

Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Convention



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Friday, March 8th:

Opening Joint Session:

The 26th annual Midwest District Convention was called to order by Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District President Patrick Determan, and Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Zack Rebarck at 6:28 pm.

Introductions

- Patrick Determan introduced the 2012- 2013 Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District Officers.
 - Eimile Colgen, MWD Vice President
 - Faith Guyer, MWD Secretary/Treasurer
 - Sarah McFadden, MWD Member at Large

- Zack Rebarck introduced the 2012- 2013 Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Officers.
 - Samantha Brown, MWD Vice President for Membership
 - Nathan Tendick, MWD Vice President for Special Projects
 - Shalyn Guthery, MWD Secretary/Treasurer

- Patrick Determan introduced the Kappa Kappa Psi National Officers and Dignitaries.
 - Adam Bates, National Vice President for Student Affairs
 - Dr. Travis Cross – National Vice President for Public Relations
 - Zeb Watkins – Chapter Field Representative
 - Dr. Rod Chesnutt – Chair, Board of Trustees
 - Dr. Malinda Matney – Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
 - Derrick Mills – Immediate Past National President
 - Rod Whiteman – North Central District Governor
 - Denali Alt, MWD Governor
 - Tony Falcone, MWD Governor

- Zack Rebarck introduced the Tau Beta Sigma National Officers and Dignitaries.
 - Dawn Farmer, National President
 - Dr. Nicole Burdick-Sanchez, National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
 - Jonathan Markowski, National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
 - Dollie O’Neil – Immediate Past National President
 - Lisa Croston – Board of Trustees Member
 - Adrienne Rall, MWD Counselor

- Zack Rebarck introduced the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Members
 - Leslie Twite, Finance Chair
 - Amanda Dickson, Membership Chair

- Patrick Determan introduced the Midwest District Alumni Association
 - Bev Cohen – Member-at-Large
 - Nancy Rice - Secretary
 - Sarah Casias - Vice President for Membership
 - April Cox - Vice President for Special Projects
 - Jason Dornbush - President
- Zack Rebarcheck introduced others important dignitaries
 - Aaron Moore - National Alumni, Historical, and Development Coordinator
 - Dr. Matthew Smith – Eta Zeta (KKY Host Chapter) sponsor, Director of Athletic Bands at the University of Kansas
- Patrick Determan and Zack Rebarcheck introduced Host chapters
 - KKY – Eta Zeta, University of Kansas
 - TBS – Zeta Delta, University of Kansas

Announcements:

- Wifi: Connect to KU-Passport, “musicconvention” - Music1! is the password.
 - Pick up black ribbon for Wava at convention table.
 - Social activities will be upstairs on the 4th floor.
 - Registration and Alumni table, sign up for graduating senior lunch
 - Penny wars starts tomorrow.
 - MWD Alumni Meetings will be held in room 4008.
 - Amy Havelin, member of the KKY Alumni Association, was introduced.
- The Joint Meeting was called to recess until Sunday, March 10th, 2013 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 Zack Rebarcheck at 7:22 pm.

- Seating of Delegates
 - Whitney Shoemaker (Zeta Delta) was seated as proxy for Alpha Theta
 - Misen Luu was seated for Alpha Iota
 - Rebecca Wheeler was seated for Alpha Mu
 - Heather Wilkie (Theta Mu) was seated as proxy for Beta Psi
 - Phil Kuhlman (Theta Xi) was seated as proxy for Gamma Zeta
 - Marissa Archuletta was seated for Delta Kappa
 - Kaitlyn Haan was seated for Delta Xi
 - Mike O’Donnell was seated for Zeta Delta
 - Leslie Twite (Zeta Nu Life Member) was seated as proxy for Zeta Nu
 - Emily Hyatt was seated for Zeta Omega
 - Jessica Sousek was seated for Theta Mu

Karah Jones was seated for Theta Xi

- Candidates for District Office
 - Nathan Tendick (Theta Xi) for President
 - Caitlin McKenney (Zeta Nu) for President
 - Samantha Brown (Delta Kappa) for Vice President of Membership
 - Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu) for Vice President of Membership
 - Kelly Skunes (Theta Mu) for Vice President of Special Projects
- Convention Bids for 2013
 - TBS: Theta Mu and KKY: Iota Psi from the University of Nebraska-Kearney
 - TBS: Zeta Omega and KKY: Eta Epsilon from the University of Missouri
- Publications Bids for 2013
 - TBS: Theta Xi and KKY: Iota Omega from Iowa State University
- Theta Xi moved to accept the standing rules. Theta Mu seconded. Motion passed.
- Theta Xi moved to appoint Kelly Skunes as Parliamentarian. Zeta Nu seconded. Motion passed.
- Theta Mu moved to adopt Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised). Theta Xi seconded. Motion passed.
- Last year's convention minutes were accepted as existing on the website.

Announcements:

- Pick up your Blankets after we adjourn! Sweatpants will be here tomorrow!
- Wava Tribute pin - \$15, see Board of Trustees member
- Chapter displays should be set up before 11:00am upstairs, 4th floor
- Awards due at 8:00 pm
- MWDAAGraduating Senior Award due at Midnight tonight
- Penny Wars
- Graduating Senior Lunch tomorrow
- Midwest Membership Drive Form Turn-In
- Turn in quizzes, and excess Materials for MEP
- Harlem Shake – 9:30 pm
- The next separate session is scheduled from 5-6 PM on Saturday; however, we will go through 6:10pm and give ourselves 5 minutes for songs.
- Alumni Schedule
 - 9-11 1st meeting Location: Silver and Gold room
 - 12-1 alumni lunch
 - 2:30 – 4 is pie
 - 9-11 on Sunday is 2nd meeting

-Counselor's Cup Schedule – Same room!

Zeta Omega – 11:30

Delta Kappa – 11:45

Theta Mu – 12:00

- Alpha Theta moved to call meeting to recess until Saturday, March 9, 2013, at 5:00 pm. Gamma Zeta seconded. Motion Passed.
- The Separate Session was called to recess until Saturday, March 9, 2013, at 5:00 pm.

Saturday, March 9th:

Second Separate Session:

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

The following Delegates were reseated:

- Sarah Schmidt was seated for Alpha Theta
- Ashley Krogstad was seated for Beta Psi
- Danya Thoms was seated for Zeta Nu
- National Announcements were given by Dawn Farmer, Jonathan Markowski, Nicole Burdick-Sanchez, Dollie McDonald, and Lisa Croston
 - National Convention will be in Springfield, MA July 23-28, 2013
 - Zeta Omega is the winner of the Win-Win Membership Drive
 - National Wava Memorial Information – Tribute pins \$15
- National Alumni Association Announcements given by Leslie Twite

Vice President for Special Projects report, presented by Nathan Tendick

Vice President for Membership report, presented by Samantha Brown

Secretary/Treasurer report, presented by Shalyn Guthery

President report, presented by Zack Rebarcek

- Nominations Report* was given by committee chair, Zack Rebarcek
 - Theta Mu moved to accept report as read, Zeta Delta seconded, motion passed

Slated
Nathan Tendick (Theta Xi) for President
Samantha Brown (Delta Kappa) for Vice President for Membership
Kelly Skunes (Theta Mu) for Vice President for Special Projects
Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu) for Secretary/Treasurer
- Zack Rebarcek entertained a motion to recess until Sunday morning
 - Alpha Iota motioned, Zeta Omega seconded, motion passed.

- The Separate Session was called to recess until Sunday, March 10th, 2013, at 8:00 am.

Sunday, March 10th:

Closing Separate Session:

The Closing Separate Session was called to order by Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Zack Rebarck at 8:08am.

Separate Committee Reports:

- Programs Committee Report* was given by committee chair, Nathan Tendick

*Mentioned reports can be found in Appendix 1

- Membership Committee Report* was given by committee chair, Samantha Brown

Outstanding Service award was presented by Nathan Tendick to Theta Mu, Zeta Nu, Zeta Omega, Theta Xi, and Zeta Delta.

Outstanding New Sister award was presented by Nathan Tendick to Marjorie Perkins (Zeta Omega).

- Ways and Means Committee Report* was given by committee chair, Shalyn Guthery

-Delta Xi moves to accept Shalyn's report and thus accepting the budget. Zeta Nu seconds, motion passed.

- Credentials report* was given by committee chair Stephanie Holtman (Theta Mu)

Outstanding Student Achievement Award was presented by Nathan Tendick to Jessica Sousek (Theta Mu).

- Jurisdiction Report* was given by committee chair, Kelly Skunes

-Theta Xi moves to accept the report given by Kelly and thus accepting the changes to the constitution. Seconded by Alpha Iota, motion passed.

Outstanding Service to Music Education award was presented to Theta Xi chapter by Nathan Tendick.

Chapter Scrapbook award was presented to Theta Mu chapter by Nathan Tendick.

- Counselor's Report given by Adrienne Rall

The slate was presented as follows:

President: Nathan Tendick

Vice President for Membership: Samantha Brown

Vice President for Special Projects: Kelly Skunes

Secretary/Treasurer: Chelsea Rasing

- Gamma Zeta moved to accept Nathan Tendick as President by acclamation. No opposition, motion passed.
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- Theta Xi moved to accept Samantha Brown as Vice President for Membership by acclamation. No opposition, motion passed.
- Theta Mu moved to elect Kelly as Vice President for Special Projects by acclamation. Motion failed.
 - Theta Xi nominated Chelsea Rasing for VPSP. Chelsea Rasing respectfully declined.
 - Delta Kappa moves to have 5 minute Q&A. Seconded by Theta Mu. Motion passed.
 - Vote by secret ballot
 - Kelly Skunes is Vice President for Special Projects
- Gamma Zeta moves to open the floor for nominations. Zack opens the floor for nominations. Theta Xi nominates Sam Johnson (Theta Xi). Sam has been determined eligible for office.
 - 5 minute question & answer period
 - 5 minute caucus
 - Theta Xi moves to have a five minute discussion period. Seconded by Gamma Zeta. Motion failed. Vote by secret ballot.
 - Chelsea Rasing elected as Secretary/Treasurer
- The 2013-2014 District Officers were sworn in by Adrienne Rall

Announcements:

-Buy all the merchandise from all the chapters!

- Zeta Delta moved to close the separate session. Seconded by Beta Psi. Motion passed.

Closing Joint Session

The Closing Joint Meeting was called to order by Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District President Patrick Determan and Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President Zack Rebarck at 10:33 am.

Joint Committee Reports:

- The Committee on District Events presented their report+
- The Publications Committee presented their report+
 - The Committee recommended the Iota Omega chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Theta Xi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma as Publications chairs for the 2013-2014 school year.
 - The publication committee chairs moved for Iota Omega and Theta Xi to serve as the Publication Chairs for the 2013-2014 school year by vote of acclamation
 - Motion passed.
 - Iota Omega and Theta Xi were elected to be the Publications chapters

+ Mentioned reports can be found in Appendix 2

- The Jurisdiction Committee presented their report+
 - The committee moved to accept the presented changes to the joint constitution, motion passed.
- The Convention Site Committee presented their report+.
 - Committee moves to accept the recommendation by acclamation. Opposition stated, motion fails.
 - Theta Mu nominates Theta Mu and Iota Psi, Iota Psi seconded.
 - Beta Tau nominates Zeta Omega and Eta Upsilon, Theta Xi seconded.
 - Theta Mu motions for 5 minute caucus, Iota Omega seconded. Motion failed.
 - Zeta Omega and Eta Upsilon will host the 2014 Midwest District Convention

MWDAA Council Report

-Officer announcements

President: Jason Dornbush

VPM: Nancy Rice

VPSP: Maggie Greenwood

Secretary/Treasurer: Abby Siemers

Alumni at Large: Nick Roar, KKY and Becky Brittenham, TBS

Webmaster: Nick Sondag

Penny Wars awards given.

Introduction of new council:

Kappa Kappa Psi

-President: Patrick Determan

-Vice President: Jeffery Makinster

-Secretary/Treasurer: Faithe Guyer

-Member-at-Large: Carissa Vinovskis

Tau Beta Sigma

-President: Nathan Tendick
-Vice President for Membership: Samantha Brown
-Vice President for Special Projects: Kelly Skunes
-Secretary/Treasurer: Chelsea Rasing

- Zeta Delta-TBS moved to adjourn the 26th Midwest District Convention. Second by Eta Zeta – KKY. Motion passes.
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- Midwest District Convention 2013 adjourned at 11:14 am.

Appendix 1 – Separate Committee Reports

Nominations

Chair: Zack Rebarcek, Zeta Delta

Programs

Chair: Nathan Tendick, Theta Xi

Credentials

Chair: Stephanie Holtman, Theta Mu

Ways and Means

Chair: Shalyn Guthery, Theta Xi

Jurisdiction

Chair: Kelly Skunes, Theta Mu

Membership

Chair: Samantha Brown, Delta Kappa

Nominations Committee

Nominations Report 2013

Called to order

Introductions:

Advisors: Adrienne Rall (MWD Counselor)

Committee Chair: Zach Rebarck (MWD President)

Members: Rebecca Wheeler (Alpha Mu), Emily Hyatt (Zeta Omega), Ashley Krogstad (Beta Psi), Jackson Brook (Delta Xi)

Appoint Committee Secretary:

I. Old Business

A. Reviewed and discussed 2012 Committee Report

II. New Business

Review of submitted packets

Individuals submitting packets:

- Samantha Brown (Delta Kappa) – VPM
- Caitlin McKenney (Zeta Nu) – President
- Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu) – VPM
- Kelly Skunes – (Theta Mu) – VPSP
- Nathan Tendick (Theta Xi) – President

List of Questions for Candidates

If you were to be elected for your position, what vision do you see for the district?

What school and extracurricular commitments do you have for next year? Do these have a set schedule – please explain?

Do you plan on traveling to visit other chapters in the district, especially the smaller and/or less established ones?

Would you be willing to accept nominations for any other district office? If so, which office would you be willing to fill?

Tell us a weakness of yours and how you have overcome it? Tell us what truly sets you apart from the other candidates?

(Anyone running for the same office *Sam*) What was your biggest regret from this past year and if the situation reappeared, how would you handle it differently?

What chapter offices are you planning to run for and how will you organize your time and schedule for them?

(Caitlin) Explain #1 (refer to applicant's packet) in your platform more in-depth.

(Chelsea) What would you put in the Membership Retention Guide? And how would you go about planning the small bi-monthly meetings?

Determine Candidate Eligibility
All Candidates Eligible

Determine Interview Schedule

8:30am – Caitlin McKenney
8:45am – Samantha Brown
9:00am – Nathan Tendick
9:15am – Chelsea Rasing
9:30am – Kelly Skunes

Slate

President: Nathan Tendick (Theta Xi)
Vice-President for Membership: Samantha Brown (Delta Kappa)
Vice-President for Special Projects: Kelly Skunes (Theta Mu)
Secretary/Treasurer: Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu)

Charges for the 2014 Nominations Committee

1. Actively publicize the Candidate Guidelines
2. We charge the 2013-2014 District Council to update the Candidate Guidelines
3. Double Check that all candidates are eligible for officer positions
4. Create a list of questions for the candidate interviews. No more than half of these questions can be reused from last year. Use no more than ten question combined from both sets of candidate questions from last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackson Brook – Delta Xi

Programs Committee

- Separate
- Advisor: Becky Brittenham (Theta Mu Life Member) and Amanda Dickson (Past SWD President)
- Committee Chair: Nathan Tendick, Theta Xi & MWD VPSP

- Committee Members: Caitlin McKenney (Zeta Nu), Kaitlyn Hahn (Delta Xi), Nicole Odom (Zeta Omega), Heather Wilkie (Theta Mu)
- Charges from 2012 Committee:
 - Charge the delegates to keep in mind that all references to School, Chapter, and people's names will be redacted when preparing awards packets for committees, Use the first name only on the cover of the award
 - Re-evaluate Sister Chapter program: Was it successful/not successful?
 - Evaluate the success of the digital scrapbook
 - Review guidelines of the Chapter Achievement award- Clear up unclear items
- Charges from 2011 National Convention
 - Sisterhood and Spirit Committee-“Create/Promote District Cheers. We would love to have an Official Cheer for each District at the next National Convention.”
- Charges from Kevin Earnest, National VPSP
 - Discuss national programs, such as Scouting for Music
 - Discuss the needs of chapters and the district and generate ideas for new district and national programs that address these needs. Include these ideas into your report.
 - Discuss methods by which chapters and the district have accomplished local implementation of national programs. Document the participation of all chapters in your district within your report.
 - Generate new ideas for new methods of local and district implementation of the national programs.
 - Review existing marketing strategies and generate future marketing strategies for national and district programs.
- Charges from Board of Trustees and the Scholarship Committee
 - What is the student perspective on advertising for National scholarships?
 - Current advertising consists of a combination of email blasts, listserv blasts, Facebook posting, Twitter posting, Podium articles and a permanent Scholarships page on the TBS website.
 - What is the student perspective on the scholarship criteria and application process?
 - Do the students have any suggestions on how to increase the number of applications? If so, what are they?
- Charges From 2012-2013 District Officers:
 - Review the Awards Packet. Find any awards that are redundant, and provide recommendations for the continuation of the award.

- Documents to include in Committee folders:
 - 2012 Programs Report
 - List of National Programs
 - Sister Chapter Program
 - Note: The District Awards Packet can be found at www.kkytbs.org/mwd
 - Note: All National Programs can be found at http://www.tbsigma.org/index_main.html in the programs drop-down menu.

Programs Committee Agenda 2013

- Charges From 2012 Committee:
 - We reviewed the charges from last year's committee; the committee is currently orientated for National Programs. The VPSP used some of this to help with awards.
 - Sister Chapter Program: Refresher on how the program works, which chapter is paired with which, and keeping the interaction simple. It is recommended to promote general correspondence and a reminder that your chapter switches every two years.

- Charges from 2011 National Convention
 - The Programs committee recorded the Theta Mu chapter doing the Midwest Cheer variations and the specific cheer. We also slowed down the moves and added sound, this will allow people to learn the various parts, and then put it together.

- Charges from Kevin Earnest, National VPSP
- Charges from Board of Trustees and the Scholarship Committee
 - National Awards, National Programs, National Scholarships: The committee discussed what they felt and knew about the National Awards, Programs, and Scholarships; expressing confusion and sometimes overwhelming with how many there are. To help solve this we recommend organizing all of the National stuff into a user friendly way of viewing the available National opportunities, such as organizing them into chapter, alumni, recognition, and individual. Our committee advisor Amanda Dickson recommended having chapter members subscribe to the national and district list serv to receive updates. To help chapters apply for awards the committee recommends chapters have a person, chair, and/or a committee in charge of applying for awards at the District and National level. We also recommend that in membership retention that a section be included on National Awards, Programs, and Scholarships.
 - To continue generating support for the National Intercollegiate Band we would like to remind people there are scholarships available at the District level to help pay for fees. There are also National Scholarships to help

fund delegates for convention. We also discussed how music programs at our schools may be willing to help fund people who make NIB. Another great recruiting tool is that the NIB plays commissioned music from the National program for music commissioning.

- Women in Music Speaker: The committee discussed the Women in Music Speaker program, we all agreed that we like District Convention being a staple point for having a Tau Beta Sigma Women in Music Speaker in attendance. This is a great opportunity for everyone attending convention to participate in the program. We also discussed how this can be implemented at a local level; we came up with think small. This means look for women in the music faculty, the local music community, a symphony, then have an event. This event could be for just the chapter or better yet up it up to the music program or the entire campus and community. This would require the appropriate advertising. One of these events could be used to recognize someone after a concert; additionally an event could be used as a recruiting tool for your chapter.
- Program guides: The committee reviewed the program guides provided by Kevin Earnest (National VPSP), they agreed there were straight forward and clear. We decided to go over Scouting for Music and do a sample analysis of the packet as if a chapter didn't know how to get involved with the program. During a chapter meeting it is recommended to discuss what the program is and how this helps Girl Scouts. It is recommended to have a chair responsible for contacting and organizing with the Girl Scouts and be familiar with the organization. The chapter should choose one of the leadership series to focus on and get the appropriate materials such as badges and activity book. A committee should also be created to help, their duties should focus on reserving space (rooms), parking, being able to contact a local council for questions, and other accommodations. The chapter and committee should also plan well for finances, cost of activities, snacks, coordinating with a local troop, advertising the event to troops, providing badges, providing thanks to those outside of the chapter. The president of the chapter should also include this event on their fall activity report as service. The program guide also finished with an appendix A discussing guidelines for safety and girl scouts to adults ratios. Appendix B provides a sample letter for getting into contact with a local Girl Scout troop.

Mascots: Currently the District mascots are fortissimo and pianissimo. There is discussion among committee on trying to see what happened to the mascots and see if there is history there. VPSP suggests a rotating mascot program where for TBS and KKY there is mascot featured from an attending chapter of convention. This would allow us to show off mascots and share their stories from across the district, we also brought up at 2011 Iowa State Convention pigs and cows were

used to represent the District. Look into contacting Aaron Moore for information of the mascots at Stillwater. (not at HQ), come up with mascot
Our final decision was to find history with the original mascots, and create the rotating mascot to help show off mascots in the District.

- Charges for 2014 Committee:
 - Continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the National Program Guides and how that has helped chapters participate in National Programs.
 - Find National Programs that could be promoted within the District.

- Charges for 2014 VPSP:
 - Charge the delegates to keep in mind that all references to School, Chapter, and people's names will be redacted when preparing awards packets for committees, Use the first name only on the cover of the award.
 - Re-evaluate sister chapter program: Is the form of communication and travel reasonable? (for point value)
 - Evaluate the success of the digital scrapbook and electronic submission of documents (such as awards).
 - Make sure the 2 NIB scholarships are awarded before National Convention.
 - Make sure the 2 delegate scholarships are awarded before National Convention.
 - Update the form created for choosing a mascot on display, (the host chapter shall be ineligible and recent winners.
 - Reevaluate how the awards packet is presented; include the travel award in there. Encourage chapters to apply for awards in the District packet even if they are applying for a just a couple.

- Charges for District Council:
 - Create a way for the District to evaluate some of the District awards without the District Officers. Viable solutions are using the Midwest District Advisory Council members or creating a special committee at convention to select award winners.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Tendick
MWD Vice President for Special Projects 2012-2013
Theta Xi – Iowa State University

Credentials Committee

The credentials committee would like to recognize the following chapters' milestone anniversaries:

Theta Mu, Chartered on December 5, 1993, 20 years

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

National Officers:

Dawn Farmer, National President

Dr. Nicole Burdick-Sanchez, Vice President of Colonization and Membership

Jonathan Markowski, Vice President of Communication and Recognition

Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association:

Leslie Twite

Amanda Dixon

Board of Trustees:

Lisa Croston

Dollie McDonald O'Neill, Immediate Past National President

National Headquarters Staff

Aaron Moore, National Alumni Historical and Development Coordinator

Midwest District Alumni Association

Jason Dornbush, President

April Cox, Vice President of Special Projects

Bev Cohen, Member at Large

Midwest District Council

Zack Rebarcek, President

Samantha Brown, Vice President for Membership

Nathan Tendick, Vice President for Special Projects

Shalyn Guthery, Secretary/Treasurer

Adrienne Rall, Counselor

Past District Officers

Ashley Otte, Vice President for Membership

Leslie Twite, Vice President for Membership, Secretary/Treasurer

Jason Dornbush, President for 2 terms

Holli Hartman, 1st VP

Wendy McCann, Past Counselor

Other District Officers

None in attendance

Past Other District Officers
Skylar Buffington, NCD President

Chapter Sponsors
Dr. Matthew Smith, Zeta Delta

2013 Women in Music Speaker
Dr. Jana Fallin

2013 Midwest District Honoraries
Dawn Farmer
Dr. Nicole Burdick-Sanchez
Jonathan Markowski

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Holtman
Theta Mu

Ways and Means Committee

1. Meeting Called to order at 8:09 pm on March 8, 2013
 - a. Present Members: Zach Gummersceimer (Zeta Omega), Audrey Grant (Theta Mu), Kelsey Lehn (Theta Mu), Kelsey Krieger (Theta Mu), Lesley Twite (TBSAA) - Advisor, Shalyn Guthery (Theta Xi) - Committee Chair, Alex Sizemore (Zeta Delta) - Recording Secretary.
 - b. Introductions
 - c. Discussed proposed budget changes
 - d. Discussed Pass the Hat
 - i. As long as the MWDAA continues to donate to the MWD, we shouldn't need to do the pass the hat
 - ii. Planned on removing the line entirely.
 - e. Discussed district carnival event.
 - i. Finding a way for each chapter to do something on their own
 - ii. Funds would go back to the district.
 - f. Discussed general fundraising line
 - i. This will be changed to 600 for the next fiscal year.
 - g. Commissioning Fund
 - i. This is our job over the next five years to try to commission a piece of music for convention.
 - h. Officer Expenses
 - i. Definitely keep at \$230, maybe higher - Officers use their money to travel to other districts/chapters, get supplies
 - ii. We need to make the Committee and Delegate packets a line item instead of falling under the travelling budget
 - i. Awards and Scholarships

- i. American Beauty Red Rose Awards
 - 1. Leave at around \$125 to account for higher convention costs.
- ii. Roses for our Honoraries
 - 1. Possibly make a line item
 - 2. Budget for \$50 next year.
- iii. MWD honorary
 - 1. Over budget because we are inducting three instead of two.
 - 2. There may be new people coming to convention next year.
 - 3. Budgeting for two should be fine.
- iv. Wendy McCann Scholarship
 - 1. Funded through the two dollar convention registration cost increase
- v. Membership Drive award
 - 1. Moving to \$170.
- vi. District Convention Awards
 - 1. Budgeting is good after 15 dollar raise.
 - 2. Will leave at \$65.
- j. Fundraising Capitol Investments
 - i. Very expensive this year due to national convention.
 - ii. Will be discussed tomorrow
- k. Colony Support
 - i. There if we need it, hasn't been used.
- l. Registration fee for National HQ Staff Member
 - i. Wasn't used. Is there if it is needed.
- m. Additional line items will be removed from the next year.
- 2. Recess called at 8:56 pm, Will continue at 8:00 am tomorrow.
- 3. Meeting called to order at 8:09 am on March 9, 2013
 - a. A joint discussion was done with the Projects Committee
 - i. Commissioning Fund
 - 1. Part of our restricted funds
 - 2. District donates fifty dollars every year
 - 3. We have \$1250.00 dollars in the fund right now.
 - 4. We would like to commission a piece by 2017
 - 5. This is something we would like to take back to our chapters and try to raise money.
 - 6. To reach a goal of \$4000, each chapter would be asked to contribute \$59 a year for the next four years.
 - ii. The budget was discussed.
 - iii. Fundraising options are discussed.
 - 1. Change Jar passed around meetings.
 - 2. Penny wars for the bands
 - b. The two committees separated
 - c. Merchandise pre orders
 - i. \$465 collected on day 1
 - d. Penny wars is decreased to \$200
 - e. Roses for our Honoraries

- i. This will be added to the Honorary Membership line
 - ii. The honorary membership line will be increased to \$160
 - f. Committee/Delegate Packets
 - i. Needs to be its own line item.
 - ii. May not be needed, but should be the responsibility of the District.
 - iii. Set this value to \$90
 - g. Fundraising Capital Investments
 - i. Set at \$100 right now.
 - ii. To help make sense of this line, a fundraising tab is added to handle pre-orders of items.
 - h. Fundraisers
 - i. Profit sharing with various local businesses.
 - 1. Not just from restaurants.
 - 2. Distribution via mail/dining halls.
 - ii. Concession Stands
 - iii. Cookie Dough
 - 1. Fairly nice profit margin.
 - iv. T-shirts (Preorder only)
 - 1. Find things that other people are not doing.
 - v. Garage Sales/Car Washes
 - vi. Coffee
 - vii. Something to do with music.
 - viii. Discount Cards
 - ix. The overall goal is to have the chapters bring money in, not necessarily the district.
 - x. Likely what will be done is shirts sold on a case by case basis.
 - i. District Membership Drive
 - i. Community Wide T-Shirt Fundraiser will cover this additional \$85
 - j. Social Carnival Fundraiser
 - i. "Fun Summertime Thirst Quenchers"
 - ii. Publicity will need to be done
 - iii. Each area will need to be headed up by someone.
 - iv. Renamed Summer Social Fundraiser.
- 4. Charges for 2013-2014:
 - a. For District Council
 - i. Come up with 3-5 general music related T-Shirt designs by July 31.
 - ii. Remain in contact with Jason Dornbush about MWDAA donation.
 - b. For District Advisory Committee
 - i. Choose one from the 3-5 designs by August 15th.
 - ii. Appoint person from each chapter to head up the summer social fundraiser.
 - c. For Sec/Treas
 - i. Send pre-orders for shirts out to chapters by August 31st.
 - ii. Contact Advisory Committee members about the summer social fundraisers, and provide guidance and start-up help as needed.
 - iii. Music Commissioning Fund

- d. For 2013-2014 Ways and Means Committee
 - i. Evaluate community-wide t-shirt fundraisers.
 - ii. Evaluate Garage Sale/Carwash Summer Social Fundraiser
 - iii. Evaluate "Committee/Delegate Packets" line item
 - iv. Evaluate the "MWDAA donation" line item.
 - v. Re-evaluate the "MWD Honorary" line item.
 - vi. Meet with the Programs committee to re-evaluate the Music Commissioning Fund goal timeline.
5. Committee Adjourned at 9:52 am.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Shalyn Guthery - Theta Xi
 MWD Sec/Treas

Jurisdiction

2013 Separate Jurisdiction Report

Sisters and Brothers of the Midwest District,

The Jurisdiction Committee convened to discuss the District Constitution. The committee was made up of: Kelly Skunes (Committee Chair); Neil Siemers (Advisor); Mary Larson, Zeta Nu; Chrissy Dotterwick, Zeta Delta; Alexander Rudolph, Theta Mu; and Salvatore Cracchiolo, Delta Xi

1.15 The Officers may appoint an active member to serve as Parliamentarian for the District. The Parliamentarian shall serve (one-year terms) until they ~~are no longer qualified, resign, (are) removed,~~ or a new Parliamentarian is appointed. The Parliamentarian may not serve as a delegate for any chapter. The Parliamentarian is not considered an officer of the Midwest District.

Change: add one-year terms, struck "are no longer qualified."

Reason for Change: prevents Parliamentarian from being removed halfway through the year

2.01 The appointed District committees, (hereafter referred to as "committees,") shall be as follows: Nominations, Ways and Means, Jurisdiction, Membership Education, Programs, and others deemed necessary by the President and Counselor.

Change: added a reference term

Reason for change: grammar

2.04 The Nominations committee shall investigate candidate's eligibility for the offices of President, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Special Projects, and Secretary/Treasurer. Members of the committee shall have the right to approach any member, including non-candidates, to best fill the slate. ~~After the Nominations committee has presented the official slate, additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention by official delegates. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election.~~

(The committee shall then present the slate to the Delegation for approval.)

Change: adjusted the clause to describe the actual process

Reason for change: the last half of the clause was off topic

2.08 The Programs committee shall determine guidelines for the various District awards to be presented at the District Convention. This committee may consist of not more than one (1) representative from each chapter. The Counselor and National Officers present at District Convention and/or panel appointed by the Programs committee shall decide the recipients of Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook and Best Display Award. ~~(The Programs committee shall determine the recipients all awards excluding those with monetary value).~~ Additionally, the Programs committee shall deal with the Programs of the Sorority, including but not limited to commissioning, mascots, scrapbooks, and videotapes.

Change: Struck a section of the Programs committee description

Reason for change: they no longer DO that.

~~2.09 All committees shall examine, recommend, and submit at the convention and to the President and Counselor all propositions related to all work assigned to them.~~

(2.09 All committees shall examine all work assigned to them at District Convention, and submit recommendations to the President and Counselor before the close of that Convention.)

Change: rephrased the clause

Reason for change: ambiguity and poor sentence structure

6.01 The Separate District awards shall include the American Beauty Red Rose Award, the Outstanding New Sister Award, the Outstanding Service to Music Education Award, the Outstanding Student Achievement) (Leadership) Award, the Outstanding Chapter Service Award/Chapter Achievement Award, and the Wendy McCann Award for Academic Excellence.

Change: reworded "Achievement" to "Leadership"

Reason for change: "Leadership" reflects the description of the award better.

(6.02 Each of the awards in 6.01 will be awarded based upon the descriptions provided by the Vice President for Special Projects.)

Change: rewrote 6.02 and struck the rest of section 6

Reason for change: unnecessary to have descriptions of every award in the constitution

~~7.01 All nationally recognized Alumni Organizations shall not in any way interfere with the local active chapters.~~

(7.01 Any local active chapter is not obligated to accept the assistance of any nationally recognized Alumni Organizations in any chapter event or function.)

Change: rewrote 7.01

Reason for change: we can't tell another organization what they cannot do, so it was rephrased to something under our jurisdiction

(4.05 Tau Beta Sigma will assess a \$2 fee per attending member, in addition to the registration costs, to be deposited in Tau Beta Sigma Midwest Account. This fee will be collected by the chapter(s) hosting Midwest District Convention.)

Change: Created 4.05

Reason: was removed from Joint Bylaws

Change: grammatical errors as needed

- Charges to 2014 Committee (Separates):
 - Review the 2013 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
 - Update the Constitution for grammar, clarity, and consistency errors.
 - 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.
 - Charge the 2015 Jurisdiction Committee as needed.
 - Charge the 2015 District Council as necessary.
- Documents to include in Committee folders:
 - The current Tau Beta Sigma separate constitution
 - The current joint bylaws
 - The 2012 separate and joint jurisdiction reports
 - Electronic Copies of Reports

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Skunes, Committee Chair, Theta Mu

Neil Siemers, Advisor, Zeta Delta

Membership

Advisor: Dr. Nicole Burdick-Sanchez (NVPCM)

Committee Chair: Sam Brown (Delta Kappa)

Committee Members: Sarah Schmidt (Alpha Theta), Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu), Ranie Wahlmeier (Delta Kappa), Karah Jones (Theta Xi), Jordan Allen (Zeta Omega)

8:09pm, Friday, March 8, 2013

- I. Education Video Analysis
 - Only some chapters submitted because of later notice (December)
 - Video from
 - Iowa State
 - Hazing, Purposes, Vision Statement, Qualities
 - Zeta Delta
 - Songs discussion (lyrics)
- II. What makes a good education program?
 - Interactive sessions (jeopardy, quizzes, discussion, limited power points)
 - Flashcards for all members
 - Holding other members accountable, weekly study sessions
 - PM project: retain more information, creative work
- III. Complied worksheet for Recruitment, Education, and Retention
 - Recruitment
 - Review/edit/add
 - See document

Recessed at 9:02pm

8:04am, Saturday, March 9, 2013

- I. Complied worksheet for Recruitment, Education, and Retention (continued)
 - Education, Continuing Education, Retention
 - Review/edit/add
 - See document
- II. Midwest District Membership Drive Worksheet
 - Seems straight forward
 - Advertising ideas
 - Social media: Facebook, Twitter, website
 - Not everybody checks email
 - Different prize?
 - Money is nice but how to share?
 - Trophy, Plaque instead
 - Possibly paying for Delegate's registration for District or National Convention-Charge to next year's committee
 - Due date same as National Win-Win Drive
- III. Update District Fast Fact Sheet
 - Revised March 9, 2013
 - Wichita *State University*
 - Emporia *State University*
 - Removed Alpha Tau Chapter (dissolved in 2011)
- IV. Sample Questions from TBS MWD Chapter Information Survey
 - Discussed the relevance
 - Viewed some of the questions

MWD Membership Committee 2013 Charges:

Charges for MWD Membership Committee 2014

- Review and discuss the 2013 minutes
- Evaluate the state of the MEP database
- Re-evaluate the MWD Membership Drive, specifically participation

Charges for District Council

- Update district fast-facts
 - Chapter history
 - Convention history
 - Past district officers
- Continue to promote the MWD Membership Drive, through all means of communication (Twitter/Facebook/etc.)

Charges for District VPM

- Continue to update MEP database-including putting up more resources and
- tangible learning tools
- Put the list of Recruitment, Retention, and Education Ideas online, with links to National resources that coincide with that document
- Continue to develop the Video Project and include the videos in the
- MEP database online
- Continue to develop the MWD membership drive, making sure the due date lines up with the National Membership Drive
- Continue to develop the Chapter Informational Survey, to assist the District Council Members

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Brown –Delta Kappa
2013 MWD Membership Committee Chair
MWD Vice President of Membership

Sarah Schmidt-Alpha Theta
2013 MWD Membership Committee Member – Appointed Secretary

Appendix 2 – Joint Committee Reports

Convention Site

Chair: Michael O'Donnell, Zeta Delta

Chair: Stephan A. Metzger, Eta Zeta

Publications

Chair: Jordan Mondt, Zeta Omega

Chair: Jon Kuder, Delta Xi

Jurisdiction

Chair: Kelly Skunes, Theta Mu

Chair: Joe Walsh, Kappa Alpha

District Events

Chair: Jessica Sousek, Theta Mu

Chair: Carissa Vinovskis, Epsilon Omega

2013 Convention Site Committee Report

Stephan A. Metzger and Michael O'Donnell 9 March 2013

The 2013 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following tasks:

1. Set a time limit for convention presentations and questions based on the number of bids to be present.
2. Appoint one person to time presentations and question period during the presentations.
3. Review submitted bids to ensure that all required information is provided. Prepare a list of pros and cons for each bid.
4. Charge the 2013 Convention Site Committee as necessary.
5. Charge the 2012-2013 District officers as necessary.

The Committee addressed the above charges as follows:

1. The bid presentations had a time limit of 10 minutes along with a 15 minute Q & A session.

The following chapters bid for the 2014 Midwest District convention:

University of Missouri - KKΨ – HY and TBΣ – ZΩ.

University of Nebraska-Kearney - KKΨ – IΨ and TBΣ – ΘM

Eta Upsilon – Zeta Omega “Welcome to the Jungle”

The bid from the University of Missouri was well developed throughout much of the packet and presentation. The presenters were able to answer our questions adequately with a broad knowledge of contingency plans and potential changes to their bids. Their theme, “Welcome to the Jungle” is a very interesting bid that centers on jungle cultures and their relationship to music. They were able to tie most things in their bid packet back to the theme. Their location within central Missouri makes air travel very easy and the bidding chapters had many plans to get persons to and from the convention and airport.

Iota Psi – Theta Mu

The bid from the University of Nebraska-Kearney used a theme, “Musical ABCs”, which focused on music education. This theme has the potential for many great activities. Their music program was demonstrated to have the capacity to provide large numbers of Reading Band members with instruments. The location within a local hotel makes all of the activities easy and convenient to access, and the hotel facilities are of a high

quality. In addition, their location is very centrally located which makes it easy for all chapters to attend.

Based on the committee's evaluation, the 2013 Convention Site Committee recommends Eta Upsilon and Zeta Omega chapters from the University of Missouri to host the 2014 Midwest District Convention.

Charges for the 2014 Convention Site Committee:

1. Committee chairs will provide constructive feedback, via e-mail, compiled during the committee meetings to all bidding chapters at the conclusion of the Midwest District Convention.
2. Set a time limit for convention presentations and questions based on the number of bids presented.
3. Appoint one person to time presentations and question period during the presentations.
4. Review submitted bids to ensure that all required information is provided in accordance to the Midwest District Convention Bid Guidelines. Prepare an evaluation for each bid.
5. Charge the 2015 Convention Site Committee as necessary.
6. Charge the 2014-2015 District officers as necessary.

Thank you to all of chapters that submitted a bid for the 2014 Midwest District Convention. The 2013 Convention Site committee appreciated the hard work and effort these chapters demonstrated in their bids and during their presentations. Also, thank you to Emily Holden (KKΨ) and Dollie O'Neill (TBΣ) for advising our committee. Lastly, thank you to all of the 2013 Convention Site Committee members. Your hard work and dedication helped make this committee run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan A. Metzger – Eta Zeta (KKΨ), Michael O'Donnell – Zeta Delta (TBΣ)

Advisors:

Emily Holden (KKΨ) and Dollie O'Neill (TBΣ)

Convention Site Committee Members:

KKΨ: Kelsie Edwards – AN, Molly Kuchan – KA, Kat Reysen – AI, Rachel Stoner – KI, Nicholas Musterman – ΔΓ, Brandi Zwiener – EΩ, Renee Rathjen - ΙΩ, Ben Rupe – AΘ, Kaitlyn Rowe – EΨ, Brianna Dean - HZ

Publications Committee

A. Publications Committee Report

The Publications Committee was charged with the following duties:

1. Review all bids for MWD Publications
2. Prepare a list of questions to ask during bid presentations
3. Submit changes to necessary duties
4. Evaluate effectiveness and implementation of the blog format charged by the 2012 committee
5. Evaluate effectiveness and implementation of the updated MWD site format charged by the 2012 convention publications committee
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 MWD site and ensure that it is still running effectively
10. Review the MWD site and Notes 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.

II. Introduction of members

Advisors

KKPsi – Zeb Watkins, CFR,
TBSigma – Jonathan Markowski, Nat. VPCR

Committee Chairs

Jon Kuder – KKY – Delta Xi
Jordan Mondt – TBS – Zeta Omega

Members

Julie Richter – KKY – Kappa Alpha
Rachel Brooks – TBS – Zeta Omega
Kelsey Kelly – KKY – Eta Upsilon

Aaron Calderon – KKY – Epsilon Omega
Martha Herrarte – TBS – Theta Mu
Morgan Sentelle – TBS – Theta Mu
Jonathan Hossack – KKY – Kappa Iota
Brett Steinbrink – TBS – Zeta Delta
Andee Schueler – KKY – Alpha Nu
Laura Windram – TBS – Zeta Delta
Lauren Hammond – KKY – Eta Zeta

The joint meeting of the publication committee was held both Friday and Saturday with a focus on evaluating the effectiveness and implementation of the Midwest Notes blog. We looked at the user-friendliness and effectiveness of the both district sites and the social sites. We also discussed the feasibility of changing to a webmaster-based system.

III. Meeting

The meeting started with the introductions of advisors, chairpersons, and committee members. The chairpersons asked who would like to be the committee secretary and then appointed Lauren Hammond to the position. On the second day of committee, the chairpersons appointed Brett Steinbrink to the position.

We reviewed and discussed the 2012-2013 committee report. We then reviewed the Midwest notes page and discussed it's overall user friendliness and appeal.

We reviewed and discussed the bid packet from Iota Omega and Theta Xi Chapters at the Iowa State University. We discussed the changes they have implemented in the past year and the changes they plan on implementing in the upcoming year. Questions for their bid presentation were discussed.

During questioning, they had many ideas for implementing the changes we suggested and also had excellent answers to our questions. Seem enthusiastic about the future of the publications.

We addressed the topic of having a host chapter run publications when the role could possibly be filled by joint webmasters due to the shift to a blog format. We felt that joint webmasters may not be able to communicate as well or consolidate information as well as a committee run by a chapter. More importantly, we felt that the host chapter has done an excellent job with publications thus far. They show a great deal of pride in their efforts and have a well organized joint committee for publications which has enough members to adequately review submissions. We feel that the amount of work might be too much for only one or two people, and that the

content could suffer for it. Also, the process of bidding each year challenges the host chapter to continually improve.

We discussed the results of the bid presentation and voted unanimously to recommend that Iota Omega and Theta Xi be recognized as the 2013-2014 Midwest District Publishing Chapters in charge of the MWD website and Midwest Notes blog in accordance with the charges below.

IV. Charges

Charges for the 2013-2014 Publications Hosting Chapters

- Keep up with and link to other district sites
- Add a history page in conjunction with VPSP and MAL
- Look into integrating multimedia into the Midwest Notes blog
- Find more efficient and effective means of communication with chapters
- Look into ways of informing, via social media, about updates
- The calendar on the MWD site be taken control of and updated regularly
- That the host chapters and district council meet and devise a timeline consisting of deadlines for the Midwest Notes and MWD pages

Charges for the 2013-2014 District Council

- That the host chapters and district council meet and devise a timeline consisting of deadlines for the Midwest Notes and MWD pages

Charges for the 2013-2014 KKY/TBS Presidents

- Have a finalized version of the Convention schedule posted on the MWD site and sent to chapters no later than one week prior to convention
- Ensure that the 2013-2014 convention host chapters keep the convention tab updated with appropriate information and forms.

Charges for the 2013-2014 VPSP and MAL

- To develop content for the history page

Charges for the Convention Host Chapter

- Ensure that all necessary forms are posted on the MWD site
- Provide necessary technology such as projectors, wifi, internet, and tech support to each standing committee
- Ensure that the Convention tab is kept up to date
- Provide articles to the Midwest Notes throughout the year regarding updates and general information

Charges for the 2013-2014 Publications Committee

- Review all bids for MWD Publications
- Prepare a list of questions to ask during bid presentations
- Submit charges to necessary changes
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the blog and district site
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the recommendations made by the 2012-2013 publications committee
- Evaluate effectiveness and continued interest by host chapter
- Discuss the feasibility of maintaining host chapters or a change to webmaster

We would like to thank Lauren Hammond – KKY – Eta Zeta, and Brett Steinbrink – TBS – Zeta Delta for serving as committee secretaries and Zeb Watkins and Jonathan Markowski for serving as advisors as well as all members that were present during committee meetings.

Finally, on behalf of the 2013 Joint Publications Committee we would officially recommend Iota Omega and Theta Xi to be the publishing chapters of the Midwest District Publications.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Kuder
KKPsi – Delta Xi
Emporia State University

Jordan Mondt
Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Omega
University of Missouri

Jurisdiction Committee

2013 Joint Jurisdiction Report

Brothers and Sisters of the Midwest District,
The Joint Jurisdiction Committee convened to discuss the Joint Bylaws. The committee was made up of:

Kappa Kappa Psi:

- Joe Walsh, Kappa Alpha (Chair)
- Tony Falcone, (Advisor)
- Brandon Surgnier, Eta Zeta
- Brian Fibelkorn, Epsilon Pi
- Brandon Ormesher, Gamma Delta
- Bryan Anderson, Eta Upsilon

Tau Beta Sigma:

- Kelly Skunes, Theta Mu (Chair)
- Neil Siemers, Zeta Delta (Advisor)
- Mary Larson, Zeta Nu
- Chrissy Dotterwick, Zeta Delta
- Salvatore Cracchiolo, Delta Xi
- Alexander Rudolph, Theta Mu

-Ways and Means amendment

- TBS needs the extra funds
- Report received to strike amendment from KKY
- “Recommends to the Jurisdiction committee to remove \$2 fee per attending member in addition to registration costs.”
- 3.09 stricken from Joint Bylaws
- Publications Committee amendments
- 5.09 Ambiguities about when and how it was posted
- Insert “website approved by the publications committee”
- Strike “post convention, fall issue, winter issue, and pre-convention.”
- Change to a minimum of “eight (8) times a year.”
- 5.02 strike “also”
- 5.10 insert “submitting publication to the Midwest Notes”
- Grammar, clarity, and consistency errors:
- 1.07 Underline “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th edition”
- 2.07 Strike comma after “meeting”
- 3.05 Strike comma after “convention site committee”
- All convention committee set to uppercase “committee”: consistency
- 3.06 Insert comma after “good standing”
- 3.02 Limits possible chapter hosting convention
- Insert 3.03 for the possibility that a partner organization does not exist
- A chapter may submit a district convention bid alone if the needs of both organizations are met. This shall be clearly submitted in the convention bid.
- 3.04 Insert comma after “bid” and strike the word “and”
- 4.05 Strike “be chaired by” and replace with “shall not consist of”:
clarity
- 4.07 Change “Committee” to “committee”

Charges to the 2014 Committee (Joint):

- Review the 2013 Joint Jurisdiction Committee Report.
- Review the Bylaws as to their accuracy with the National Constitution.
- Prepare final report and deliver report to delegation, submit to MWD Sec/Treas.
- Change all grammar, clarity, and consistency errors in the Bylaws as predetermined by the members of the Jurisdiction Committee.
- Charge the 2015 Jurisdiction Committee as necessary.
- Charge the 2014-2015 District Officers as necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Joe Walsh, Kappa Alpha (Chair, KKY)
 Tony Falcone, (Advisor, KKY)
 Kelly Skunes, Theta Mu (Chair, TBS)
 Neil Siemers, Zeta Delta (Advisor, TBS)

District Events Committee

Committee for District Events -- Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Jessica Sousek (Theta Mu) & Carissa Vinovskis (Epsilon Omega)

Secretary: Whitney Shoemaker

Advisors: Wendy McCann and Maggie Greenwood

March 8-9, 2013

Friday, March 8, 2013

The committee was called to order at 8:05pm by co-chairs Jessica Sousek and Carissa Vinovskis. A secretary was appointed to take minutes of the meeting. Members of the committee were introduced and the charges from the 2012 Committee for District Events were reviewed. The charges were as follows:

- 1) Charge the 2013-2014 Committee as necessary
- 2) Evaluating and revising the bid process for the CLC if need be
- 3) Charge committee to come up with workshop ideas for CLC
- 4) Charge committee to come up with possible themes for DD
- 5) Charge the committee with creating a guidelines page for bidding for CLC
- 6) Charge the committee with revising bid page for CLC
- 7) Charge the committee to review and select DD locations from the bids provided
- 8) Effective ways of bringing in more people to DD
- 9) Reevaluate effectiveness of minimum amount of district days
- 10) Location of district days
- 11) Add points to article in the constitution describing the bid process for CLC

The committee began by addressing charge #4 and brainstorming ideas for themes of district days. The preambles to the constitution of both KKY and TBS were reviewed in order to come up with ideas. As a group, several possible themes for district days were suggested. The suggested themes were: musicianship, service, brotherhood/sisterhood, membership education review, ritual workshop, outreach, promotion of bands, promotion of the fraternity/sorority, and recruitment.

Next, the committee addressed charge #8 by discussing factors that might influence chapter and individual attendance at district days. Factors discussed included: location of the event, timing of the event, day(s) during the week, length of the event, content and theme, other brothers/sisters who might be attending, communication with other chapters regarding the event, promotion of brotherhood/sisterhood, and being able to promote the event within personal chapters.

Finally the committee addressed charge #9 to determine the number of district days to be held each year. The ideal number of district days suggested was proposed to be 2-3 during the school year, and 1 in summers during which National Convention is not being held. During the school year, 1 District Day would be ideal during the fall, with 1-2 being held in the spring semester. During summers in which National Convention is not being held, an additional district day was proposed to keep members engaged and invested in the organization(s), increase brother/sister bonding throughout the district, and potentially discuss pertinent topics such as recruitment and rush in the fall semester. The committee agreed it does not make sense to hold an additional district day during summers in which most chapters will be focused on attending National Convention.

The committee began to review charge #7. However, there were no bids proposed for any chapters to host District Days for the 2013-2014 year. At 9:00pm, the committee recessed for the evening.

Saturday, March 9, 2013

The committee was called to order at 8:10 am by co-chair Jessica Sousek.

The committee began by addressing charges #2, #5, and #6. The committee first discussed the ideal location for the Chapter Leadership Conference (CLC) to be held. Several options were presented, including: continuing to hold it at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, as it has been in the past, or to move it to a new location every year. The chapters of Kappa Alpha (KKY) and Alpha Iota (TBS) from the University of Minnesota presented a bid to host the CLC this year. The committee decided it was most effective to keep the CLC at a centralized, consistent location every year. This would make it a well-established and regular event every year within the Midwest District. The committee also suggested that the University of Minnesota chapters perhaps host a district day this year instead of the CLC.

Due to the decision to keep the CLC at one centralized location for the time being, there was no suggested bid or application process for chapters to host CLC in the future.

Members of the committee then addressed charge #3 by brainstorming ideas for the Chapter Leadership Conference, which will be held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney on May 24 and 25. A proposed schedule was devised by the committee, with

several ideas, breakout sessions, and topics for discussion for each officer position. The proposed 2013 CLC schedule has been attached.

Charge #7 was re-addressed. Several members of the committee expressed interest and potential ability to host a district day in the upcoming year. Because there are no current official bids for district day, there will be a thirty day period, during which several chapters are anticipated to submit a new bid to the District Council. If no bids are submitted by that time, the District Council can expect cooperation and ability to host a district day from the following chapters:

Theta Mu (TBS) and Iota Psi (KKY) -- UNK
Zeta Omega (TBS) and Eta Upsilon (KKY) -- Missouri
Theta Xi (TBS) and Iota Omega (KKY) -- Iowa State
Delta Xi (TBS) and Delta Gamma (KKY) -- Missouri S&T
Delta Kappa (TBS) and Epsilon Psi (KKY) -- Kansas State
Delta Xi (KKY) -- Emporia
Epsilon Omega (KKY) -- UNL
Alpha Nu (KKY) -- Wyoming

Finally, the co-chairs of the committee addressed charge #1 and developed the following charges for the 2013-2014 committee.

1. Charge the 2014-2015 Committee for District Events as necessary
2. Review and Select District Day (DD) locations from the bids provided
3. Create a list of possible themes for each District Day
4. Discuss effective ways of increasing attendance at District Days
5. Re-evaluate the effectiveness and amount of District Days held each year
6. Devise and send out a survey to District Day and Chapter Leadership Conference (CLC) attendees to determine what works and what needs to be improved
7. Re-evaluate and discuss the pros and cons of keeping CLC at the same location every year.
 - a. If decided against, determine a way to revise the current process and create a bidding procedure for chapters to apply to host CLC in the future

Documents Included in Committee Folder:

+2013 District Events Report
+Tentative Schedule for 2013 CLC
+Copies of any bids for District Days (none submitted)

Committee Members Serving:

KKY-

Conrrado Saldivar -- Alpha Nu

Stephanie Marsten -- Delta Xi

Brett Dorcey --Gamma Delta

Taylor Haid -- Eta Zeta

Dennis Van Woert -- Iota Omega

Mark Messner -- Iota Psi

TBS--

John Wernert -- Delta Xi

Laura Coole -- Zeta Omega

Marissa Archuleta -- Delta Kappa

Philip Kuhlman -- Theta Xi

Whitney Shoemaker -- Zeta Delta

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Sousek (Theta Mu --TBS)

Carissa Vinovskis (Epsilon Omega --KKY)

President

Zack Rebarcek, Zeta Delta, University of Kansas

Vice President of Membership

Samantha Brown, Delta Kappa, Kansas State University

Vice President of Special Projects

Nathan Tendick, Theta Xi, Iowa State University

Secretary/Treasurer

Shalyn Guthery, Theta Xi, Iowa State University

Midwest District Counselor

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

President Report

For one last time, greetings MWD. We've been together for three years now, and together, we've come a long way. As a council, we've been working on building each chapter. We've had a long push for developing Membership Education Programs, we started the District Service Weekend to help chapters get into service. We restructured district events with the new Chapter Leadership Conference and evolving programming for District Days. Almost all of our chapters have grown in membership, participative service, and participation in district and national programs.

To the chapter officers I've been bugging, thank you for almost always responding quickly and not yelling at me when I start pestering you. Remember, if you start your paperwork, you won't have to deal with us nearly as frequently.

To the delegation present and not present, if you ever have questions or concerns you can't find answers with at your school, all you have to do is ask and you will have as much help as you need.

To Shalyn, we've come a long ways in the last two years. I remember shortly after you were elected, you were asking if we could have ice breakers at the beginning of our meetings so we could get to know each other. To be honest, I don't think we ever needed them. It didn't take long for us to know everything about each other. Your work ethic and passion towards improvement has been inspiring and your gentler "have you done this?" Prods helped keep me going.

Nathan, you are amazing in everything you do. I'm excited to see where you go in the future and what changes you make in the district.

Sam, never be afraid to spam. Sometimes, it's the only way to get people to respond. You have amazing ideas and if you can get half of them through, the sorority will be in a better place.

Adrienne, I don't think there is anything left to say I haven't already told you. You've been the support I needed, the late night ear, and when needed the shipmaster. You kept me going and were always there. I can't believe we won't have our weekly meetings for the first time in 3 years. Should we just pick a time on our own? Haha.

Finally, I would like to thank my chapter. You guys have been my rock.

Thank you Midwest. I'll be watching to see where you go in the future, and I'm sure I'll be smiling.

Vice President of Membership Report

To the Midwest District:

First, I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve this District. Thank you for trusting me to take this office to the next level, and thank you all for the help you have been to me in this office! My adventure started after attending my first District Day my freshman year. I just kept thinking, "This is really cool!" I could have never imagined how much my love for this organization could grow in just a short amount of time. From each of the 4 District Days and 3 District Conventions I've attended since my initiation, I have grown tremendously.

Throughout the last year, I have tried to implement various programs and procedures to better the Member Education Process for our District. One of the big things I pushed was the process of creating a solid Membership Education Program. I worked with chapters to develop their programs. Each of the District Vice President's met with me via Skype or phone call, and we talked through their program from top to bottom. They were then required to turn it in again before Convention. My reasoning for that was for them to leave it better for the next officer in their position. The MEP should be a standing document, similar to your constitution or bylaws, which is edited and re-used every year! I cannot stress this enough!

Now on to mushy-gushy-feely stuff! This past year on the District Council has been amazing. Being able to say that I was a part of the District Council is just awesome! Fostering bonds with brothers and sisters across the district and late nights working on district things are just some of the highlights. I love the educational process in general, and I have learned so much!

There have been many memories, it is hard to choose just a few to mention! Shalyn, you are so precious! I love that I can always tell your bubbly personality, even through a Skype Chat. We need to go get ice cream sometime tonight, I'm still thinking about it! I am so glad to have met you, and I believe you will always be an important part of my life! Nathan, I love your spirit for TBS, and your ability to always have fun! Sometimes, we need to give you a friendly reminder about getting work done, but you always go above and beyond the call of duty. I am so glad we still have time together to bring this organization to another level! Zack, you definitely continued his tradition of always being late to meetings. I want to thank you for all the help you have been to me! I know you're always one I can talk to vent, and bounce ideas off of. Finally, after hearing so many stories, I got to meet Adrienne's cats, Houdini and Monty, at CLC this past summer! Adrienne, Thank you for always being there when I need to talk. Just knowing that I have such a strong mentor and sister that is so willing to help out is a blessing in my life.

One line can sum up my experiences on this council. "With my sisters, I am best."

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Brown
Delta Kappa – Kansas State University
Midwest District Vice President of Membership

Vice President of Special Projects Report

Sisters,

Since taking the position of Midwest District Vice President for Special Projects at the convention in Rolla I have been on a remarkable journey serving our District and meeting awesome sisters. In the fall I attended the District day at Kearney, Nebraska and got to experience a day in the life of their marching band on a game day. In November Shalyn and I visited Delta Xi in Rolla, Missouri to attend their chapter's 1st and 3rd degree on the same day, with 3rd degree for their adviser and 1st degree for their prospective members. I also submitted an article on the Midwest notes blog and sent out lots of information over email to chapters. In the spring the District Officers visited Lawrence, Kansas to perform a site visit for convention and have a district council meeting. So many shenanigans occurred that night. Then we went to the District day in Minneapolis, Minnesota at Alpha Iota to learn more about brotherhood and sisterhood. I also found a way to keep photos online in Google Picasso, thus to help spread the picture albums across the district and easy to add photos.

I would also like to congratulate all of the Midwest District Award recipients for this year: Theta Mu, Zeta Nu, Zeta Omega, Theta Xi, and Zeta Delta, Outstanding Service, Marjorie Perkins of Zeta Omega, Outstanding New Sister, Jessica Sousek of Theta Mu, Outstanding Student Achievement, Theta Xi, Outstanding Service to Music Education, Zeta Omega, Counselor's Cup, Theta Mu, Outstanding Chapter Achievement, Ashley Otte of Zeta Omega, American Beauty Red Rose for Last Convention, Sam Johnson of Theta Xi, American Beauty Red Rose for First Convention, and Curtis Ullerich, Wendy McCann Scholarship Recipient, Kappa Alpha of Kappa Kappa Psi, Joint Outstanding Display Award, and Theta Mu, Outstanding Scrapbook.

During the year I must say I enjoyed meeting together with the council and you could probably tell where we all were. It was rewarding to search and gain information about music commissioning with Shalyn. We were able to help set up a plan to commission a piece of music for upcoming 30th anniversary of the Midwest District. This is a really unique opportunity for the district to come together on commissioning a piece of music that we can all enjoy and play. I really enjoyed being able to meet sisters across the District at various events and being able to stay connected with them. I will cherish the memories made from the year and look forward to making many more with the awesome sisters in the Midwest District.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Tendick
TBS- Theta Xi

Secretary/Treasurer Report

It's really hard for me to stand before you and imagine that a year's time has come and gone; it seems like just yesterday that we had gathered in Rolla to watch the fireworks on campus.

For me the year has been filled with working with chapters more individually, making sure budgets are in place and functioning. I've also gathered fundraising info from the chapters within the district in hopes that a fundraising database can be created online for chapters to use when they're running low on ideas or need fresh ones. I've also been working to organize the Secretary/Treasurer position a little more, so that all of the hard copies of documents can be found online for the District to use and see if they need to be referred to. I've tried to generate more interest in the Midwest Notes publication and even submitted an article to the Podium, myself.

Perhaps my greatest undergoing has been a joint-position project with Nathan, VPSP, in hopes of having a piece of music commissioned for the 30th Midwest District Convention in 2017 – four years down the road. This has required lots of encouragement for the chapters to create fundraisers and donate to the project annually, so we would be able to fund the initiative. It also requires finding a talented composer who can produce our vision within our budget. The result will be something that all chapters of the Midwest District can be proud of and have access to, knowing they played a part in the creating of music specifically for their own district. I'm really quite excited to see it play out!

Along with all the work comes the fun associated with being on the district council. I couldn't have started the year off any better than a trip to the North Central District Convention with Leslie Twite and Zack. You can ask any of us about that trip and it will result in laughing and at least one quote that makes no sense from at least one of the three of us. Road trips with sisters are great, and I would like to encourage you to visit another district's convention. It allows you to learn a lot about other districts, appreciate your own, and share even more information!

I would like to thank all of the chapter treasurers for remaining in contact with me and getting back to me with any information I asked you for – you guys are awesome. I would also like to thank my home chapter, Theta Xi, for supporting me over the past two years. I couldn't have asked for a better place to call home. Thanks to Nathan for sharing in all of my late-night ranting, venting, and banter, and being my prius-driving rocket booster. Sam, thanks for being my giggle buddy, you really know how to make a girl laugh. Zack, I just don't even know what to say. Thanks for being there when I had a question or issue, no matter the time of day. Thanks for intentionally mispronouncing my name, and giving me a hashtag of my own. I'm thankful that we are finishing this together, because the council wouldn't be the same without you. Last but not most definitely not least, Adrienne. Thanks for being the mother that keeps us on track, or gets us off – depending on the topic. Your resources and guidance have been absolutely wonderful. Thanks for all the times you let me crash in a bed, and for not freaking out too much when something goes wrong.

Thank you sisters of the Midwest District, for giving me an opportunity to put my knowledge and resources to use, and hopefully leave the district better off than it was before. You've helped me grow to become the person that I am today, and I can't thank

you enough. The people I've met through this position will be people I will always call my friends and more importantly, my sisters. I'm not quite sure how I'll stay involved over the years, but I know it will start with a trip to Springfield, Massachusetts, and I hope to see you there!

Much Love in the Bond,
Shalyn Guthery – Theta Xi

District Counselor Report

My dearest sisters,

As I sit here staring at my computer screen and the calendar app on my phone, I am having a hard time reconciling that it's already time again for the Midwest District Convention. Where did the past year go? Why wouldn't it slow down and relax at all? I feel like we just got started!

This year has been filled with great triumphs for our district including an awesome CLC, three fun and engaging district days, a new and AWESOME online reporting system, and two chapters being selected as National Chapter Leadership Finalists. In between all of these important things were weekly district council meetings, random skype chats at all hours of the night with each member on council, but mostly with Zack because he likes to make me stay up late and get as little sleep as possible, and a lot of great behind the scenes work from your officers.

In order to give you a glimpse of that work, and since Shalyn has yet to cry during the officer reports thus far, I want to point out some special memories, moments, and thoughts concerning your district officers.

Shalyn: I am incredibly indebted to Brianna for bringing you into my life two years ago. Who knew that the young, curly-haired ball of energy that met me outside of the 2011 convention dance to ask how to run for district office from the floor would turn into such an integral part of the district. As I look back at your accomplishments as Sec./Treas I find myself amazed by the amount of work you shredded through during your tenure. I truly hope that you are taking pride in your achievements and that you see all of the wonderful qualities in yourself that I see in you. Your ability to see an ideal, seize it, and follow it wherever it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma and in your academic life is unmatched. Take that personal trait and apply it to everything you do in life- You are destined for great things PS We need to schedule our trip through Tuscany because that is happening.

Nathan: You have such an infectious enthusiasm and passion for TBS- you ignite a fire in people when you talk to them about programs and projects. This is such a gift, and I hope that it only grows with your time left in Tau Beta Sigma. I have also been uber impressed with your VPSP work, your coordination with Kevin, and your ability to adapt

as the duties of your office shifted. Thank you for all of your hard work this year... I am so looking forward to where your TBS path takes you.

Sam: You, my dear, are going to be a phenomenal music educator. Any school would be lucky to have you on staff, and students are going to be blessed to have you in their lives. Your work on the MEPs (meeps) is so integral to the district, and even though the work isn't finished, you gave next year's VPM such a jump-start on their position, not to mention your counselor. I'm excited to see you continue to grow in the bond.

Zack: You have done so much for the sorority in your three years on council; it's hard to know where to begin. Your ability to relate and communicate with everyone you meet has been so valuable, and I know that that ability alone has improved our district. Your concern, encouragement and overall support of each chapter has allowed us to grow as a district, and for that we are forever in your debt. You may have left things unsaid between us during your officer report, but I'm not going to let you off that easily. Last year, I told you that you were like a little brother to me, and I still mean that wholeheartedly. In our three years together serving the Midwest District, we have become family, and it's weird to imagine that we may not be talking every day, sometime 20 times a day anymore. So, let's not stop talking, k? Yay skype... I will even let you keep me up late without getting grumpy

And as I always, I have a list of thank yous and shout outs to give (remember my policy that you always need to thank those who help you out on your TBS journey!!)

To Leslie and Becky- Thank you for always lending an ear, being a sounding board, and for starting the Tau Beta Sigma journey with me over 10 years ago. You both the best sisters I could have ever asked for.

To Wendy and Dollie- Thank you both for continuing to be positive TBS roles model in my life. You were two of the first "grown-ups" in my TBS journey, and I wouldn't be here today without you.

To Jason- Thank you for showing up to convention before banquet this year... it's now a two-year streak! Thank you also for all your hard work with the MWDAA.

To Dawn and Jonathan- Thank you for the awesome day at Harry Potter World this summer. I don't think that experience would have been as nearly as fun without the two of you and Zack there. It is one of my most cherished TBS memories. Also, thank you both for your awesome love for the MWD and your continued support of the students here. They all love you and Nicole so much, and, well... they should be your favorites!

To Nicole- Thank you for helping me pester chapters and sponsors when needed and for being an awesome resource to the Midwest District.

And finally, to the MWD chapters: Thank you for being awesome. I am so proud to work with each and every one of you, and I am looking forward to what happens next. If I could charge you all with one thing immediately it would be to look into sending people to our next two events CLC and National convention. I know that life is expensive, but now is the time in your lives to learn and to travel... it just gets harder as you get older when being a big kid means things like mortgages and bosses and debt. So travel now!!

I love you all, and I can't wait to see you again soon.
MLITB,
Adrienne