

Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Convention



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Friday, March 25:

Opening Joint Session:

The 23rd annual Midwest District Convention was called to order by Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District President Maggie Greenwood, and Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Brianna Upton at 5:10 pm.

Introductions

- Maggie Greenwood introduced the 2010- 2011 Midwest District Officers.
 - Sean Damon, MWD Vice President
 - Todd Halling, MWD Secretary/Treasurer
 - Ben Kershner, MWD Member At Large
 - Denali Alt, MWD Governor
 - Tony Falcone, MWD Governor

- Brianna Upton introduced the 2010- 2011 Midwest District Officers.
 - N/A, MWD Vice President of Membership
 - Justin Simmons, MWD Secretary/Treasurer
 - Zack Rebarcheck, MWD Vice President of Special Projects
 - Adrienne Rall, MWD Counselor.

- Maggie Greenwood introduced the Kappa Kappa Psi National Officers and Dignitaries.
 - Scott Stowell, KKY Leadership and Risk Management Presenter
 - Bruce Moss, KKY National Vice President for Professional Relations
 - Jack Lee, KKY National Vice President for Student Affairs
 - Chris Haughee, KKY Board of Trustees Member
 - Dr. Michael Golemo, Past KKY National President and KKY Board of Trustees member

- Brianna Upton introduced the Tau Beta Sigma National Officers and Dignitaries.
 - Dr. Nicole Burdick, TBS National Vice President of Communication and Recognition
 - Dr. Kathryn Kelly, TBS National Vice President of Special Projects
 - Chris Vanacore, Chair of the TBSAA
 - Kelly Eidson, Vice Chair of the TBS Board of Trustees

- Brianna Upton introduced the Midwest District Alumni Association President, Leslie Twite.
 - Leslie Twite introduced the Alumni Association officers.
 - Heath Cartwright, Vice President of Membership (not present)
 - Carissa Hanschu, Vice President of Programs
 - Nancy Rice, Secretary/Treasurer

Sarah Casias, Alumni at Large

- Brianna Upton introduced the host chapters Iota Omega and Theta Xi

Announcements:

-We are possibly having two concerts now, depending on the size of the crowd.

- The Joint Meeting was called to recess until Sunday at 10:15 am.

Opening Separate Session:

The First Separate Session of the Midwest District Convention was called to order by Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Brianna Upton at 5:41 pm.

Introductions

- Brianna Upton introduced the 2010- 2011 Midwest District Officers.
N/A, MWD Vice President of Membership
Justin Simmons, MWD Secretary/Treasurer
Zack Rebarcheck, MWD Vice President of Special Projects
Adrienne Rall, MWD Counselor.
- Brianna Upton introduced the Tau Beta Sigma National Officers and Dignitaries.
Dr. Nicole Burdick, TBS National Vice President of Communication and Recognition
Dr. Kathryn Kelly, TBS National Vice President of Special Projects
Chris Vanacore, Chair of the TBSAA
Kelly Eidson, Vice Chair of the TBS Board of Trustees
Wendy McCann, Immediate Past MWD Counselor
- Seating of Delegates
Caitlin McKenney (Zeta Nu) was seated as Proxy for Alpha Theta
Amanda Esades was seated for Alpha Iota
Megan McKenna was seated for Alpha Mu
Kelly Ritter was seated for Alpha Tau
Katie Maurer (Theta Xi) was seated as Proxy for Beta Psi
-Marian Beck (Beta Psi) for Saturday and Sunday
Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu) was seated as Proxy for Gamma Zeta
Haley Conway was seated for Delta Kappa
Tim Bromley was seated for Delta Xi
Allison Whitfield was seated for Zeta Delta
Ray Mallak was seated for Zeta Nu
Sarah Hatfield was seated for Zeta Omega
Kelly Skunes was seated for Theta Mu

Mallory Schulte was seated for Theta Xi

- Delta Xi moved to accept the standing rules. Theta Xi seconded. Motion passed.
- Candidates for District Office
 - Zack Rebarcheck for President
 - Ashley Otte for Vice President of Membership
 - Allison Whitfield for Vice President of Membership
 - Justin Simmons for Secretary/Treasurer
 - Linday Pfannenstiel for Secretary/Treasurer
 - (No members running for Vice President of Special Projects)
- Chapter Reports were presented (see Appendix 4)
- Alumni, Board of Trustees, and National Council Presented

Announcements:

- If you haven't talked about graduating senior lunch yet, see the alumni
 - Award applications are due at midnight tonight.
 - If there are two concerts then committee times will be switched.
 - Go to Perkins for fundraiser lunch.
- The Separate Meeting was called to recess until Saturday at 4:45 pm.

Saturday, March 26:

Second Separate Session:

The Second Separate Meeting was called to order by the Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Brianna Upton at 5:12 pm.

- Delta Xi moved, Theta Xi seconded to approve the minutes from last convention, motion passed
- Theta Mu moved, Zeta Omega seconded to appoint Neil Siemers as Parliamentarian, motion passed
- Ritual and Regalia Report given by committee chair Jessica Sousek
 - Zeta Omega moved to accept report as read, Delta Kappa seconded, motion passed

- Nominations Report* was given by committee chair Brianna Upton
 - Delta Xi moved to accept report as read, Alpha Tau seconded, motion passed
 - Slated
 - Zack Rebarcheck for President
 - Ashley Otte for Vice President of Membership
 - Lindsay Pfannenstiel for Vice President of Special Projects
 - (No one slated for Secretary/Treasurer)
- Meeting recessed until Sunday at 8:00 am
 - *Mentioned reports can be found in Appendix 1

Sunday, March 27:
Closing Separate Session:

The Closing Separate Meeting was called to order by Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Brianna Upton at 8:10am.

Separate Committee Reports:

- Programs Committee Report* was given by committee chair Zack Rebarcheck
 - Alpha Mu moved to accept the report, Zeta Nu seconded, motion passed
- Committee on Credentials Report* was given by committee chair Karah Jones
 - Gamma Zeta moved to accept the report, Zeta Omega seconded, motion passed
- Ways and Means Committee Report* was given by committee chair Justin Simmons
 - Theta Mu moved to accept the report, Gamma Zeta seconded, motion passed
- Jurisdiction Committee Report* was given by committee co-chairs Neil Siemers and Kelly Skunes
 - Zeta Omega moved to accept the report, Delta Xi seconded, motion passed
- Membership Committee Report* was given by committee chair Sarah Hatfield
 - Delta Xi moved to accept the report, Gamma Zeta seconded, motion passed
- Secretary/Treasurer Officer Report^ given by Justin Simmons
- Vice President of Special Projects Officer Report^ given by Zack Rebarcheck
- President Officer Report^ given by Brianna Upton
- Counselor's Report^ given by Adrienne Rall

The slate was presented as follows:

President: Zack Rebarcheck
Vice President of Membership: Ashley Otte

Vice President of Special Projects: Lindsay Pfannenstiel
Secretary/Treasurer: not slated

- Zeta Nu moved to adopt the slate. Theta mu seconded the motion, motion passed
- Brianna Upton opened the floor for nominations for President
(No nominations made)
 - Theta Mu moved to close nominations, Alpha Mu seconded, motion passed
 - Zeta Nu moved for acclimation, Theta Mu seconded, motion passed
 - Zack Rebarchek is the new MWD President
- Brianna Upton opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Membership
(No nominations made)
 - Zeta Nu moved to close nominations, Theta Xi seconded, motion passed
 - Zeta Nu moved for acclimation, Theta Mu seconded, motion passed
 - Ashley Otte is the new MWD Vice President of Membership
- Brianna Upton opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Special Projects
(No nominations made)
 - Zeta Omega moved to close nominations, Delta Xi seconded, motion passed
 - Zeta Delta moved for acclimation, motion failed
 - Vote by secret ballot
 - Lindsay Pfannenstiel is the new MWD Vice President for Special Projects
- Brianna Upton opened the floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
 - Zeta Nu nominated Justin Simmons, candidate accepted nomination
 - The floor nominated Allison Whitfield, candidate accepted nomination
 - The floor nominated Shalyn Guthery, candidate accepted nomination
 - Theta Mu moved to close nominations, Zeta Delta seconded, motion passed
 - Theta Mu moved to caucus for 3 minutes, Delta Kappa seconded, motion passed
 - Theta Mu moved to vote by secret ballot, Zeta Omega seconded, motion passed
 - Shalyn Guthery is the new MWD Secretary/Treasurer
- The 2011-2012 District Officers were sworn in by Adrienne Rall

Announcements:

- Step assignment after officer installation.
- Gamma Zeta moved to close the Separate Session, Delta Xi seconded, motion passed

*Mentioned reports can be found in Appendix 1
^Mentioned reports can be found in Appendix 3

Closing Joint Session

The Closing Joint Meeting was called to order by Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District President Maggie Greenwood and Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Brianna Upton at 10:40 am.

Joint Committee Reports:

- The Convention Site Committee presented their report+.
 - Brianna Upton entertained a motion to accept report
 - Delta Xi , TBS moved to accept the report, Delta Gamma, KKY seconded, motion passed
 - Alpha Theta, KKY moved for a 3 min caucus, Gamma Zeta, TBS seconded, motion passed
 - Vote on convention site by secret ballot
- Convention will be hosted by Delta Xi and Delta Gamma in Rolla, Missouri

- The Publications Committee presented their report+
 - Maggie Greenwood entertained a motion to accept report
 - Theta Rho, KKY moved to accept the report, Theta Mu, TBS seconded, motion passed
 - Iota Omega and Theta Xi were recommended to be the Publications chapters
 - Brianna Upton entertained a motion for acclimation
 - Theta Mu, TBS moved, Eta Pi, KKY seconded, motion passed

- The Jurisdiction Committee presented their report+
 - Maggie Greenwood entertained a motion to accept report
 - Eta Upsilon, KKY moved to accept the report, Zeta Delta, TBS seconded, motion passed
 - Brianna Upton entertained a motion to accept changes to bylaws by acclimation
 - Theta Mu, TBS moved, Beta, KKY seconded, motion passed

- The Committee on District Events presented their report+
 - Maggie Greenwood entertained a motion to accept report
 - Delta Kappa, KKY moved to accept the report, Zeta Omega, TBS seconded, motion passed

+ Mentioned reports can be found in Appendix 2

MWDAA Council Report

- Officer announcements

Announcements:

- Buy Fundraising Materials
- Cookbook Orders available

Introduction of new council:

Kappa Kappa Psi

- President: Emily Holden
- Vice President: Patrick Determan
- Secretary/Treasurer: Chad Nelson
- Member-at-Large: Elizabeth Neuhauser

Tau Beta Sigma

- President: Zack Rebarcek
- Vice President of Membership: Ashley Otte
- Vice President of Special Projects: Lindsay Pfannenstiel
- Secretary/Treasurer: Shalyn Guthery

Emily Holden entertained a motion to adjourn MWD convention 2011

- Iota Omega, KKY moved to adjourn, Theta Xi, TBS seconded, motion passed
- Midwest District Convention adjourned at 11:35 am

Appendix 1 – Separate Committee Reports

Nominations

Chair: Brianna Upton, Theta Xi

Programs

Chair: Zack Rebarcek, Zeta Delta

Credentials

Chair: Karah Jones, Theta Xi

Ways and Means

Chair: Justin Simmons, Zeta Nu

Jurisdiction

Chair: Neil Siemers, Zeta Delta

Co-Chair: Kelly Skunes, Theta Mu

Membership

Chair: Sarah Hatfield, Zeta Omega

Nominations Committee

Call to order at 9:39 pm

1. Introductions

- a. **Advisor:** Adrienne Rall
- b. **Committee Chair:** Brianna Upton (Theta Xi)
- c. **Members:** Amanda Esades (Alpha Iota) and Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu)

2. Appoint Committee Secretary: Brianna Upton

3. Old Buisness

- a. Reviewed and discussed 2010 Committee Report

4. New Buisness

- a. Review of submitted packets
 - i. Individuals submitting packets:
 1. Ashley Otte (Zeta Omega) - VPM
 2. Zack Rebarck (Zeta Delta) – Pres
 3. Lindsay Pfannenstiel (Zeta Delta) – Sec/Treas
 4. Allison Whitfield (Zeta Delta) – VPM
 5. Justin Simmons (Zeta Nu) – Sec/Treas
 - b. List of Questions for Candidates
 - i. What school and work related commitments do you have for next year? Do these have a set schedule – please explain? How can you rearrange your schedule to meet the needs of your officer position?
 - ii. Why are you running for this district office and what personality traits do you think qualify you for this position?
 - iii. If someone who didn't know what Tau Beta Sigma was, how would you describe the organization?
 - iv. Would you be willing to accept nominations for any other district office? If so, which offices would you be willing to fill?
 - v. Please describe your teamwork experiences with members in your chapter.
 - vi. What leadership experience do you have outside Tau Beta Sigma?
 - vii. (**President**) Do you plan to attend the district leadership conference in July? As president, how would you represent the Midwest District to other districts and on the national level?
 - viii. Will you attend National Convention in July? If no, why?
 - ix. (**Sec/Treas**) Are you prepared to take minutes at all District Council meetings? How will you make these minutes available to Council members and others?
 - x. (**Sec/Treas**) What is your experience with balancing budgets/finances?

- xi. (**VPM**) What are your plans for assisting with Sorority expansion in Midwest District?
 - xii. (**VPM**) In what ways would you be willing to help chapters develop strong Membership Education Programs?
 - xiii. How willing are you to contact people you aren't familiar with – for example by phone or email?
 - xiv. What is your biggest weakness?
 - xv. Is there anything you would like to share with the Committee that was not in your packet or said during this meeting?
- c. Determine Candidate Eligibility
 - i. All Candidates are eligible.
 - d. Determine Interview Schedule
 - i. 9:30 am – Allison Whitfield
 - ii. 9:45 am – Ashley Otte
 - iii. 10:00 am - Lindsay Pfannenstiel
 - iv. 10:15 am – Justin Simmons
 - v. 10:30 am - Zack Rebarchek
 - e. Slate
 - i. President: Zack Rebarchek (ΔZ)
 - ii. Vice-President of Membership: Ashley Otte (ZΩ)
 - iii. Vice-President of Special Projects: Lindsay Pfannenstiel (ΔZ)
 - iv. Secretary/Treasurer:

Charges

1. We charge the 2011-2012 District Council to create and implement a program that encourages and recruits more District Officer Candidates.
2. Review District Officer Candidate Guidelines.
3. Create a list of questions for candidate interviews. No more than half of these questions can be reused from last year. Use no more than ten questions combined from both sets of candidate questions.

Programs Committee

Members: Andrew Wessel (Delta Xi), Martha Herrarte (Theta Mu), Amanda Ellison (Delta Xi), Brittani Hall (Zeta Omega), Jessica Blaum (Theta Xi)

Special thanks go to Nicole Burdick our advisor.

Old Business:

•Discuss topics for reinstating the Sister Chapter Award. The committee decided it would be a good idea to reinstate it and discussed what to require to be eligible for the Sister Chapter Award.

Two copies of all awards were provided.

New Business:

- We discussed the Wendy McCann Award for Academic Excellence and whether or not to include a scholarship to the recipient.
- Identifying aspects of each award was removed from all applications except awards for Outstanding Chapter Service and Outstanding Service to Music Education.

Awards:

- Chapter Service/Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award. The committee discussed applications from Theta Xi and Theta Mu, choosing the Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award.
- Outstanding Student Achievement, The committee divided up and looked over a set of three awards and picked the applicant that stood out the most then we had discussion as a whole committee.
- Outstanding New Sister, divided up the applications to each member to narrow down selections.

I would like to thank the members who served on the Programs Committee this year, you seriously rocked. We did have to take some extra time, but I feel like everything we accomplished was super legit. We had over 30 applications, so you got a lot done.

Charges for the 2010-2011 VPSP and Programs Committee:

- The VPSP will look over the Midwest District History and fill in the blanks and try to keep it as up to date as possible.
- VPSP should keep the requirement of two copies for the programs committee selection.
- Review the charges from the previous year.
- Examine the criteria for the Sister Chapter Award

Award Recipients:

Red Rose: Mallory Schulte (Theta Xi) for Last Convention, Kelly Skunes (Theta Mu) for First Convention

Outstanding New Sister: Emily Henderson (Delta Kappa)

Outstanding Student Achievement Award: Brianna Upton (Theta Xi)

Outstanding Chapter Achievement: Theta Mu

Service Award: Theta Xi

Outstanding Service to Music Education: Zeta Omega
Service Day Participation: Zeta Delta, Zeta Omega, Delta Kappa
Wendy McCann Award for Academic Excellence: Alex Skora (Theta Xi)
National Convention Scholarship Award: Zeta Delta and Theta Mu
Display Award: Kappa Iota
Scrapbook Award: Alpha Iota
Travel Award: Epsilon Omega

Respectfully submitted
Zack Rebarck
Vice President of Special Projects

Credentials Committee

The credentials committee would like to recognize the following chapters' milestone anniversaries that have occurred since last year's convention:

Alpha Theta, North Dakota State University; Chartered June 4, 1951, 60 years
Beta Psi, South Dakota State University; Chartered May 14, 1961, 50 years since first chartered, re-chartered on May 16, 2010, so it's their 1st year anniversary too!

The committee would like to recognize the following individuals in attendance at this year's convention:

National Officers

Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Vice President of Special Projects
Dr. Nicole Burdick, Vice President for Communication and Recognition

Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association

Chris Vanacore, Chair

Board of Trustees

Kelly Eidson, Vice Chair

Past National Officers

None in attendance

National Headquarters Staff

Nick Smith, Publications Manager

Midwest District Alumni Association

Leslie Twite, President
Carissa Hanschu, Vice President of Programs
Nancy Rice, Secretary/Treasurer
Sarah Casias, Member at Large

Midwest District Council

Brianna Upton, President
Zack Rebarck, Vice President of Special Projects
Justin Simmons, Secretary/Treasurer
Adrienne Rall, Counselor

Other Midwest District Representatives

Wendy McCann, Immediate Past District Counselor

Chapter Sponsors

None in attendance

Past Midwest District Officers

Cariss Hanschu, President
Leslie Twite, Vice President of Membership, Secretary/Treasurer

2011 Women in Music Speaker

Dr. Tin-Shi Tam, Iowa State University

2011 Midwest District Honoraries

Dr. Nicole Burdick
Dr. Kathryn Kelly
Chris Vanacore
Kelly Eidson

Respectfully submitted,

Karah Jones
Theta Xi

Ways and Means Committee

1. Members of the 2011 Ways and Means Committee
 - a. Advisor: Chris Vanacore
 - b. Committee Chair: Justin Simmons
 - c. Committee Members: Cayle Jones (Theta Mu), Caitlin McKenney (Zeta Nu), Kelly Ritter (Alpha Tau), and Eric Degenhardt (Zeta Delta).
2. The Ways and Means Committee was charged with the following duties:
 - a. From the 2010 Committee:

- i. Review the anticipated charges to the actual budget, plan accordingly for the 2011-2012 budget and make adjustment as necessary.
 - ii. Discuss any new fundraising ideas and discuss ways of old merchandise.
 - iii. Meet jointly with KKY to discuss joint fundraisers.
 - iv. Charge the 2012 Ways and Means Committee as necessary.
 - v. Charge the 2011-2012 MWD Council as necessary.
- b. From the 2010-2011 District Officers:
 - i. Evaluate the pre-sales from this year and make suggestions for next year.
 - ii. Create a concrete fundraising plan for the 2011-2012 District Officers to follow to meet the needs of our growing district.
 - iii. Look into the feasibility of having fundraising meals at Region Days.

2011 Ways and Means Committee Report

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 pm on Friday
2. Assigned Recording Secretary: Caitlin McKenney
3. Reviewed the 2010 Ways and Means Committee Report and Charges
4. Discussed Fundraisers
 - a. Fundraisers that we currently do:
 - i. Preorders for convention items
 - ii. Fundraiser lunch
 - iii. Penny wars (done by Alumni)
 - b. Other fundraising ideas:
 - i. Silent Auction at convention
 - ii. Bake sale (at region day and/or convention)
 - iii. District wide fundraising day (to operate like current district service day)
 - iv. Donations (from people other than sorority members and businesses)
5. Meeting was recessed until Saturday

Second Meeting

1. Meeting started at 9:00 am on Saturday.
2. Reviewed the current budget
3. Discussed possible changes for the budget (all changes are explained on the budget sheet)
4. Proposed a new budget for the 2011-2012 year.
5. Met with KKY Ways and Means Committee to discuss joint fundraiser ideas
 - a. Possibly ask chapters to raise dues to donate the extra money to the district.
 - b. Add a fee to convention registration to go to MWD (fee would be \$1-\$2 per person).
 - c. Scrip gift cards, www.shopwithscrip.com

6. Use of MWDAA
 - i. Give them specific goals and how they can help us reach the goals
 - ii. Also compose lists of Alumni for each chapter, so they can contact Alumni.
- b. Sell ads in the convention program or website.
- c. T-shirts
 - i. Standardized t-shirts
 - ii. Cater to more than just the members (parents, etc.)
 1. Or other random shirts (college or social specific)
7. Meeting Recessed until 2:45
8. Fixed budgeting errors from earlier meeting.
9. Charged the 2011-2012 MWD Council.
10. Charged the 2012 Ways and Means Committee.

Charges for the 2011-2012 District Officers:

1. To decide on fundraiser item(s) to sell and send preorders with convention registration and have preorders available during all region days.

Charges for the Secretary/Treasurer:

1. Contact all chapters to make them aware of the fact that they can donate money to the music commissioning fund.

Charges for the 2012 Ways and Means Committee:

1. Review the anticipated charges to the actual budget, plan accordingly for the 2012-2013 budget and make adjustment as necessary.
2. Discuss the new fundraising ideas and discuss ways of old merchandise.
3. Meet jointly with KKY to discuss joint fundraisers.
4. Charge the 2013 Ways and Means Committee as Necessary.
5. Charge the 2013 MWD Council as necessary.

Respectfully submitted

Justin Simmons

MWD Sec/Treas 2010-2011

Zeta Nu- University of Northern Iowa

Jurisdiction

Sisters and Brothers of the Midwest District,
 The Jurisdiction Committee convened to discuss the District Constitution. The committee was made up of: Kelly Eidson (advisor); Neil Siemers, Zeta Delta, and Kelly Skunes, Theta Mu (Co-chairs); Timothy Bromely, Delta Xi; Kamireon Douglas, Delta Xi (secretary); Rachel Israel, Zeta Nu; Andi Zeman, Theta Xi; and Niki Kadin, Theta Mu. The Tau Beta Sigma Separate Jurisdiction Committee for the 2011 Midwest District Convention was charged with the following:

1. We charge the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee to review the 2010 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
2. We charge the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee to update the Constitution to reflect any changes.
3. We charge the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee to review the constitution for grammar, clarity, and consistency errors.
4. We charge the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee to maintain the jurisdiction filing system for the Jurisdiction Committee. Files will be sorted by year. Each year's file should contain the following: copy of the Constitution being edited, minutes of the meetings, committee reports, and any other notes and documents as deemed by the chair.
5. We charge the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee to charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee as needed.
6. We charge the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee to charge the 2012 District Council as necessary.

The committee recommends the following changes:

Consistency, Clarification, and Other Changes

All typographical and spelling errors, grammar and numbering will be corrected before final printing or publishing.

Original: Article II Section 1 Heading 9 : The duties of the Vice President of Special Projects shall be:

Proposed Change: The duties of the Vice President of Special Projects shall be as follows:

Rational: This is to maintain consistency between the other officer positions wording and the wording for the office of the Vice President of Special Projects.

Original: No section

Proposed Change: Addition of Article II Section 1 Heading 9 between Subheading G and Subheading H that shall read as follows: The Vice President of Special Projects shall correspond with the Publications Host in regards to the Midwest Notes and the District Website.

Rational: This is to maintain consistency between the Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Constitution and the Joint Midwest District Constitution.

Original: Article II Section 3 Heading 1 : Each active chapter of the District shall be represented by one (1) official delegate at the regularly called District Convention. Each active chapter may also appoint up to three (3) alternative delegates

Proposed Change: To add a period to the end of this heading.

Rational: This is to maintain consistency between this heading and those both preceding and following it.

Original: Article II Section 3 Heading 5 whose last sentence reads: All seats of chapters in good standing with National Headquarters that are vacant and not filled by the above procedure shall be seated in alphabetical order continuing where the previous convention ended.

Proposed Change: Reword the last sentence to read as follows: All seats of chapters in good standing with the National Headquarters that are vacant after seating of delegates shall be filled alphabetically with alternate delegates from the chapters present. This shall be done according to the alphabetical listing of chapters beginning with the next chapter after the last one seated at the prior convention.

Rational: This is avoid confusion as to the nature of these alternate delegates and how they should be chosen in the future.

Original: Article II Section 6 Heading 1: The Separate District awards shall include the American Beauty Red Rose Award, Outstanding New Sister Award, Outstanding Service to Music Education Award, Outstanding Student Achievement Award, and the Outstanding Chapter Service Award/Chapter Achievement Award.

Proposed Change: Reword to read as follows: The Separate District awards shall include the American Beauty Red Rose Award, Outstanding New Sister Award, Outstanding Service to Music Education Award, Outstanding Student Achievement Award, the Outstanding Chapter Service Award/Chapter Achievement Award, and the Wendy McCann Award for Academic Excellence.

Rational: This is at the request of the Special Projects committee to create a new award.

Original: No section

Proposed Change: Creation of Article II Section 6 Heading 7 that shall read as follows: The Wendy McCann Award for Academic Excellence shall be awarded to students who excel academically and show selfless service.

Rational: This is at the request of the Special Projects committee to create a new award.

Original: Article II Section 1 Heading 5: Each District Officer (hereafter referred to as "Officer") shall be at least a sophomore student and an active member of the Sorority at the time of election. Each District Officer (hereafter referred to as "Officer") shall be at least a second year student and an active member of the sorority for at least one full semester or two full quarters at the time of election. Officers elected during their final year of college may serve out their current term of office, provided that they are a Life Member. Each Officer shall have exceptional business or professional ability and shall be capable of representing the Sorority and District when called to do so. Each Officer shall have the best interest of the Sorority at heart, be willing and able to devote the necessary time to the execution for the duties imposed by the office, and shall be

actively participating in or serving bands during their term of office. Officers shall remain active participants in a chapter in the Midwest District during their term.

Proposed Change: Striking the current heading and replacing it as follows:

1.05 Each District Officer (hereafter referred to as "Officer") shall satisfy the following requirements:

A. Each Officer shall be at least a second year student and an active member of the sorority for at least one full semester or two full quarters at the time of election.

B. Each Officer elected during their final year of college may serve out their current term of office, provided that they are a Life Member.

C. Each Officer shall have exceptional business or professional ability and shall be capable of representing the Sorority and District when called to do so.

D. Each Officer shall have the best interest of the Sorority at heart.

E. Each Officer shall be willing and able to devote the necessary time to the execution for the duties imposed by the office.

F. Each Officer shall be actively participating in or serving bands during their term of office.

G. Each Officer shall remain active participants in a chapter in the Midwest District during their term.

Rational: This is to give the constitution a clean look and to clarify that district officers should be both a second year student as well as been active in the sorority for one full semester. In the old wording, a person who transfers in could run even if they may not have the experience in the sorority necessary to succeed in the office. This new wording should prevent this occurrence.

Proposed Change: General formatting changes to the tabs and margins.

Rational: This is to give the document a clean and professional look. No major changes were made, just aesthetic.

We would like to make the following charges:

1. We charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee to review the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
2. We charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee to update the Constitution for grammar, clarity, and consistency errors.
3. We charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee to maintain the jurisdiction filing system for the Jurisdiction Committee. Files will be sorted by year. Each year's file should contain the following: copy of the Constitution being edited, minutes of the meetings, committee reports, and any other notes and documents as deemed by the chair.
4. We charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee to charge the 2013 Jurisdiction Committee as needed.

5. We charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee to charge the 2013 District Council as necessary.
6. We charge the 2012 Secretary / Treasurer to formally record the alphabetical list of district chapters.
7. We charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee to modify Article II Section 1 Heading 5 as needed.
8. We charge the 2012 District Council to provide the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee with the current copies of Constitution and By-Laws.

I would like to thank all of the members of my committee and advisors for their time and assistance.

Neil Siemers
Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Delta

Kelly Skunes
Tau Beta Sigma – Theta Mu

Membership

Advisor: Carissa Hanschu

Committee Chair: Sarah Hatfield (Zeta Omega)

Committee members:

- Elyse carter (Delta Xi)
- Abbie Schuyler (Theta Mu)
- Jackie Keeling (Zeta Nu)
- Marissa Archuleta (Delta Kappa)
- Alex Skora (Theta Xi) -Scribe
- Megan McKenna (Alpha Mu)

Charges from 2010

- Review and discuss the 2010 minutes
- Evaluate the 2010-2011 Region Days and workshops
- Review the Membership Database and suggest changes
- Review the chapter officer handbook and make amendments. (Amended to no charge, as the District Officers)
- Charge the 2011-2012 District Officers as necessary

Charges from 2010-2011 District Officers

- Create a Midwest District Membership Drive Contest and charge the 2011-2012 MWD Council (VPM) to hold the contest
- Create a list of Continuing Education Programs and Activities
- Look at MEPs from around the district and pick out one tangible learning tool from each to put in a list for the district

- As a committee, attend the Membership Education Workshop given by Becky Brittenham on Saturday at 2:45pm

Meeting Called to Order: Friday, March 27th 9:33 pm

Ideal Process for membership education

- Before school begins
 - o Send information out before band camp starts
 - Fliers
 - Email/links to chapter/national website
 - o Announcements/Social activities or ideas during band camp
 - Identify active members by wearing t-shirts/bandanas/letters
 - Open meetings: everyone can get a feel for what meetings are like
 - Sit in on meetings
 - Introduce the new people at each meeting
 - Social night with invites
 - Week-long social week
- Bid Process
 - o Stay friends with the possible PMs for improved retention – they’ll feel most welcome
- Beginning of Prospective Member Process
 - o Connect Bigs/Littles mentoring ASAP
 - Kappa Dad’s as well as your TBS big
 - Family Tree night
 - Continued social events
 - Education Process
 - o Education Process ideas
 - Weekly quizzes
 - Jobs of Officers
 - Have each officer explain their position/role in the organization
 - Knowing job descriptions of National and District level
 - TBS history
 - Encourage PMs to have weekly get-togethers
 - PM mascot passed through each PM class

} Quick transitions into “PM-
hood”

- Encourages bonding
 - Take pictures with it
 - Service Project planned by PMs
 - Also, possible social project planned by PMs
- After the PM class has been initiated
 - Sisterhood Bonding Time
 - Go out to dinner
 - Incorporate new members in traditions
 - Close meetings
 - Restructure Committees
- Continuing Education Process
 - Games
 - Joint Trivia activity
 - Jeopardy Review session
 - Sing the hymns
 - Actives attend education class and take quiz with PMs
 - Returning members review their role as described in the chapter constitution
 - Learning about KKY
 - Ritual Workshops
 - Robert's Rules of Order review
- Membership Retention
 - Increase leadership opportunities available
 - Appreciation/recognition ideas
 - Weekly appreciation slips
 - Various sister awards
 - Choosing your own committees
 - Sister bonding nights
 - Game night
 - Creative writing or storytelling
- Educating Hazing Policy
 - Knowing and understanding the clear definitions of hazing
 - The definition must be discussed within each chapter
 - Discuss examples of hazing from other Greek chapters
 - Making sure that it is clear to all members that all activities outside of TBS are optional

- Empathy with new members
- Knowing a safe person outside of TBS (ex Safe Zone) to talk to in the case of hazing

MEP Strengths Within various Chapters

- Everyone keeping Membership Education Programs up to date; once a year
- Pop-corn style readings to learn about TBS national and district history
- Catch-phrase for each of the 8 essential factors created in groups
- Chain of command – tells PMs who to go to first
- Starts with chapter level onto National level in education
- A large variety of activities spread out throughout education process focusing on the purposes

Midwest District Fast Facts Sheet Changes

- Include Dates that each active Midwest district chapter was founded
- Chapter Sponsors Contact information
- Past years convention locations
- Be sure to not have too much information
 - Not include pictures; changes too often
 - Not include officer contact info; also changes often
- Show date the Fast facts sheet was last revised, and who revised it
- Add links/instructions to sign up to the listserv

Discuss District Win-win Membership Drive

- Use the national win-win Membership Drive as guidelines for a contest at the district level. Prizes could include a free blanket, sweatshirt or district registration

Membership Education Database

- Activities
 - Skits
 - “Apples-to-Apples” – Apply 8&5 to your own chapter
- Forums Online for member-only discussions
- Having a member from each chapter in charge of being a delegate for one specific topic or area
- Further ideas
 - Ritual Education
 - Membership
 - Hazing

Discuss the Chapter Officer handbook

- Amended as a no-charge by the district officers

Meeting Adjourned: 10:20 am

Charges for the Membership Committee for 2012

- Review and Discuss the 2011 minutes
- Review the MEP database for functionality, links, errors, and content
- Review the Membership Education Drive Contest
- Revise the list of Continuing education ideas and possibilities
- Review the District Fast-Facts

Charges for the 2011-2012 District Officers

- Charge the VPM with emphasizing the importance of the MEP
- Charge the District counselor with review all content going on the MEP database
- Charge the VPM with establishing a district-level Membership Win-Win Drive
- Charge the VPM with advertising said district-level Membership Win-Win Drive
- Charge the Sec-Treasurer to send the minutes out at June 1st at the latest
- Charge the Webmaster to create the database and have it functioning for chapter use by August 1st
- Charge the District Events Committee to review and evaluate the Region Days

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank Katherine Kelly for blessing us with her presence. We would also like to thank her for her constructive criticism and assistance with our discussions.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Hatfield

2011 Tau Beta Sigma Committee Chair, Zeta Omega

Appendix 2 – Joint Committee Reports

Convention Site

Chair: Rhaechel Ohge, Theta Xi

Chair: Stacie Stearns, Iota Omega

Publications

Chair: Laura Dress, Zeta Delta

Chair: Ethan Levine, Epsilon Pi

Jurisdiction

Chair: Neil Siemers, Zeta Delta

Co-Chair: Kelly Skunes, Theta Mu

Chair: Mike Carte, Delta Gamma

Co-Chair: Katelyn Rowe, Epsilon Psi

District Events

Chair: Haley Conway, Delta Kappa

Chair: Sean Damon, Alpha Theta

Convention Site Committee

Stacie Stearns and Rhaechel Ohge
March 26, 2011

The 2011 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following tasks:

1. Review the suggested questions for bid presentations and alter if necessary. Please note that no more than half may be reused.
2. Set a time limit for convention presentations and questions based on a recommendation from the district presidents and subject to the number of bids submitted.
3. Appoint one person to time presentations and questioning period during the presentation.
4. Review submitted bids to ensure that all required information is provided. Prepare a joint list of pros and cons for each bid. These lists will be read following the Q & A time for each bid in front of the delegation.
5. Update convention bid guidelines as needed and submit an electronic copy along with report.
6. Charge the 2011 Convention Site Committee as necessary.
7. Charge the 2010-2011 District officers as necessary

We addressed these charges as follows:

1. We didn't received questions from the 2010 MWD Convention Site Committee, so we created our own. The charge to reuse no more than half of the questions was irrelevant.
2. The bid presentations had a time limit of 10 minutes along with a 10 minute Q & A session.

The following chapters bid for the 2012 Midwest District Convention:

- Northwest Missouri State University – KKΨ, Kappa Delta
Kansas State University – TBΣ, Delta Kappa
To be hosted at Northwest Missouri State University.
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln – KKΨ, Epsilon Omega
University of Nebraska – Kearney – TBΣ, Theta Mu
To be hosted at University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Missouri University of Science and Technology – KKΨ, Delta Gamma – TBΣ, Delta Xi

The Convention Site Committee created a list pros and cons for each of the above bids.

Kappa Delta – Delta Kappa **“We Are Family – A weekend in the 70’s”**

Pros:

They had a very thorough bid which covered many of the MWD Convention requirements. The committee also determined the theme to be very well incorporated with their activities. The theme can be easily integrated into music, as well as brotherhood and sisterhood events.

The chapters have also hosted Region Day to exemplify the requirement of hosting large-scale events.

Cons:

Our committee feels strongly that communication between these two chapters would be a big concern and this weighed heavily with our decision. We also thought that by Delta Kappa hosting Convention in 2009, giving the opportunity to other chapters would be the best decision.

Epsilon Omega – Theta Mu

“One Band, Two Band, White Band, Blue Band – Dr. Seuss”

Pros:

This location was a central location for many chapters to travel to, allowing larger attendance. This chapter has hosted Convention recently which gives them experience to draw upon for hosting another successful Convention. They plan to have all activities take place in the same building which will ease transportation concerns. Though these chapters are two hours apart, they appear to have excellent communication between each other.

Cons:

Our number one concern for this bid was the lack of integration of the theme into Convention weekend. Though it is creative, it is unclear how the theme will be incorporated into Convention. The primary date listed was found to take place on Easter weekend, which may be inconvenient for many people. They have also recently hosted Convention in 2007 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The committee felt that there was a lack of detail regarding fundraising for this Convention. They also included late registration fees in their Convention budget, which is not a reliable source of income for a budget.

Delta Gamma – Delta Xi

“The Science of Music”

Pros:

Our committee appreciated the unique theme presented to us which incorporates the musical aspects of science which relate to many of the brothers and sisters around our District. The cost of registration for each participant was also very reasonable and looks to be stable in case of variation in attendance. We observed excellent communication skills between Delta Gamma and Delta Xi, which would, in the end, promote a stronger Convention. They provided excellent fundraising ideas in order to fulfill budgetary needs. Planning for transportation ahead of time was also an important aspect for our committee. For the location, we determined that having each event take place in a close walking distance from each other was beneficial to logistical concerns. We also enjoyed the enthusiasm these chapters showed in their presentation of their bid.

Cons:

Though Missouri University of Science and Technology cannot help where they are located, we recognize that this location could be presented as a concern for attendance. We also saw that the lack of experience hosting large events was a concern.

Based on the list of pros and cons, the 2011 Convention Site Committee recommends Delta Gamma and Delta Xi to host the 2012 Midwest District Convention.

Charges for 2012 Convention Site Committee:

1. Set a time limit for convention presentations and questions based on the number of bids present.

2. Appoint one person to time presentations at question period during the presentation.
3. Review submitted bids to ensure that all required information is provided. Prepare a list of pros and cons for each bid.
4. Update convention bid guidelines according to the most recently revised edition of the *District Convention Host Chapter Guidelines*.
5. Charge the 2012 Convention Site Committee as necessary.
6. Charge the 2011-2012 District officers as necessary.

Charge for 2011-2012 District Council:

1. Update Convention Bid guidelines as suggested by the 2011 Convention Site Committee.

Thank you to all of the chapters that submitted a bid for the 2012 Midwest District Convention. The 2011 Convention Site committee appreciated the hard work and effort these chapters demonstrated in their bids and during their presentations. Also, thank you to Wendy McCann and Tony Falcone for advising our committee. Lastly, thank you to all of the 2011 Convention Site committee members. Your hard work and dedication helped make this committee run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie Stearns – Iota Omega (KKΨ), Rhaechel Ohge – Theta Xi (TBΣ)

Advisors:

Anthony Falcone (KKΨ), Wendy McCann (TBΣ)

Convention Site Committee Members:

Jenifer Kirmer (TBΣ), Zeta Delta

Charlotte Lane (TBΣ), Zeta Delta

Laura Vaske (TBΣ), Alpha Theta

Shalyn Guthery (TBΣ), Theta Xi

Hillary Hughes (TBΣ), Alpha Tau

Robert James (KKΨ), Alpha Iota

Andrew Salzman (KKΨ), Alpha Nu

Jeffrey Gibbens (KKΨ), Delta Eta

Brett Kelly (KKΨ), Epsilon Pi

Laura Christy (KKΨ), Eta Zeta

Tyler Allen (KKΨ), Iota Psi

Robert Roth (KKΨ), Iota Psi

Kyle Sloup (KKΨ), Iota Omega

The following were the questions asked to the bidding chapters following the presentation:

How many meeting rooms do you have available?

Will your budget be able to cover misc. expenses?

Does your university require insurance/security?

What effects will attendance have on your budget?

What do you foresee as your biggest obstacle and how would you address this?

Why do you want to host convention?

Can you elaborate on large instrument availability?

Are you able to change your preferred dates of Convention?

Can merchandise be sold in your locations mentioned for the Marketplace?

Do you have confirmation for availability of your facilities?

Do you have a way to obtain a website and maintain it? Do you have the specific address?

Publications Committee

The publications committee was charged with the following duties:

1. To create a link on the main web site page specifically for submitting suggestions related to the web site and Midwest Notes.
 2. Update and maintain all links to current chapter web sites as defined by chapter presidents.
 3. Review the publication deadlines for the Midwest Notes.
 4. To work closely with the Midwest District list-serve administrator.
 5. To establish a format change of the Midwest Notes to a journalistic style.
 6. Add creative ideas such as flair, Easter eggs, and games to promote interest in the Midwest Notes.
 7. Create links within the Midwest Notes to easily access specific pages.
 8. Establish multi-chapter participation in the website and Midwest Notes.
 9. To review posts and blogs by Midwest chapters on the web site.
- I. Introduction of members
 - a. Advisor
 - i. Nick Smith – National Publications Manager
 - b. Committee Chairs
 - i. Ethan Levine – KKY – EP
 - ii. Laura Drees – TBS – ZD
 - c. Members
 - i. Jason Clark – Epsilon Pi
 - ii. Brandi Zwiener – Epsilon Omega
 - iii. Emily Glaser – Eta Zeta
 - iv. Eimile Colgan – Kappa Delta
 - v. Paula Newhouse – Theta Mu
 - vi. Jacob Dornbush – Zeta Nu

The joint meeting of the publications committee was held on Saturday with a focus on redesigning the Midwest Notes publication for a new format and publication style. We discussed redesigning the Midwest Notes to be published in a blog style to attract greater readership amongst active members. The purpose of this change is to allow members to keep up with the events within the district without having to wait for a printed publication to be made available. In keeping with national regulations, there will still be printed editions made up of posts from throughout the year to file with nationals. Some notable features of the new Notes will include the following:

- Home page with recent articles submitted by anyone in the district who wants to contribute

- Archive section compiled of past articles dating back to 2003 post-convention that will be categorized and appropriately filed according to the new system by the end of the summer
- Chapter information pages that contain a brief bio and officer list of each chapter with links to their respective web sites
- Info page containing important information about the new Notes as well as an FAQ section to help get users acquainted with the new format
- Submissions page including policies and procedures for submitting articles or suggestions to the site
 - The publishing chapter selected by the delegation will be provided with specific guidelines for publishing that were decided upon in committee

The meeting started with the introduction of advisors, chairpersons, and committee members. The chairpersons asked who would like to be the committee secretary and then appointed Paula Newhouse to the position.

We reviewed and discussed the 2010 Committee Report. We also brainstormed potential changes that could be made to the MWD website and the Notes. We then reviewed and discussed the bid packet from Iota Omega and Theta Xi and decided to ask them if they would be willing to take on the task of this proposed redesign. During their public bid presentation, Iota Omega and Theta Xi indicated enthusiastically that they would welcome the opportunity to bring this new design to life, with a completion goal of August 1st, 2011, in time for chapters to submit articles at the beginning of their respective band camps.

We discussed the results of the bid presentation and voted unanimously to recommend that Iota Omega and Theta Xi be recognized as the 2011-2012 Midwest District Publishing Chapter in charge of the MWD website and Notes in accordance with the charges below.

Charges for the 2011-2012 Publications Hosting Chapter

1. The publishing chapter shall be responsible for rebranding the Midwest Notes to a blog-style format, integrating social networking for the purpose of sharing articles, i.e. through Facebook, Twitter, etc.
2. The new Midwest Notes shall have a presence on Facebook and Twitter in order to facilitate wider public and district-wide knowledge of its online presence and potential
3. The publishing chapter shall convert all editions since 2003 Post-Convention into blog-style articles to be included in the new archives and tag them appropriately
4. Articles shall be submitted via a specified email address decided upon by the host chapter and through a web form posted on the blog site
 - There should be no more than one week between submission and a reply back to the author of submitted articles.
5. The publishing chapter shall add links to the new blog site and other social media relating to the Midwest Notes on the Midwest District website
6. The publishing chapter shall continue to maintain and update a district website
 - Update date on the bottom of the page
 - Add social networking links to main website
7. The Notes transition should be completed by August 1, 2011

Charges for the 2011-2012 District Council

1. Ensure that the Midwest Notes and the new blog system are properly publicized

Charges for the KKY/TBS Presidents

1. Ensure that both publication committee chairs and advisers are both provided with the same information regarding joint charges and other meeting information
2. Ensure that the 2011-2012 convention host chapters keep the convention website updated with all appropriate information and forms

Charges for the KKY MAL/TBS VPSP

1. Encourage each chapter to submit an article about any event that requiring full chapter membership

Charges for the 2012 Convention Host Chapter

1. Ensure that all necessary forms are posted on the district website
2. Provide necessary technology such as projectors, wireless internet, and tech support to each standing committee
3. Ensure that both publications committee chairs and advisors are provided with the same information
4. Ensure that the convention website is kept up to date
5. Provide articles to the Midwest Notes throughout the years on the topic of convention plans
6. Provide each chapter with a convention packet, including all necessary information and requirements

Charges for the 2012 Publications Committee

1. Review all bids for MWD publications
2. Prepare a list of questions to ask during bid presentations
3. Submit charges to necessary changes
4. Evaluate effectiveness and implementation of the new blog format charged by the 2011 Publications Committee
5. Discuss possible implementation of new features such as photos, videos, etc.
6. Evaluate effectiveness of Facebook and Twitter accounts and determine if their existence is justified
7. Review submission procedures and update if necessary
8. Review the quality of the Midwest Notes and suggest changes if necessary
9. Review the Midwest District website and ensure that it is still running effectively
10. Review Midwest District website design and discuss any potential visual design changes as necessary
11. Ensure that there are prominent links to the Midwest Notes published on the MWD website

Charges for the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee

1. Discuss a possible constitution requirement for the Midwest District Notes to be in a blog-style online format

We would like to thank Paula Newhouse of Theta Mu for serving as committee secretary and Nick Smith for serving as advisor as well as all members that were present during committee meetings.

Finally, on behalf of the 2011 Joint Publications Committee, we would officially like to recommend Iota Omega and Theta Xi to be the publishing chapters of the new Midwest District Publications.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethan Levine
Kappa Kappa Psi – Epsilon Pi
Kansas State University

Laura Dress
Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Delta
University of Kansas

Jurisdiction Committee

2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee Report

Charges:

1. Review the 2010 Joint Jurisdiction Committee Report.
2. Review the Bylaw as to their accuracy with the National Constitution.
3. Work with programs committee to discuss additional awards.
4. Prepare final report and deliver report to delegation, submit to MWD Sec/Treas.
5. Change all grammar, clarity, and consistency errors in the Bylaws as predetermined by the members of the Jurisdiction committee.
6. Charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee as necessary
7. Charge the 2011-2012 District Officers as necessary

Proposed changes to the Joint Bylaws

Original: Article I Section 4: A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Midwest District delegation shall be required for adoption of these bylaws.

Proposed Change: Rewording of Article I, Section 4 to read as follows: A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of each Midwest District delegation shall be required for adoption of these bylaws.

Rational: This is to distinguish between two-thirds favorable vote of total members, what was said before, and two-thirds of each delegation, what we want it to say.

Original: Once adopted, the bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of-the

Proposed Change: Rewording of Article I, Section 5 to read as follows: Once adopted, the bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of each Midwest District delegation.

Rational: This is to distinguish between two-thirds favorable vote of total members, what was said before, and two-thirds of each delegation, what we want it to say.

Original: Article II Section 4: Joint sessions shall be governed alternately by the preceding officers of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. All officers from both organizations shall be responsible for performing their duties as coordinated by their presiding officers.

Proposed Change: Rewording of Article II, Section 4 to read as follows: Joint sessions shall be governed alternately by the presiding officers of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. All officers from both organizations shall be responsible for performing their duties as coordinated by their presiding officers.

Rational: This is to distinguish between the preceding officers, those who are no longer in office, and those presiding in those offices, who we believe are the actual intent of the article.

Original: Article V Section 1: The name of the official publication of the Midwest District shall be Midwest Notes. The Midwest District shall also maintain an Internet website located on the National Headquarters server.

Proposed Change: Striking the current Article V, Section 1 to be replaced with Article V, Section 1 to be written as follows: The name of the official publication of the Midwest District shall be Midwest Notes.

Rational: We decided to split up 5.01 into two parts because it seems like the original 5.01 contained two separate items, and should therefore be split.

Original: No Section

Proposed Change: Creating a new section between the current Article V Section 1 and Section 2 to read as follows: The Midwest District shall maintain an Internet website located on the National Headquarters server.

Rational: We decided to split up 5.01 into two parts because it seems like the original 5.01 contained two separate items, and should therefore be split.

Original: Article VII Section 1: The Midwest District Awards shall consist of the Display Award, Scrapbook Award, and Travel-Award.

Proposed Change: Rewording Article VII, Section 1 to read as follows: The Midwest District Awards shall consist of the Display Award, Scrapbook Award, and Travel Awards.

Rational: This is to keep consistent with the new wording of Article VII Section 4.

Original: Article VII Section 4: The Travel Awards are given to the two chapters that have traveled the most miles since the end of the last District Convention.

Proposed Change: Rewording Article VII, Section 4 to read as follows: The two Travel Awards are given to the chapters that have traveled the most miles since the end of the last District Convention, one for each organization.

Rational: This change is to reflect that one reward should go to each organization and thus two awards are given in total.

Proposed Change: Changing the spelling / format of the word “bylaws.”

Rational: This is to maintain consistency throughout the document regarding the spelling of this word.

Charges for the 2012 Joint Jurisdiction Committee

1. Review the 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee Report.
2. Review the Bylaw as to their accuracy with the National Constitution.
3. Work with programs committee to discuss additional awards.
4. Prepare final report and deliver report to delegation, submit to MWD Sec/Treas.
5. Change all grammar, clarity, and consistency errors in the Bylaws as predetermined by the members of the Jurisdiction committee.
6. Charge the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee as necessary.
7. Charge the 2012-2013 District Officers as necessary.
8. Review the need for a new section to be added to the Separate Constitutions and Joint Bylaws pertaining to District Service Days.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tau Beta Sigma

Kappa Kappa Psi

Neil Siemers (Zeta Delta) – Chair
Kelly Skunes (Theta Mu) – Co-Chair
Kelly Eidson, Advisor
Timothy Bromely (Delta Xi)
Kamireon Douglas (Delta Xi) – Secretary
Rachel Israel (Zeta Nu)
Andi Zeman (Theta Xi)
Niki Kadin (Theta Mu)

Mike Carte (Delta Gamma) – Chair
Katelyn Rowe (Epsilon Psi) – Co-Chair
Jack Lee, Advisor
Sean Klover (Delta Gamma)
Scott Barkmeier (Xi) – Secretary
Kirsten Schweitzer (Alpha Theta)
Jared Ransom (Iota Omega)
Matt McCown (Epsilon Omega)

District Events Committee

Special Committee on District Events - Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Haley Conway and Sean Damon

In Attendance: Nick Hayen, Deanna Hayes, Crystal Schroeder, Ray Mallak, Rosamond Hopkins, Natalie Jones, Sara Ridley, Allison Whitfield, Kevin Reinhardt, Brian Ienknahlik, and Colin Ryan

Secretary: Ellie Henson

Adivisors: Leslie Twite and Jeff Waldschmitt

The meeting of this committee began Friday night and started with a call to order, introductions of each member, and appointment of a secretary. Discussion began with going over the agenda, the charges from last years committee, and led into discussion on the proposed Leadership Weekend. The proposed date for this event is May 21st

thru May 22nd. We discussed the proposed schedule and decided to make some changes. This began with adding social or icebreaker activities on Friday night and still keeping the majority of the event on Saturday. Then Saturday morning will start off with a motivational speaker and then participants will break off into separate sessions depending on their officer position. There will be one workshop during each session that is designed to be open to others in attendance that are not officers. There will be a total of 3 sessions an hour long each and a Ritual Education segment. The day will end with mock meetings, a break for dinner and then a closure session done by the same speaker that started the day. In the schedule that is attached to this report we also include a list of possible speakers and session leaders for the District Council to consider.

Housing for the Leadership weekend was also discussed. What we decided was that the incoming district officers need to contact the chapters at Kearney and discuss possibly having them host some of the attendees, look into possibly using the dorms on campus, and coming up with a list of reasonably priced hotels in the area. In addition, we encourage the council to keep in mind that we want to keep down the cost of this event as much as possible.

Upon finalizing the ideas for the leadership weekend we were also presented one application for region day from the chapters at University of Missouri -Columbia. The committee then read over and discussed the presented application and we decided to return it to them with request of adding a schedule of events that better clarifies the workshops and events that they would like to do. Once they create their schedule they can re-submit it to the incoming district councils by December of this year in order for it to be approved for next spring.

We then came back to the charges from last years committee. We discussed the fall mailing that was charged to the council and were in agreement that it is a very good idea and still would like to see it happen. The committee could not re-evaluate the leadership conference because it did not occur. Also, the charges that were made to publications were also completed.

We charge the 2011-2012 Midwest District Council with the following:

- To consider a fall mailing regarding upcoming district events and information to encourage more applications for region days.
- To execute the plan for the Leadership Weekend

We charge the 2012 Committee on District Events with the following:

- Evaluate the Leadership Weekend and make any necessary changes.
- Charge the 2012 District Events Committee to charge the 2013 District Events Committee and the 2013-2014 District Council as necessary.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Haley Conway - Committee on District Events Co-Chair

Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Kappa, Kansas State University

Sean Damon - Committee on District Events Co-Chair

Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha Theta, University of Northern Colorado

Location: Kearney, Nebraska

Proposed date: May 21, 2011

Purpose: To train recently elected officers in their positions and teach these officers and other potential officers lessons in leadership skills.

Proposed schedule:

Friday

5:30pm – Registration

6-9pm – Icebreaker/Social Activities

- Ice Breakers
- Balloon game: put a factoid about yourself in a balloon and blow it up. Tie the balloon to your leg with a piece of string. Object is to pop everyone else's balloon by stepping on it and not let your own get popped. Once a winner has been determined, each person finds a random fact and reads it aloud trying to guess who wrote it.
- The committee should feel free to suggest any other games they like.
- See personality test from packet – purpose is to determine leadership style and strengths and weaknesses of each
- Social event to be added (Maybe Bowling)

Saturday

9:00am – Motivational Speaker Presentation

10:00am – First Breakout Session

- Presidents – SMART Goals and creating a vision for the year
 - See SMART Goals handout from packet
- Vice Presidents – Membership Education Programs (Separate Session)
- Secretaries* – Taking accurate minutes and keeping accurate records
 - It should be stressed that minutes should be available to the whole chapter immediately after chapter meeting.
- Treasurers – Creating a budget
- Historians – Keeping the pictorial history (scrapbook)
 - Scrapbooks can be more than pictorial... discuss journaling in scrapbooks too
 - See my comment on secretaries below.
- Alumni Relations Officer – Communicating with Alumni
- Address Book (can get information from HQ)
- Newsletters, emails to keep updated
- Ideas on what to do with alumni
- Roberts Rules of Order - Common Misconceptions, how to bring this back to their chapter.

*Secretaries will include both Recording and Corresponding Secretaries.

11:00am – Second Breakout Session

- Presidents – Paperwork and the importance of being on time
- Vice Presidents – Continuing Membership Education Programs (Separate Session)
- Secretaries – Communication with other chapters
- Treasurers – Balancing the checkbook and keeping accurate records, Banking (working with banks i.e. issues)
- Historians – Keeping the written history
- Website Workshop

12:00pm – Lunch

1:30pm – Ritual Education

- Kappa Kappa Psi Ritual Discussion
- Tau Beta Sigma Ritual Discussion

3:00pm - Final Breakout Session

- Presidents – “Making meetings effective and efficient” or “How to effectively communicate with different personalities within your chapter”
- Vice Presidents – Service round-table discussion, Recruitment Events, Big/Little selection
- Secretaries – What about a round-table on awards (both district and nationals)?
 - Applying for Awards
 - Scholarships
- Treasurers – Fundraising round-table discussion, Getting people involved
- Historians – What about discussing how to keep a band history?
- Alumni Relations Officer – Starting a local AA

4:00pm – Communication among officers and “Mock Meetings” scenarios where the officers can practice running meetings and dealing with issues that can come up in meetings. If possible have some officers sit to the side and watch the scene play out and at the end let them make comments/concerns over what they saw.

5:00pm – Dinner

6:00pm – Closure- presented by speaker

Sunday

9:00am – Breakfast!

11:am – Brotherhood/Sisterhood activity. Play day in a park? I would bring the bubbles and chalk! ;) Frisbee, football, swings, Ninja game, kites, whatever else? Games and movies inside in case of inclement weather!

End time TBD.

The Roberts rules of Order, Website, and the last Alumni relations one should be planned to be open to all members and include things benefiting all active members.

Appendix 3 – Officer Reports

President

Brianna Upton, Theta Xi, Iowa State University

Vice President of Special Projects

Zack Rebarcek, Zeta Delta, University of Kansas

Secretary/Treasurer

Justin Simmons, Zeta Nu, University of Northern Iowa

Midwest District Counselor

Adrienne Rall, Tau Beta Sigma Life Member, University of Nebraska at Kearney

President Report

Wow – what a year it has been, one that I will not forget soon. There were several crazy road trips including: attending the installation of Beta Psi at SDSU, a 38 hour trip to Texas to learn more about CLC, a trip to Kearney with my counterpart from KKPsi (Maggie) which helped us become extremely close, and a trip to Kansas for a fantastic Region Day! This year was also memorable in the number of sisters I had the privilege of meeting and staying in contact with. I am so proud of the accomplishments of our District this year – and reading through your chapter reports only made my pride for our District grow. We are an amazingly talented, diverse, and dedicated group of women and men eager to serve not only our bands but also our District and National Organization. Tau Beta Sigma is a strong organization that has not only existed for 65 years, BUT thrived for 65 years. In the next year, I would like to challenge the Sisters of the Midwest District to find not only who they are in our sisterhood as an individual but also who we are as chapters and a district. Too often, sisters and brothers in our Bond fall into a crisis of identity. Rather than internally defining who we are and what we stand for as Sisters in the Bond, we look to the culture of our chapters and those around us to define who and what we are. When will we, as men and women in Tau Beta Sigma, find value in ourselves and stop deriving our value from our relationships with others outside our Bond? Being Sisters and Brothers in Tau Beta Sigma means devoting more than just service for our bands but also devoting love and passion for our Organization. I encourage you all to take some time this year, as our semester's end, to reflect both on your personal motivations, passion and identity within the sorority as well as your chapter's identity. Make your chapter is who you want it to be rather than fitting into the mold of how others see you. We were founded by strong women fighting against the status quo to have their foothold in music and music education, and we need to continue to push past the barriers we and others have created. Only we can define who we are and what we stand for as Sisters and Brother of Tau Beta Sigma – don't allow others to define this for you. I would like to thank a few people for our success as a District this year. To my chapter for being supportive and understanding with my new role and their willingness to go along for the crazy ride. To our National Council, Board of Trustee, and alumni members – especially those who have been with us this weekend: Dr. Nicole Burdick, Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Kelly Eidson, Chris Vanacore, Becky BRITENHAM, Leslie Twite, and others that I know I am forgetting – your love and passion for who we are and what we do is not only amazing but extremely contagious. To my fellow council members Zach and Justin for sticking with it even when it wasn't easy and for always being up for a good laugh. To Adrienne for inspiring me to push myself harder than I ever imagined and always be there to help me when I needed it. We didn't know where the road would take us this year, but we hung through all the bumps together and did a pretty darn good job!

And finally, the Midwest District for instilling your confidence in my ability to serve as your District President – it truly was an honor to serve you all in this past year, one that will impact me forever. I love every single one of you in this room with all my heart and if you ever need anything EVER – please contact me.

With Love in the Bond and Respectfully Submitted,
Brianna Upton , Midwest District President '10-'11

Vice President of Special Projects Report

Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to begin by thanking the delegation for giving me the privilege to serve as your Vice President of Special Projects. Over the year, I have learned so much, and would like to think of it as incredibly successful.

After recovering from Boulder, we began with our first conference call. We had new and past officers set goals for the year. I wasn't able to accomplish all of my goals, but I did get nearly everything charged to me taken care of, which was no small task. Then, after several more calls, we met in Kearney, Nebraska with the Kappa Council. We took advantage of this time by getting to know each other and had a blast. It wasn't all fun and games, but hashing out plans for the projects we would undertake was occasionally interrupted by random bouts of laughter.

Once school began, we started working on more chapter communication and making sure all of the local chapters were informed about what's going on. The region day hosted at K-State was one of the main focuses in the fall. It was great working on a smaller event, so we knew what to expect for planning convention, but that doesn't mean it was an easy task. Speaking of region day, we should get a game of ninja going on soon.

After region day, I began revamping the awards packet. I started by changing the requirements for letters of recommendation, changing descriptions, and working on streamlining the application process. The bulk of my charges were focused on improving the awards system, and I am proud to state, I accomplished every single one of them.

In the spring, I began working on fundraising, finding new ways to recognize recipients of district awards, and planning workshops for the KU region day. There for a while, it seemed like I was creating a new award and application every week (it was really only like 4). Overall, this past year as Vice President of Special Projects has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had, and I am beyond grateful to you for giving me this chance.

Respectfully Submitted
Zack Rebarchek
Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Delta
Vice President of Special Projects – Midwest District

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Sisters and Brothers of the MWD of TBS,

It's sad to think that not only is convention almost over, but the academic year as well. It seems like only a couple months ago I was elected as the MWD Secretary/Treasurer, and now the term has come to an end.

Looking back on what obstacles we had to face this year as a council is really kind of scary, but I don't think I could have been any luckier to have faced those challenges with the awesome council members I had.

We really got our terms started when we all traveled to Adrienne's house in Kearny, Nebraska, for not only our first in face meeting, but our first in face meeting as a joint council as well. We quickly learned a lot about each other during this meeting like the fact that we all get easily distracted with facebook and telling stories about past TBS experiences. But I guess that's how you know you have got a great group of people working with you, when you can learn to work together to accomplish goals and become friends in just a few short hours. I must say that I really enjoyed getting ice cream with everyone at Sonics even though there was a perfectly good Dairy Queen not too far away. I must say though even with our distractions we were able to accomplish a ton of tasks in the day and a half we had together.

One of the most challenging tasks I had this year was to compile the minutes from last year's convention. With the amazing help of our council we were able to track down all of the missing information, and I was then able to compile the minutes and get them sent to all of you. During this huge task is when I realized just what it was going to take to hold this office.

Another big task I was given as the sec/treas was the budget. With the help of our awesome councilor, Adrienne, the budget is now in a much easier to read format. It's even color coated to keep you interested while staring at all the numbers.

As we reach the end of convention it makes me think of how much I will miss our current council. Brianna, Zack, and Adrienne you guys have really made this year fun for me and I can only hope you enjoyed the experience as much as me.

I would like to thank all of you for letting me serve as you sec/treas this year. Being a member of the district council has been an experience I will never forget. I would also like to encourage all of you to run for a district office, and show the district how great you really are. I have faith in you all, and can't wait to see what the future of the MWD will be bring.

Respectfully Submitted

Justin Simmons

MWD Secretary/Treasurer

Zeta Nu- University of Northern Iowa

District Counselor Report

This year has just flown by for me! It seems like it was only a month ago that we were all together for our 2010 MWD Convention in Boulder, CO, but in reality this past month has been about planning this wonderful weekend! Now, as we come to the close of this awesome convention I would like to take a little time to say some words of thanks and to reflect on our Sisterhood.

There are so many people to thank for helping me through this first year. To my council: What was said last night at banquet to Brianna is true for all of you. I could not have made it through this year without your hard work, dedication and sisterhood. You have made me laugh, laugh until I've cried in fact, and, more importantly you have made me incredibly proud. I'm a better person now that you are all a part of my life. Thank you, thank you thank you! To the National Council, Board of Trustees, and the TBSAA: Thank you for your help and guidance throughout the year, for taking me under your wing, and for being here this weekend to support us. To Wendy McCann: Thank you for leaving me such big shoes to fill... these "shoes" have inspired me and pushed me to not settle for anything less than my best. Also, thank you for all of your help this weekend and for answering some of my stupid questions! To my home chapter, Theta Mu: You girls inspire me every single day, and I am so proud to be a sister from the Theta Mu chapter. I would especially like to thank Rebecca Brittenham, my candidate class sister from Theta Mu. Who knew that 9 years later we would be here, at convention, together again. But this time we know what delegates are! Finally, to the Midwest District Chapters of Tau Beta Sigma: Thank you for all that you do for your band programs and for the Sisterhood. You each inspire me in so many ways, and I can't wait to see what next year... our 65th year... brings!

Speaking of our anniversary and our milestone year... As we look past convention and into the next academic year, I encourage all of you to plan service projects, celebrations, and sisterhood activities surrounding the spectacular 65 years of our Sisterhood. You can work with the Girl Scouts and help them fulfill their music badge requirements. But, while you are teaching them about music, talk to them about how Tau Beta Sigma came to be a place for women to grow in leadership, strength and musicality in a world that didn't always accept them. You can hold a 65th anniversary celebration at your school. Invite other TBS chapters, your KKY Brothers, or even your whole band and share with them why you are proud to be a member of Tau Beta Sigma. You can hold a special sisterhood retreat where your chapter recounts the rich history of our wonderful organization through readings, singing, or even skits. You can even perform the Founders Day Ritual (the one we performed last night) on your own birthdays! Obviously these are just a few ideas, and I'm sure that if everyone in your chapters puts their thinking caps on, you can come up with some wonderful and heartfelt ideas too!

Remember, this year is a year of celebration. Many things (organizations, marriages, lives) don't have the chance to make it to 65 years of existence, but our Sisterhood has

powered through all obstacles and has made it! We are strong; we are proud; and we owe it both to ourselves and to those sisters before us to continue to strive 'For Greater Bands!'

Much Love in the Bond and Respectfully Submitted,
Adrienne Rall
MWD Counselor

Appendix 4– Chapter Reports

Alpha Theta – North Dakota State University

Alpha Iota – University of Minnesota

Alpha Mu – The Wichita State University

Alpha Tau – University of Wyoming

Beta Psi – South Dakota State University

Gamma Zeta – Emporia State University

Delta Kappa – Kansas State University

Delta Xi – Missouri University of Science and Technology

Zeta Delta – University of Kansas

Zeta Nu – University of Northern Iowa

Zeta Omega – University of Missouri

Theta Mu – University of Nebraska at Kearney

Theta Xi – Iowa State University

Alpha Theta – North Dakota State University

- Cared for marching band uniforms this year, including: hand out, turn in and dry cleaning - which was a great feat considering their growth from 80 to 220 members this year!
- Hosted a breakfast for marching band parents during their Gridiron Concert
- Important Education Component: Instilling ownership of chapter in candidates

Alpha Iota – University of Minnesota

- Continued chapter traditions by: having an ice cream social during Spat Camp, a Penny Wars Competition, and a fall Padelford Dance
- Volunteered in their community by painting pumpkins and making V-Day cards for the Ronald McDonald House
- Important Education Component: Reinforce the importance of the group over the individual

Alpha Mu – The Wichita State University

- Have continually assisted their department with their renovations in many ways!
- Strengthening joint relationship by monthly social activities
- Important Educational Component: Cows to Taus (like Apples to Apples)- allows interaction between actives and PMs while allowing them to reflect on concepts in the sisterhood!

Alpha Tau – University of Wyoming

- Continuously participate in joint service activities including: hosting a dinner for the Western Thunder Marching Band, setting up rooms for rehearsals, and helping during the annual Festival of the Winds
- Held a social for the entire marching band
- Important Educational Component: 'Midway' = PMs are asked about the Ideals and to actively exemplify them in their lives

Beta Psi – South Dakota State University

- Supported the Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band by helping with instrument distribution, cleaning instrument storage facilities, and distributing apples and water
- Beta Psi is both an official SDSU Organization and Greek Life helping them to recruit!
- Important Educational Component: Jeopardy Game allowing cooperation and interaction to get the right answer

Gamma Zeta – Emporia State University

- Collected canned food as part of a Halloween night service project with other Greek organizations across campus
- Host game, food, and movie nights for prospective members to learn about Sorority
- Important Educational Component: New members write down a service, social, and other project they're interested in doing, try to incorporate them into the year's events - showing everyone has a say in the organization

Delta Kappa – Kansas State University

- Supported K-State Marching Band by helping with uniform sizing, checking student in, assembling 'rookie bags', and a barbeque dinner for the entire band
- Selected as a finalist for the National Leadership Award
- Important Educational Component: Use of traditional games to reinforce the Eight and Five

Delta Xi – Missouri University of Science and Technology

- Hosted Girl Scout Day at their school allowing girls ages 8-14 an opportunity to learn conducting, music themes and different instruments
- Began participating in Orientation Days for freshman to help encourage them to participate in the band programs
- Important Education Component: End of the year human knot - helps enforce teamwork and support

Zeta Delta – University of Kansas

- Helped with the Heart of America Marching Festival, the Prairie Winds Festival, and annual Jazz Festival
- Hosted two very well attended program for Boy and Girls Scouts to earn their music badges
- Important Educational Component: Spaghetti Dinner that allows prospective members to be welcomed into a supportive and encouraging environment

Zeta Nu – University of Northern Iowa

- Helped with UNI's Marching Band uniforms by taking an inventory and reorganizing the uniform room
- Chapter members help new band members by taking them to lunch, allowing them to meet chapter members and ask questions about

college life

- Important Educational Component: Ask members to select 2-3 Ideals, reflect on how they can improve upon them and incorporate them into their lives, and present their reflections to the chapter

Zeta Omega – University of Missouri

- Participated in District-Wide Service Day by cleaning and organizing their marching band's uniform room to help with post-season uniform collection
- Began the tradition of wearing pink ribbons on uniforms during homecoming for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Important Educational Component: Service Project which helps them understand the dedication to supporting the band program

Theta Mu – University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Hosted several social events during marching band camp including: a welcome wagon, casino night, cookout, outdoor game night, and band camp dance
- Went on a chapter visit to Emporia State
- Important Educational Component: Volunteering with local high school bands helping members to exemplify the Ideals

Theta Xi – Iowa State University

- Worked with our brother chapter Iota Omega to host the Cyclone Honor Band Festival, Fall Band Banquet, and a Spring Band Picnic
- Got to know our new chapter sponsor, Dr. Natalie Steele, this year and just initiated our Upsilon class giving us 7 new sisters!
- Important Educational Component: Annual Jeopardy Game that pits the actives against the new members - benefiting both new and old members