma Xi. From Rush Class Gamma Mu in the Fall of 2018 to delegating for our chapter and chairing a committee, you have watched me, listened to me, pushed me along, and shut me up when you desperately needed it. You know I consistently underestimate myself and continue to show me why I need to bet on myself a little more confidently. Having the opportunity to serve Gamma Xi so well both this weekend and over the past four years has been my honor, duty, and privilege. Thank you to our chapter sponsor, Dr. Timothy Oliver, for always saying "please come in" when I knock on your door, and thank you to Drew, one of our newest members, for not only accompanying me this weekend, but stepping up to proxy for a chapter that needed it. You have a bright future ahead of you in this organization. Once more, to my chapter, I love you, and you are my only exception. I can't wait to see you next year as the newest Gamma Xi alumna.

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Wolves UP! and Respectfully Submitted,

Emelie Fincher, Gamma Xi

Chair of the 2022 Jurisdiction & Finance Committee

!! RUSH GAMMA XI !!

Income		Expenses	
Starting Balance	\$9,151.50	District Officer Travel Expenses	\$1,200.00
Allocations from National Dues	\$1,950.00	President	\$300.00
Fall 2022	\$1,500.00	Vice President of Membership	\$300.00
Spring 2023	\$450.00	Vice President of Special Projects	\$300.00
Miscellaneous/Other	\$0.00	Secretary/Treasurer	\$300.00
Fundraisers	\$0.00	District Convention Expenses	\$675.00
Donations	\$0.00	Honorary Membership Fee	\$675.00
Total	\$11,101.50	District Awards	\$0.00
		Scholarships	\$1,200.00
		Scholarship of Excellence	\$600.00
Budget Balance		Southwest District Service to Music Scholarship	\$600.00
Total Income	\$11,101.50	Assistanceships	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$6,750.00	Convention Assistance and Delegate Registration	\$1,000.00
Ending Balance	\$4,351.50	Workshop/District Travel Assistance	\$0.00
		National Convention Travel Assistance	\$0.00
		Miscellaneous/Other Expenses	\$2,675.00
		Miscellaneous	\$375.00
		Service Project Donation	\$300.00
		TBS SWD Composition Competition	\$2,000.00
		Total	\$6,750.00

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Membership Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Ivan Suaste | Gamma Nu

Committee Members:

Sarah Jahnke | Beta Delta

Erin Montgomery | Delta Upsilon

Kelli Garrison | Gamma Phi

Kaytlin Smith, Proxy from Theta Theta for | Tau

Alexis Barnhart, Proxy from Theta Theta for | Eta Nu

Alyssa Vaclavik, Proxy from Alpha Omicron for | Beta Omicron

Advisors:

Madison Aquino, Southwest District Vice President of Membership | Alpha

Kathy Webster, Southwest District Counselor | Epsilon Beta

The 2022 Membership Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the 2021-2022 Membership Committee Report
2. Review the charges for the 2021-2022 Vice President of Membership
3. Review the progress of Overture and its implementation
4. Review the Candidate Workbook and consider alternative activities

Discussion:

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 2021 Membership Committee report. We also reviewed the charges for the 2021-2022 District Vice President of Membership, and we, as a committee, agreed that she successfully completed the charges given to her. Through discussion we evaluated the necessity and effectiveness of virtual workshops in comparison to in-person workshops. As a committee, we also reviewed the Progress of Overture and its implementation, along with the implementation of the Candidate

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workbook and alternative activities. As a committee, and from what we found out at Ritual Workshop, we discussed the need and ways to to increase the amount of chapters using Overture, updated Ritual books, and the Candidate workbooks. We encourage the new District VPM to market it as a resource in order to increase the amount of chapters using Overture.

- **Charges for the 2022-2023 Membership Committee**

- Review the charges of the 2021-2022 Membership Committee
- Review the charges of the 2022-2023 District Vice President of Membership
- Review the charges of the 2022-2023 District Council
- Review the charges of the National Vice President of Membership and Expansion
- Review the progress of Overture and its implementation
- Review the Overture Membership Candidate Workbook and consider alternative activities
- Review the progression and knowledge of Songs and need for workshops at a Area and District level

- **Charges for the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 academic year, emphasize your role, responsibilities, availability, and ways 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
- Include 3 different dates for Overture Workshops throughout the summer to allow opportunities for each chapter VPM to be able to attend
- Host meetings before August 1st, December 1st, and District Convention in order to assist with any questions regarding the MEP and Overture Process.
- For Area Workshop hold a TBS Song Workshop

- **Charges for the 2022-2023 District Council**

- Evaluate the necessity and effectiveness of Virtual or in Person Workshops

- Hold 1 in person Area Workshop in a centralized location as well as at least 1 virtual option
 - Encourage chapters to constantly check the chapter email provided from Nationals
 - Evaluate communication methods within the district
 - Provide a TBS Song Workshop during Music Hour in order for all delegates to be able to attend
- **Charges for the National Vice President of Membership and Expansion**
 - Adding a breakdown of a Chapter meeting and Chapter operations to Overture
 - Add the process of Membership candidates being elected into position if adequate enough for a class president, service chair, treasurer, secretary to hold mock meetings before crossing
 - For smaller Chapters encourage Actives to help MC Class with those mock meetings

Special Thanks to our committee members:

Sarah Jahnke | Beta Delta

Erin Montgomery | Delta Upsilon

Kelli Garrison | Gamma Phi

Kaytlin Smith, Proxy from Theta Theta for | Tau

Alexis Barnhart, Proxy from Theta Theta for | Eta Nu

Alyssa Vaclavik, Proxy from Alpha Omicron for | Beta Omicron

Special Thanks to our advisors: Madison Aquino and Kathy Webster

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair of the 2022 Membership Committee

Ivan Suaste | Gamma Nu

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Nominations Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Carmella Love, Xi

Committee Members:

- Abby Portillo, Epsilon Beta Proxy for Eta Epsilon
- John Mabry, Epsilon Beta
- Audrey Greeson, Delta Proxy for Iota Beta
- Briana Sambol, Delta Alpha Proxy for Zeta Mu
- Lianne Rodriguez, Beta Delta Proxy for Delta Eta
- Kylie Hammett, Zeta Phi

Advisors:

Erika Pope, Theta Theta, National President for Tau Beta Sigma

The 2022 Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the 2021 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.
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:

The 2022 Nominations Committee reviewed the 2021 Nominations Committee report. We scheduled times to interview the following candidates who submitted packets for consideration:

- Madison Aquino, Alpha Chapter - For President

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- Lauren Allen, Beta Chapter - For VPM
- Rylee Creed, Gamma Omicron Chapter - For VPM
- Kiana Ray, Gamma Omicron Chapter - For VPSP
- Johnn McCray, Alpha Chapter - For Secretary/Treasurer

The Committee did offer an additional interview to Jacob Stover from the Beta Nu Chapter, as he expressed an interest in running from the floor for District VPSP. It was determined that all candidates who participated in interviews were deemed eligible to run for District Office. After discussions, the Nominations Committee was able to create a slate for considerations.

Charges for the 2023 Nominations Committee and/or Nominations Committee Chair and Advisor

1. Review the 2022 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.
5. Charge the District Counselors to formulate a plan to have pre-recorded candidate interviews, for posting on the Facebook page so they can be reviewed by all members of the district and chapters prior to District Convention.
6. Create individual questions personalized to each candidate's platform and use them to interview each qualified candidate.
7. Discuss who the committee feels is best qualified for each office. Submit a slate in your preliminary report.

We also charge the District Council with advertising the candidate packets prior to convention, to ensure that SWD chapters are able to review each candidate's qualifications.

Special Thanks to...

I want to thank the Nominations Committee for being organized and collaborative on determining the results for the slate. It was very exciting to hear each one of the delegates' opinions, and I can't wait to work with you more in the future. I also want to thank the candidates for having the courage to apply and having the organization to be prepared for their

interviews. I would also like to thank Erika Pope for helping setup and organize the interviews, explaining the positions, guiding and facilitating the convention and our committee. P.S. Thank you for the candy!

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmella Love | Xi Chapter, West Texas A&M University

Chair of the 2022 Nominations Committee

Slate for 2022 Southwest District Officers:

For SWD President

- Madison Aquino

For SWD Vice President for Membership

- Lauren Allen

For SWD Vice President for Special Projects

- Jacob Stover

Secretary/Treasurer

- Johnn McCray

Programs Committee Report

Committee Chair: Faith Bloomfield, Alpha Omicron

Committee Members:

Austin Miller, Gamma Phi, Proxy for Epsilon Psi

Harley Houston, Alpha, Proxy for Eta Pi

Jacob Stover, Beta Nu, Proxy for Delta Pi

Josie Byant, Alpha, Proxy for Alpha Upsilon

Jackson Yeats, Delta

Lee Glover, Gamma Omicron, Proxy for Delta Phi

Advisors:

Leslie, Zeta Nu, National VP for Special Projects

John Mark Junkin, Psi, Southwest District VP for Special Projects

The 2022 Programs Committee was charged with the following:

- 1) Review the charges from the 2021 SWD Programs Committee
- 2) Review and discuss Chapter Participation in the Tau Beta Sigma National Programs and the Focus on Five Campaign.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Review participation in the Pen Pal program and if this is a worthwhile project for the District.

Discussion of Charge 1: Review the charges from the 2021 SWD Programs Committee

The 2022 Programs Committee reviewed the charges and report of the 2021 SWD Programs Committee.

Discussion of Charge 2: Review Focus on Five Participation and National Programs for the District

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The committee reviewed the Focus on Five participation some ideas we had to increase participation were:

- Have chapters look over covid guidelines for their community at the start of the semester so chapters can be aware of what needs to be done for crescendo and coda projects and plan accordingly
- Make sure everyone looks over exactly what counts as practicing for the black stripe because there may be some misconceptions as to what exactly counts as practicing. There are more items that count for practicing than you may think.
- For the WIM speaker event we looked at communicating with the WIM speaker sooner and offering them an award that says thank you. Speaking to them sooner would allow for easier communication and being able to line up everyone's schedules easier.
- For the Lyre piece we clarified that updating the binder counts if there already is an officer transition binder. Getting the chapter's opinion in the binder as to get input from what is expected of the officer from the chapter.

Discussion of Charge 3: Review of the 2020-2021 Photo Challenge

The committee was unable to review the photo challenge because there was not one for the 2021 to 2022. To reinstate this challenge here are some ideas and themes for photos.

- Summer fun
 - Take a picture of everyone doing something outside
- Joint Picture
 - Take a picture with our brothers!
- School spirit
 - Take a Picture wearing school merch
- Game day
 - Show us what you do on game day!
- Show us what you're thankful for!
 - Could use this theme in November around Thanksgiving.
- Winter snowman challenge
 - Come up with the most creative way to build a snowman in areas where it may not snow.

- Ugly sweater contest
- Founders day in march
- New Members!
 - Take a picture with your new members!
- Birthday spotlights
 - Have a post highlighting each birthday when it happens in your chapter.
- Weekly spotlights
 - Sister of the week
- With the items from your Pen Pal!
 - Take a picture with the items your pen pal may have sent you.

Discussion of Charge 4: Review the Pen Pal Program

The committee talked about changing the Pen Pal program from an individual level to a chapter level. We felt that this would make it easier to hold one another accountable and overall increase the participation in this program. We talked about doing pairings based on chapter size rather than geographically. We would like have the chapters send postcards, letters, and care packages to one another.

Charges:

Charges for the 2023 Programs Committee:

- Review the charges from 2022 SWD Programs Committee
- Review the participation from the 2022 - 2023 photo challenge and determine a winner for the SWD photo challenge.
- Review the Participation of the Pen Pal Program and determined the effectiveness of the program
- Review and discuss Chapter Participation in the Tau Beta Sigma National Programs and the Focus on Five Campaign.

Charges for the 2022-2023 Vice President of Special Projects:

- Reinstate the photo challenge and promotion of the program. Contact individuals in charge of social media to spread awareness of each month's individual challenge.

- Make a monthly point of contact to the Southwest District Chapters to promote the Pen Pal and Photo Challenge programs.
- 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 Slack.

Charges for the 2022-2023 District Council:

- Evaluate the potential changes to the district awards and record their effectiveness.
- Maintain a point of contact with focus on five deadlines. Include the link to the programs guide in the email or point of contact signature.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank the district counsel for giving me this opportunity to serve as chair of the Programs Committee. This is my first time attending a district convention whether that be in person or online. It is also my first time being the chair of a committee at a district level. Coming into this I was incredibly nervous and unsure however I had amazing help and guidance from my advisors John Mark and Leslie. They really made this process so much less stressful than I thought it would be and I don't know what I would've done without them there to offer their valuable insight and comments towards our discussions. I also would like to thank my home chapter Alpha Omicron for being able to give me this opportunity to represent us at a district level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith Bloomfield, Alpha Omicron
Chair of the 2022 Programs Committee

Spirit and Sisterhood Committee Report

Committee Chair Name and Chapter:

- Sierra Bell - Gamma Tau

Committee Members and Chapters:

- Kiana Ray, Gamma Omicron
- Morgan Hailey, Psi
- Asia Scott, Delta Alpha
- Katie Bains, Alpha, Proxy for Iota
- Lauren Allen, Beta, Proxy for Delta Tau
- Rachel Hawk, Psi, Proxy for Beta Zeta

Advisor:

- Sami Kinnison
- Linnetta Ratliff

The 2022 Spirit and Sisterhood Committee was charged with the following:

- Update the record of which chapters have received the awards in the past five years.
- Review the District and National chants using the videos on the Southwest District Website.
- Coordinate with the District President to review chants during the delegation at separate session throughout the convention.
- Discuss the chapters in attendance at the 2022 Southwest District Convention on the qualities of spirit and sisterhood. Award the Spirit and Sisterhood Awards in accordance with the District constitution.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the sisterhood databases, including chapters' knowledge and awareness of this resource available to them.
- Coordinate with the chapter that has Tau to see who they would like to give it to at the end of the Convention.

Discussion during meetings/relevant information

- Sisterhood database
 - a. The committee found that Sisters did not know the sisterhood database existed.
 - b. The committee found that the best way to inform chapters of resources is through Instagram (resources highlights reel), a Slack channel for resources, sending links and/or instructions on finding resources through chapter email, and adding resources to the newsletters.
 - c. The committee also found that chapters could be more enticed to check chapter emails with a reward/award for responding to X amount of emails, subject

indicators of importance, sponsor involvement, and additional members within the chapter with access to the emails.

- Review of Southwest District videos for District and National Chants
 1. The committee found reason for new videos to be made and uploaded to the Southwest District website due to the following:
 - a. The second Southwest chant video did not have clear dictation and explanations. The committee also found that sisters could have shown more spirit and/or enthusiasm in their demonstration.
 - b. The National chant video was not clear, not well explained, and not in the correct order corresponding with our music guideline. The committee would like to suggest ending on the first variation to make the ending of the chant more distinct.
 2. The committee agreed that there should be lyric sheets/sheet music attached with the video to ensure proper accessibility to sisters/brothers with hearing impairments and to help sisters/brothers learn the proper lyrics.
 3. The committee decided that in order to replace the unclear videos, a contest between chapters should be put in place to have new videos created. Chapters will submit videos of all three chants and will compete to get their videos posted on the Southwest District website. Chapters will receive a spirit-stick like award. Videos will be due at or before next convention and will be chosen by the spirit and sisterhood committee.
 4. The committee would like to propose a verse added into the National chant, as a variation that we created specially for the Southwest District.
 - a. The verse will go as follows:
 - T-B-S, S-W-D, Keep that spicy legacy

Charges for the 2023 Spirit and Sisterhood Committee

- Update the record of which chapters have received the awards in the past five years.
- Review video submissions for the chants. (AV equipment required in committee room)
- Discuss the chapters in attendance at the 2023 Southwest District Convention on the qualities of spirit and sisterhood. Award the Spirit and Sisterhood Awards in accordance with the District constitution.
- Coordinate with the District President to review chants at separate sessions throughout the convention.
- Evaluate effectiveness of the sisterhood database based on changes suggested in 2022

Charges for the 2022-2023 Vice President of Special Projects and/or Council

- Announce criteria for awards at separate opening to promote chapters showing as much spirit and sisterhood as they can.
- Promote social media of awards criteria leading up to the convention to allow chapters to prepare for the criteria of the awards.
- Provide tentative committee assignments at registration to give delegates more opportunity to observe chapters' spirit and sisterhood early on in the convention.
- Come up with rules and requirements for the chants contest.
- Categorize/reorganize the sisterhood database into separate sections for ice-breakers and more intimate sisterhood bonding activities so that the database can be easier to navigate for specific ideas.
- Promote sisterhood database on social media/at district/in a newsletter.
- Promote sisterhood database entry system for chapters to submit their traditions or games.
- Social hour or workshop next year for testing out games on the sisterhood database.

Thank you:

Respectfully submitted,

Sierra Bell | Gamma Tau

Spirit and Sisterhood Committee Chair

The recipients for this year's awards are as follows:

- Tau - (presented by Beta Nu)
 - Gamma Tau
- Beta - (15 or more members)
 - Special shoutout: Theta Theta for friendless, outgoing and spirited vibes.
 - Winner: Beta
- Sigma - (14 or less members)
 - Special shoutout: Delta Upsilon for excitement to learn chants and being very nice.
 - Winner: Delta Alpha

Awards

Erica L. Pope Legacy of the Southwest

- Tyler Hern, Beta Nu – Arkansas Tech University

Christina M. Gordon Scholarship

- Lauren Terry, Psi – Arkansas University

Patsy Drury Hei – Outstanding Large Chapter

- Beta Nu, Arkansas Tech University

Janet West Miller Outstanding Service to Music Education

- Beta Nu, Arkansas Tech University

Chapter Distance Award

- Beta, Texas Tech University

Spirit Awards

- Tau Award
 - Gamma Tau, University of Central Arkansas
 - (Presented by Beta Nu)
- Beta Award
 - Beta, Texas Tech University
 - Honorable Mention – Theta Theta, Henderson State University
- Sigma Award
 - Delta Alpha, Langston University
 - Honorable Mention – Delta Upsilon, Howard Payne University

SWDAA Delegate Grant

- Gamma Nu, University of Texas at Arlington
- Beta, Texas Tech University

SWDAA DC AI CODA Awards

- KKY Meghan Landberg, Gamma Phi – Stephen F. Austin State University
- TBS John Mark Junkins, Psi – Arkansas University

SWDAA Ritual Scholarship

- KKY Gamma Omega, Texas Southern University
- TBS Zeta Mu, Grambling State University

KKY SWD Outstanding Joint Relations Award

- TBS Sallie Hendrix, Psi – Arkansas University
- TBS Kassidy Ruff, Alpha – Oklahoma State University

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- TBS Carmella Love, Psi – Arkansas University

TBS Counselor Retirement Recognition and Thanks (Presented by KKY)

- Kathy Webster, Epsilon Beta – Texas A&M University at Commerce