

Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma
Southwest District Convention
April 18-20 2008
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Opening Separate Session
Grand Ball Room
Friday April 18, 2008 - 5:00pm

- I. Call to order at 5:45 pm
- II. Seating of the Delegates (Appendix I)
 - a. Random Proxy Seating started with Iota Sigma
 - b. Random Proxy seating ended with Beta Alpha - Next years random proxy seating will start with Beta Gamma
- III. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Motion to accept - Alpha
 - b. Second – Beta Sigma
 - c. Motion Passes
- IV. Reading of Chapter Reports
 - a. Motion to Suspend Delta
 - b. Beta Sigma
 - c. Motion Passes
- V. Final Officer Reports (Appendix II)
 - a. Co-MAL - Chase Giddings
 - i. Motion to accept – Beta Delta
 - ii. Second – Beta Sigma
 - iii. Motion Passed
 - b. Co-MAL – Sean LaFollette
 - i. Motion to accept – Theta Phi
 - ii. Second – Lambda Epsilon
 - iii. Motion Passed
- VI. Committee Assignments
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Recess to Joint Session – 6:11 pm

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Friday April, 18 2008 - 6:15pm**

- I. Call to order at 6:23 pm.

- II. Introduction of Councils/Dignitaries
 - a. KKY Southwest District Council
 - i. Jack Lee, Delta Sigma, President
 - ii. Sean Smith, Theta Alpha, Vice President
 - iii. Rochelle Fousel, Alpha Rho, Sec/Treas
 - iv. Sean LaFollette, Theta Phi, Co-MAL
 - v. Chase Giddings, Beta Delta, Co-MAL
 - vi. Danny George CPA, Governor
 - vii. Dr. David Scott, Governor
 - b. TBS Southwest District Council
 - i. Andrea Shafer, Alpha, President
 - ii. Laura Pollard, Gamma Tau, VP of Colonization and Membership
 - iii. Tiffany Baron, Eta Epsilon, VP of Special Projects
 - iv. Amanda Dickson, Gamma Nu, Secretary Treasurer
 - v. Chris Gordon, Counselor
 - c. TBS National Dignitaires
 - i. Kimbi Siegle, National Presidnet
 - ii. Dollie MacDonald, National VP of Colonization and Membership
 - d. KKY National Dignitaries
 - i. Melinda Matney, National President
 - ii. Jason Morris, VP of Student Affairs
 - iii. Ken Corbett Board of Trustees
 - iv. Scott Stowell Board of Trustees
 - v. NE District Gov
 - e. National Headquarters Staff
 - i. Col. Alan Bonner
 - ii. Aaron Moore

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- iii. Clint Weiden
 - f. KKY District Dignitaries
 - i. Jessica MaCalarney – NED Past President
 - ii. Dusty Brown-SWD Past President
 - iii. Kevin Wolfe-SWD Past Vice President
 - iv. Clint Weiden-SWD Past President
 - g. TbS District Dignitaries
 - i. Nicole Burdic-SWD Past President
 - ii. Chrias Foster-SWD Past President
 - iii. Stephanie salazaar-past vp of special projects
 - iv. Katherine brown-sponsor Prairie View A&M
- III. Recognition of Life Members in Attendance
- IV. Recognition of Graduating Seniors
- V. Final call on Convention Host Bids
- VI. Final call on New ALTO bids
- VII. Host Chapter Announcements
- VIII. Recess to Wind Symphony Concert – 6:35 pm

Second Separate Session
Grand Ball Room
April 19, 2008 4:00 pm

- I. Call to order at 4:15.
- II. Seating of Late Delegates
 - a. Delegates and Proxies not in attendance:
 - i.

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- III. National Council Presentation
- IV. Final Officer Reports
 - a. Governor – Dr. David Scott
 - i. Motion to Accept – Beta Alpha
 - ii. Second – Zeta Xi
 - iii. Motion Passed
- V. Committee Reports (Appendix C)
 - a. Ways and Means Committee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Beta Gamma
 - ii. Second – Gamma Theta
 - iii. Motion Passed
 - iv. Motion to Adopt – Delta
 - v. Second – Epsilon Psi
 - vi. Motion Passed
 - b. History and Traditions
 - i. Motion to accept – Theta Phi
 - ii. Second – Beta Delta
 - iii. Motion Passed
- VI. Final Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary/Treasurer – Rochelle Fousel
 - i. Motion to Accept – Alpha Rho
 - ii. Second – Theta Phi
 - iii. Motion Passed
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Recess to Joint Session at 5:15

Second Joint Session
Grand Ball Room
April 19, 2008 5:00 pm

- I. Call to order & Roll Call at 5:25 pm
- II. Committee Reports
 - a. JACME

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- i. Motion to Accept – Gamma Nu TBS
- ii. Second – Delta Sigma KKY
- iii. Motion Passed

III. Risk Management Presentation – Scott Stowell

IV. Presentation of Convention Site Bids

- a. Beta Gamma – Louisiana State University
- b. Epsilon Beta/Gamme Tau – University of Central Arkansas
- c. Beta Alpha – Baylor University
- d. Q&A

V. Announcements from Host Chapter

VI. Recess to Banquet at 7:15 pm

Third Joint Session
Grand Ball Room
April 20, 2008 8:00 am

- I. Call to order at 8:05
- II. Announcements about Chapter Leadership Conference
- III. Announcements about District Day
- IV. Area Worskshop Hosts 2009
 - a. Arkansas – Delta Chi/Gamma Omicron, Southern Arkansas University
 - b. Louisiana – Eta Xi/Zeta Phi, Louisiana Tech
 - c. North Texas – Lambda Pi, University of Texas-Tyler
 - d. Oklahoma – Gamma Theta, East Central University
 - e. South Texas – Delta Psi/Epsilon Psi, Prairie View A&M University
 - f. West Texas New Mexico – Epsilon Kappa/Delta Tau, Angelo State UJniversity
- V. Presentation of New ALTO bid
 - a. Lambda/Psi – University of Arkansas
- VI. Recess to Separate Session at 8:21 am

Final Separate Session
Grand Ball Room
April 20, 2008 8:00 am

- I. Call to order at 8:28
- II. Seat Any New Delegates

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III. Presentation of Steve Nelson History Awards

IV. Presentation – Melinda Matney

V. Final Officer Reports

- a. Vice President – Sean Smith
 - i. Motion to Accept – Theta Alpha
 - ii. Second – Epsilon Delta
 - iii. Motion Passed

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Spirit Committee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Delta Chi
 - ii. Second – Iota Upsilon
 - iii. Motion Passed
- b. Jurisdiction Committee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Delta
 - ii. Second – Lambda Pi
 - iii. Motion Passed
 - iv. Adoption of SWD Constitution Changes
 - 1. Motion to Accept – Delta
 - 2. Second – Gamma Sigma
 - 3. Motion Passed
- c. Colonization and Membership Committee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Delta Alpha
 - ii. Second – Eta Xi
 - iii. Motion Passed

VII. Final Officer Report

- a. Danny George – Governor
 - i. Motion to Accept – Delta Sigma
 - ii. Second – Gamma Sigma
 - iii. Motion Passed

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Nominations Committee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Zeta Gamma
 - ii. Second – Zeta Zeta

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iii. Motion Passed

IX. Officer Elections

a. President

- i. Sean LaFollette
- ii. Chase Giddings
- iii. Sean Smith
- iv. 3 Minute Caucus
 1. Motion – Beta Gamma
 2. Second – Gamma Theta
 3. Motion Passed
- v. New 2008-2009 Southwest District President - Sean LaFollette, Theta Phi

b. Vice President

- i. Sean Smith
- ii. Chase Giddings
- iii. Motion for 2 minute caucus
 1. Motion - Iota Upsilon
 2. Second - Lambda Xi
 3. Motion Passed
- iv. New 2008-2009 Southwest District Vice President – Sean Smith, Theta Alpha

X. Final Committee Report

- a. Alumni Association Committee
- i.

XI. Officer Elections

a. Secretary/Treasurer

- i. Jennifer Larsen
- ii. Joe Jebbia
- iii. 1 Minute Caucus
 1. Motion – Epsilon Beta
 2. Second – Delta Sigma
 3. Motion Passed
- iv. New 2008-2009 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer – Jennifer Larsen,
Epsilon Delta

b. Members at Large

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- i. Sean Rosalez
- ii. Chase Giddings
- iii. Bart Hosier
- iv. Joe Jebbia
- v. 2 Minute Causus
 1. Motion – Delta
 2. Second – Delta Sigma
 3. Motion Passed
- vi. New 2008-2009 Southwest District Co-Member at Large #1 – Sean Rosalez,
Epsilon Delta
- vii. New 2008-2009 Southwest District Co-Member at Large #2 – Chase Giddings

XII. Final Officer Reports

- a. President – Jack Lee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Delta Sigma
 - ii. Second – Epsilon Theta
 - iii. Motion Passed
- b. Motion to nominate Jack Lee for the J-Lee Burke Student Achievement Award – Epsilon
Theta
- c. Second – Delta Sigma
- d. Motion Passed

XIII. Officer Installations

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn – Gamma Phi
- b. Second – Epsilon Chi
- c. Motion Passed
- d. Adjourned at 11:23

Final Joint Session
Grand Ball Room
April 20, 2008 10:45 am

- I. Call to order at 11:27
- II. Roll Call

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- III. Committee Report
 - a. Publications Committee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Zeta Xi, KKY
 - ii. Second – Delta Alpha, TBS
 - iii. Motion Passed
- IV. Election – New ALTO
 - a. Motion to accept Lambda and Psi by acclimation - Gamma Nu, TBS
 - b. Second – Epsilon Epsilon
 - c. Motion passed
- V. Committee Report
 - a. Convention Site Committee
 - i. Motion to Accept – Beta Zeta, TBS
 - ii. Second – Gamma Phi, KKY
 - iii. Motion Passed
- VI. Election – Convention Site
 - a. Election of 2008 Convention Host
 - i. Baylor University is Slated
 - ii. Beta Gamma Louisiana State University
 - iii. Gamma Tau University of Central Arkansas
 - b. 2 min caucus
 - c. Convention Host 2009 – Beta Gamma at Louisiana State University
- VII. Joint Presidents’ Report
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn ‘Joint’ Convention at
 - a. Motion - Gamma Phi, KKY
 - b. Second - Beta Zeta, TBS
 - c. Motion passes
 - d. Adjourned at 11:55 am

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Appendix A

Delegate Seating

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| CHAPTER | SCHOOL | ASSIGNED PROXY | RANDOM PROXY |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Alpha | Oklahoma State University | | |
| Delta | University of Oklahoma | | |
| Lambda | University of Arkansas | | |
| Alpha Omicron | Texas Tech University | | |
| Alpha Rho | Northeastern State University (OK) | | |
| Alpha Tau | University of Texas | | |
| Alpha Psi | West Texas A&M University | | |
| Beta Alpha | Baylor University | | |
| Beta Gamma | Louisiana State University | | |
| Beta Delta | Sam Houston State University | | |
| Beta Lambda | Eastern New Mexico University | | |
| Beta Sigma | University of Houston | | |
| Gamma Zeta | Lamar University | | |
| Gamma Theta | East Central University (OK) | | |
| Gamma Iota | University of New Mexico | | |
| Gamma Sigma | Texas Christian University | | |
| Gamma Phi | Stephen F. Austin State University | | |
| Gamma Omega | Texas Southern University | | |
| Delta Alpha | Langston University | | |

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Delta Delta | Arkansas Tech University | | |
| Delta Sigma | University of Texas at Arlington | | |
| Delta Chi | Southern Arkansas University | | |
| Delta Psi | Prairie View A&M University | | |
| Epsilon Beta | University of Central Arkansas | | |
| Epsilon Delta | Texas A&M University - Kingsville | | |
| Epsilon Epsilon | Southwestern Oklahoma State Univ. | | |
| Epsilon Zeta | Oklahoma Baptist University | | |
| Epsilon Theta | University of Louisiana - Monroe | | |
| Epsilon Kappa | Angelo State University | | |
| Epsilon Rho | Grambling State University | | |
| Epsilon Chi | University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff | | |
| Zeta Beta | Howard Payne University | | |
| Zeta Gamma | Texas Lutheran University | | |
| Zeta Zeta | University of Arkansas - Monticello | | |
| Zeta Kappa | Texas A&M University - Commerce | | |
| Zeta Nu | Southern University | | |
| Zeta Xi | Tyler Junior College | | |
| Eta Nu | Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ. | | |
| Eta Xi | Louisiana Tech University | | |
| Theta Alpha | Texas State University | | |
| Theta Kappa | Tarleton State University | | |
| Theta Nu | Northwestern State University (LA) | | |
| Theta Phi | Henderson State University | | |
| Iota Sigma | Blinn College | | |

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| Iota Upsilon | McNeese State University | | |
| Kappa Phi | East Texas Baptist University | | |
| Lambda Epsilon | Ouachita Baptist University | | |
| Lambda Kappa | University of Arkansas - Ft. Smith | | |
| Alpha Chi Colony | University of Texas at El Paso | | |
| SE LA Colony | Southeastern Louisiana University | | |
| UT-Tyler Colony | University of Texas at Tyler | | |
| PQC Colony | Paul Quinn College | | |

**Appendix B
Officer Reports**

A. Joint Presidents' Report

B. President

Brothers of the Southwest District,

What an outstanding year **we** have had. Trying to sum up an entire year in one report is near impossible. Yet, I plan to do my best.

A year ago in Stillwater I stood before this delegation and announced my plans to make this district better than it has ever been. While most of those initiatives were successful, some did not quite go as well as planned.

I guess the best way to start this report is at the beginning. The first event of my term started at my home at the University of Texas at Arlington. Here, was hosted the annual Chapter Leadership Conference and District Day. I'm pleased to say that both of these events were a huge success! The usual Texas Ranger's game was replaced with a trip to Six Flags – the weather was perfect, the lines were short, and as far as I know, everyone in attendance had a great time

The next major event took place in Orlando, Florida with the 2007 National Convention. If you attended National Convention this last summer, will you please stand. I would like to thank you personally for representing this district well. You stood steadfast for what you believed in, you actively participated in all the events, and you showed unswerving devotion to this fraternity and this district. I ask everyone to please join in thanking you.

Brothers, as you can tell, the total amount of members present at national convention is a mere representation of this district. As you will remember from last year's district convention, it was my hope to have the Southwest District fully represented with 53 votes. The entire council

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worked tirelessly through the end of the semester well into the summer in an attempt to contact every chapter for a delegate or proxy form. While this council accomplished the gathering of 50 delegate proxy forms, the Southwest District was poorly represented at national convention.

This must change in future conventions.

The year continued and the new semesters started. I'm pleased to announce that only five chapters did not submit their chapter personnel reports on time. This is an improvement from previous years. I urge you all to continue to make this improvement – help hold your chapter responsible.

The fall semester continued and brothers across this district met at football games, at rituals, and at chapter events. One such event brought me here to SFA where I was able to hang out with brothers; watch a football game and yes.....say: "Give 'em the Axe Jacks, Give 'em the axe."

The spring semester began and with it was the winter council meeting and workshops. Workshop season is always interesting. The North Texas workshop involved a brother from Theta Phi leaving his keys at my apartment. Three weeks later I finally remembered to mail them to him – I'm sorry Andy. At the Louisiana workshop we were able to hear about hazing. .In retrospect it is interesting to think of where the Louisiana workshop was held. At the Oklahoma area workshop we were able to see an outstanding guest speaker and meet Achmed. For those of you who were not there I urge you to find him on *Youtube* – you can find him as Achmed the Dead Terrorist.

Workshop season brought some new events for chapters and the council. If you attended workshops then your chapter probably met with the district council. This year, the council decided to meet with individual chapters to see how things were going. This was a great opportunity for us to see and hear the great work that has been done throughout the district. It is my hope that these "One-on-One's" will continue into next year.

The conclusion of workshops brings us here: The 2008 Southwest District Convention. The planning for this convention started back in July at National Convention. Ever since, the planning and implementation has not stopped. I could not have asked for a better group of brothers to serve as hosts. They definitely deserve a standing ovation - please join me in thanking the brothers of Gamma Phi for an outstanding job!

This convention has been different from years past. The most significant change has included this session here on Sunday. The addition of a concert into the convention schedule was an outstanding success; for this was the first concert the Southwest District has ever seen. It is my hope that this delegation has enjoyed the opportunity to visit the vendors, the displays, the scrapbooks, and to actually meet the candidates running for office.

I hope you all agree that this convention has been a success.

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Most district presidents would now go in to thanking all the brothers and sisters for their support throughout this year. Instead, going along with a sense of "change," I have decided to share with you my hope and goals for this district and fraternity over the next few years.

A short three weeks ago I was enjoying my time at the Northeast District Convention – for those who do not know I am engaged to the now past Northeast District President Jessica McAlarney. While at this convention I received news that our fraternity was involved in a 12 million dollar lawsuit.

If you have been to any of the workshops this season, you have heard the speech about how hazing does not benefit this fraternity in anyway. I will continue to spread that message for as long as I remain involved with the fraternity.

I was deeply saddened that on March 14, 2008 the top article of a prominent hazing website involved our fraternity. Reading the article, you could see that the fraternity is involved in a law suit for 12 million dollars. Dr. Matney has informed myself, and all of you, that it would cost each active \$2400, or 34 years of active dues to settle this lawsuit.

Brothers, hazing must stop. I ask, as your brother, that each of you stand together to show that this fraternity will not tolerate hazing in any way, form, or fashion. Individuals that know of hazing and do not do anything about it are just as guilty as brothers that actively partaking in any form of hazing.

Our National President said it best when she stated: "Do not presume that any level of hazing is acceptable. Hazing never honors the name of Kappa Kappa Psi. It in no way is in the spirit of Striving for the Highest."

Please, join me in sending this message. I urge you all, right now, as we sit in this meeting, to change your *Facebook* status to say you are preserving the honor of this fraternity – do it now from your phones or do it when you get home. Show the nation that the Southwest District stands unified in preserving the honor of our great fraternity.

At this convention the delegation voted and adopted a new delegate fee. While this means more money coming in to the district, it ultimately means more money coming back to you as we prepare for national convention in 2009. Just think, if 50 chapters show up to district convention next year, there will be \$1750 to help you all get to national convention the following summer. That is \$3500 a biennium.

This district is massive and needs to show that at National Convention. Start making your plans to attend now. Show the rest of the nation that the Southwest District is the true leader and will stand for nothing less than the best.

Finally, I charge all brothers with actively participating in this fraternity on the National level. If you have questions about something, then ask ask our National Leadership or Headquarters

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Staff. **Never** accept anything less than what you think is the best. It is your **duty** as an active to constantly be aware of what this fraternity is doing.

Now to the thanks:

To Chase Giddings – who would have thought that the little high school kid that I counseled at Drum Major camp would serve on district council beside me. You have a great love and devotion for this fraternity that I wish everyone in this room could share with you. Keep true to the pathway and know that nothing is impossible without dedication and loyalty – two traits that you definitely possess.

To Sean LaFollette – the third degree of this fraternity is something I'm sure everyone in this room can remember. Yes, I do remember you being at my initiation. At that time I would have never thought we would be where we are now. You are true leader of this fraternity and I know your dedication will never falter. Thank you for a great year.

To Rochelle Fousel – I never would have guessed we would be where we are now. I met you shortly after being elected to this office, and you have been a great friend ever since. I can remember the messages on *facebook* that should have been classified as novels. You came to this council late, but your spirit and love for each of us was greater than I think any of us expected. The fraternity is definitely losing a leader with you graduating. Hold close the ideals of this order and know that music and Kappa Kappa Psi will always be with you. It has been my privilege to serve with you.

Sean Smith – a year ago I was certain that you would be the one standing here delivering the president's report. You are an outstanding leader and a true friend. I could not have asked for anyone else to have served as Vice President. Thank you for always being willing to share your thoughts and for helping with anything you could. Most importantly I am grateful to call you my brother. Continue your love for the fraternity and you will do amazing things.

To Dr. David Scott – while you are not always visible I have had the distinct pleasure of serving on this council under your guidance. You bring knowledge to share with this council that many people could not imagine. You have been a mentor and friend. I thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do for this district.

Dr. Malinda Matney – thank you for all the lengthy emails. I know that whenever I had a question about the fraternity, you could answer it. This fraternity has had many leaders, and there is no doubt that you are among the greatest. Continue to lead this organization in the direction you are – I anticipate only great things to come – *For Great is Your Opportunity*.

To Alpha Rho and Lambda Pi – you guys might be the most hospitable chapters I've had the privilege of visiting and spending time with. Thank you for saving my life – yes I almost died, but you'll have to ask Alpha Rho about that – and thank you for the BBQ fun this summer, Lambda Pi.

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Clint Wieden, Dusty Brown, and Jason Kellison – as three previous district presidents you have all helped tremendously. Thank you for the text messages, the calls, the talks, and the e-mails. You are without a doubt missed leaders.

To Chris Joyce – I've never met any brother with more devotion to this District. You are most deserving of the honorary membership bestowed upon you at this convention. Thank you for all your help and support this year – it did not go unnoticed.

To the other District Presidents – Lance, Emily, Heather, Jessica, and Jeremy – while most of you are not here to hear this report I must still recognize your friendship. I do not know how I would have made it without you. I can say you are all my friends and brothers for life – I love you.

Danny George – I do not know what words I could say right now that could really sum up all that you do. You have been a mentor and friend that I will never forget. The brothers of this district are lucky to have you as their governor and I hope you realize how important you are. I would not be here had it not been for you and I thank you. There were the bad times and the great times but we shared them together. I will cherish your friendship forever.

To Delta Sigma – you are my true brothers. I could not have made it through this year without your support and brotherly love. I hope you all know how much I love you and hold each of you dear to my heart. Continue to live by the seven words, and to accept only the best. You have been, and will always be, my second family.

Finally, to the brothers of the Southwest District – here we are a year later and the end of my term. My hope is that you all have realized this district has the potential to achieve so much more. I can not thank you all enough for giving me the opportunity to serve. It truly has been an honor to be selected to serve. Continue to lead this fraternity in everything you do. **No matter where I go, this district will always be called my home.**

Preserving the honor of Kappa Kappa Psi,

Jack Lee

President

Southwest District

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The University of Texas at Arlington

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C. Vice President

Brothers of the Southwest District,

First, let me thank you all for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Vice President this year. It is truly an honor to be selected to serve such a wonderful collection of brothers and musicians as yourselves, and I am in awe of the things you accomplish every day.

This year started in quite a rush for me, as not 48 hours after being installed I received email and phone calls about our first installation, the Lambda Omega Chapter at NWOSU. It was a wonderful start to what has been one of the most interesting years of my active career. Amidst the rush of finals and projects, Sister Laura Pollard and I managed to somehow pull together the Chapter Leadership Conference in June. It was a huge success, with over 18 chapters in attendance and close to 100 brothers and sisters eager to learn more about their organizations.

The summer continued its hectic pace with my first National Convention in Orlando, where I had the pleasure to serve my chapter and the District on the Ways and Means Committee. It was truly awe inspiring to see the National Chapter at work, and brought home to me what it really means when I sing 'I am a Brother of K K Psi.' Sweeping changes were made to our Alumni Association, creating a new and independent body. I urge you all to be proactive in maintaining contact with your alumni as these transitions are put into effect this year. There is a wealth of fraternal knowledge and experience kept by our alumni, and to allow them to be lost during this transition would be nothing short of tragic. 'To shirk is to betray a trust.'

School began again in August, and with it came everyone's favorite sport- Marching Band. Though I was unable to participate on the field this year, I did manage to tag along for the TxState v. Baylor game, and got a chance to spend a little time with the Beta Alpha chapter and see their rendition of *Thriller*, which was fantastic.

In November I attended the Chapter Installation for Mu Gamma at Houston Baptist University. It was a wonderful time to share in brotherhood with the new chapter, and I even got an impromptu conducting lesson from Col. Bonner. Talk about being put on the spot!

The rest of the semester passed as semesters do, and January came in full force. Days after starting the spring semester I joined the rest of the Council in Nacogdoches for our winter meeting. We spent the weekend planning Convention, surviving elevators and bad waiters, and generally having a good time.

It was brought to my attention during our meetings that something needed to be done about the current state of the Alumni Association. I began to contact alumni brothers and national officers about what I could do to help the transition, and the council came up with a few ideas of how to proceed. The result is the Committee of alumni and graduating brothers at convention this year. This body, chaired by Dusty Brown, will be handling the initial tasks of reforming the association. If you have any questions or concerns about the new Alumni Association, feel free to speak with Dusty or myself this weekend.

Workshop season began for me with the West Texas/New Mexico area at West Texas A&M in Canyon. The Chapters there did a phenomenal job, and I would like to thank them for hosting us. My home Chapter at Texas State University hosted the South Texas area workshop, and I would like to say how proud I am of them for the job they did. I also got to attend the North Texas Area workshop at UT Arlington. The Delta Sigma Chapter's presentation was amazing, and it truly was an example of what it means to Strive for the Highest to see how well prepared the workshop was with only a week to organize it. I would like to apologize to the chapters in Oklahoma and Arkansas for my absence at their workshops; a wedding and an unexpected family visit prevented my attendance, and I truly missed getting to meet with you all at the workshops.

The Southwest District gained four new colonies this year, and I would like to congratulate them on beginning the road to brotherhood and encourage them on their paths. The University of Central Oklahoma was accepted in October, and the colony at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor was added in December. Both of these colonies are well on their way to initiation, and were joined just this spring by the Gamma Alpha colony at Midwestern State University, and the Texas College Colony.

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Sadly, the District also lost two colonies this year. The colonies at UT El Paso and Paul Quinn College were removed from the process due to lack of correspondence and progress. While this is unfortunate, it is important to remember that it is an Honor to be Selected to Serve, and that it is expected of all brothers to continue to Strive for the Highest, not grow complacent.

The main project I have been engaged in this year has been to attempt to develop an online resource for Membership Education. After much discussion, I began the creation of an online database for chapter constitutions and MEPs to be accessible to Brothers across the district. This database will provide colonies with ideas and templates from which to build their own documents, as well as provide active brothers with alternatives to their chapter's methodology. I would like to thank the following chapters for their cooperation and support of this project: Alpha, Delta, Alpha Rho, Beta Delta, Theta Alpha, Theta Phi, and Lambda Omega. I urge you all to consider submitting your chapter documents to the database, as it will provide your brothers an opportunity to learn more about the district at large as well as show them how your chapter Strives for the Highest.

I would like to thank the District for giving me the opportunity to serve you this past year as your Vice President. The experience has taught me a lot about what it is to be a Brother, and I thank each and every one of you for the great work you do in the name of Music and Fraternity. I only hope that I have lived up to the responsibilities and expectations you had for me.

I'd like to thank Jack Lee for being the best president I could ever have hoped for. You've shown me what it is to lead on every level, and the work you've done for the district is amazing. I wish you all the best, my friend.

To Rochelle Fousel, you jumped on a moving train this year, and you've held your own with style. I'm glad to have been able to work with you on the Council, and I thank you for the work you've done. By the way, if you see Shannon from the front desk, tell her that she needs to seek 'alternative courses of action' because Dixon is still too loud.

To Chase Giddings, thank you for just being you. Your dedication to the Fraternity is inspiring, and your ideas and approaches really helped me gain a wider view of the Brotherhood. I know you've had a rough time this semester, and that makes your accomplishments that much more amazing.

Sean LaFollette; your energy and enthusiasm are infectious. It's a pleasure to work with you because you always manage to lighten the mood and make work fun. You've done a wonderful job this year, and I thank you for it.

To Dr. Scott, though I didn't get to work with you as much as I would like to, I appreciate your work on behalf of the District and the Brotherhood. One of the best moments of TMEA was when you got the drop on a Theta Alpha MC. He still looks over his shoulder to make sure there are no ninja governors lurking.

Danny George; it was an honor to work with you. You are perhaps the most amazing Brother I've ever met, and the depth of your knowledge and love of the Fraternity never ceases to amaze me. You've really helped me grow as a Brother, student, and person, and I've really learned a lot from you. Thank you.

To Chris Joyce, your simple and honest version of brotherhood is inspiring. You work tirelessly for our District, and your work has not gone unnoticed. Your questions and persistence helped me to establish the methods by which I have conducted myself this year, and I thank you.

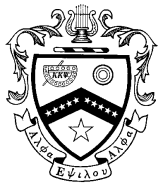
To Dr. Malinda Matney, in the spring of 2006, you guided a bewildered and slightly terrified chapter Vice President through the reformation of his Chapter's MEP. That Vice President has never forgotten your help. Your aid was invaluable, and inspired me to serve on a level beyond my home chapter so that I might in some way repay that kindness by serving others in the same manner. I couldn't think of a better brother to lead our nation in times of triumph and tribulation, and you are an inspiration to us all. Thank you.

Finally, I'd like to thank my brothers at Theta Alpha. Thank you for putting up with me for the past 6 years; thank you for supporting me as a District Officer; and thank you for being there for me even when I was stressing out. You are my family, and I owe everything I've done to you.

Submitted with Fraternal Love,
Sean Devin Smith, Theta Alpha
Vice President, Southwest District 2007-2008

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D. Secretary Treasurer



Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer

Rochelle Fousel

Brothers of the Southwest,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for supporting me as your Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer for the 2007-2008 term, and I would also like to thank the rest of the Southwest District council for having faith that I would be able to serve productively in this office and for entrusting these responsibilities to me. I wasn't entirely positive what I was getting myself into. Not to say I didn't have a clue, I just wasn't sure how to go about things, and there wasn't really anyone to explain it to me.

My last year as an active member of Kappa Kappa Psi started out with my chapters annual float trip this summer which our Southwest District President was able to attend and I was able to make a new and valuable friend. Soon after I made it down to Arlington, TX for the Chapter Leadership Conference and District day. (Loads of fun) not long after that was national convention which I would like to say that anyone who did not go to that convention seriously missed out. It was an absolute blast and a half spending that much time with that many brothers from so many different places, and if you are not currently planning to attend National Convention next summer I highly suggest you reconsider. And now I am off subject so I'll get back to what I as saying. It was while I was at National Convention that learned of the soon to be vacancy in the office of district secretary treasurer and the seed was planted. After a few weeks of talking to people and thinking long and hard I decided to go ahead and apply for the position. Lucky for me I was selected and got to spend the rest of my senior year doing as much as possible for the organization that I love so much.

When I was selected to serve in this office back in October of 2007 I wasn't quite sure what to expect. I figured the previous secretary/treasurer would have things pretty well organized and put together so I would be able to pick up right where she left off. The problem came though when I was not able to get a hold of the materials for this office until January rolled around. The records and materials were not quite as I had hoped, but they were at least organized in a way so that I was able to make sense of them even if they were not perfect. Some documents needed correcting, and some records needed updating while others were non-existent, which I do not blame on anyone specifically it just made for a more complicated adjustment period. I spent a lot of time figuring out and organizing the documents and other materials that were given to me, so hopefully they will be a little bit easier do deal with for the next person who is selected to have the honor of serving in this office. Some things went missing after last years convention and didn't show back up until about 3:30 this afternoon (no names Clint) and there were also a few reports that were heard once at

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last year's convention and were never heard from again (until this afternoon). The rest fall semester was pretty uneventful, and there is not much to talk about there.

It didn't really feel like I was a member of the District council until January. I was a little separated and I didn't have any of my materials to be able to do anything, or look at things. No one ever asked me to do anything, and I didn't have the required materials so it was kind of odd, but I really started to feel like a part of it when I started getting phone calls and e-mails from various brothers in the district who needed help figuring things out and had questions about things. But then came workshop season and things really started to pick up.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend five out of six of the area workshops this semester. It would have been six but two of them fell on the same day so what can you do right? I was able to take some of the new members from my chapter to places they had never been, to meet people they had never met, and experience things they had never had the chance to experience. I was able to spend a lot of time hanging out with Brothers from the Delta Sigma chapter before and after some of those workshops.

Between all the fun and games was the real hard stuff. Keeping up with people, places and things, figuring out where to put those same things, coming up with new things, organizing them... if it weren't for the help I was lucky enough to receive from the rest of the council, I may have seriously lost my mind. Reimbursement forms were coming out of my ears no thanks to Sean, and t-shirt order forms not coming at all and then rolling in all at once.

Now for a little bit of reminiscing about a few of my favorite memories from this year: I had the pleasure of participating in one of the most interesting conversations I have ever seen in mixed company on the car ride back to Arlington from the South Texas workshop, navigation issues on the way to the Oklahoma area workshop, late night prank from Shannon at the front desk, Potter Puppet Pals, the adventures with the bouncy ball, and of course getting Jack addicted to the fish game.

And now for the infamous "thank you" section. It's not too long though, I promise:

To the TBS District Council, your help and support throughout this year has been invaluable to the Kappa Kappa Psi District Council. To Jack Lee, you have been a huge help and a great friend to me and I thank you for every thing you have done for me this year, from late night conversations to remembering and showing me my favorite memory of Kappa Kappa Psi. You have been an outstanding leader for the district. To Danny George CPA, I don't know how you do what you do, but I know that everyone of the people in this room appreciates it on some level. I am so glad you were faking us out last year when you told us you weren't going to continue on in the position of Governor. To Sean LaFollette, Who would have thought that the guy I saw three years ago doing odd things on the stage at the EXTREME workshop in Arkansas would end up on the district council. You are one of the most entertaining individuals I know, and your enthusiasm about life and this fraternity is outweighed only by your dedication to it. I am pleasantly surprised at how close we have become, and I thank you for providing so much comic relief. To Chase Giddings, you are probably the most enthusiastic person I have ever met. You have done a great job in your office this year, and I know that your responsibility and character will take you far. Good luck in future years. Shane/Sean Smith, I have probably spent more time giving you flack this year, well except Jack, than most other people, and you take it like a champ. Thank you for not getting sick of my sarcasm and being patient with me when I was being a punk. You are a very patient individual and I'm sure that will serve you well. To Dr. Scott, I haven't had the opportunity to really interact with you much this year, but I know that you put a lot into the fraternity and I appreciate all of it. To the district council as a whole, you guys are a blast and I couldn't have asked for a more interesting and more entertaining bunch of guys to room with. I couldn't thank you enough for the memories I have shared with your guys. I wouldn't hesitate to ask a single one of you for help with anything I needed because I know you guys are an amazing group of brothers and would help me in a heartbeat, and for that I thank you. To my chapter, for their support in my applying and holding this office and for trusting me to run and take care of the chapter for the last year. There have been good times and there have been bad times over the years and I am proud of the growth and achievement I have seen from each of you. I appreciate everything you do and I am sorry if I don't tell you enough. I have had more fun with your guys over the last four years, and I am going to miss all of you when I move this summer.

This fraternity has been a huge part of my life since I rushed in fall of 2004, and I can hardly imagine what it is going to be like to start a new chapter in my life that won't involve Kappa Kappa Psi. I love my brothers and I can only hope that I have been able to touch the lives of at least a few people in the magnitude that many of you have touched mine.

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Thank you Southwest District for being yourselves, for being the best there is with more fun and life and love to offer than anyone could ever hope to receive. Never stop striving...

Respectfully submitted,

Rochelle Fousel
2007-2008 Southwest District Secretary/Treasurer
Alpha Rho Chapter President
Northeastern State University

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E. Co-Member at Large

To the Brothers of the Southwest District,

So here we are again, District Convention. Every year people get up here and say how they can't believe a year has already passed since they were elected to office. Well I'm here to tell you, I wish I knew what they were talking about. Trying to think back to every place I've been and trying to remember everything I've done since last convention has been a lot harder than I ever imagined. Hunting down chapters to see if they were going to National Convention, or being suspended upside down on an ACME rocket while my phone was ringing at Six Flags on District Day seems like a lifetime ago. But I have to say, this has been one of the most fun and amazing years of my life. I've been to some great places, meet some amazing Brothers, spent way too much money on gas, and have heard the question "how do you say your last name?" more times than I can count.

As the school year kicked off, I was faced with one of the worst possible problems that a Member at Large can imagine; a broken car. Having to rely on everyone around me for transportation slowed my traveling down a little but didn't completely stop it. It did however keep me from going to two of the most important events within our district this year, the installations of Lambda Omega and Mu Gamma. To this day I'm still upset that I couldn't be there for those once in a lifetime events.

By the time workshop season rolled around, my car was up and running again. I was able to make it to four of the six area workshops; South Texas, North Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. I was planning on going to Louisiana while the rest of the council went to West Texas/New Mexico, but that day Arkadelphia was hit with an ice storm bad enough to get our classes canceled. One of our students sadly passed away in a car accident at morning because of icy conditions on the interstate outside of town. As I'm sure you all can understand, I couldn't in good conscience let me and my chapter take the risk of traveling that day, even though I really wanted to go.

My most insanely tiring travel story of the year is defiantly the weekend my chapter and I went to Tahlequah, OK. We left early on a Saturday morning to go to a spaghetti dinner with Alpha Rho, their Membership Candidates, and a few Brothers from Lambda Kappa. Yes you heard me right; I traveled 5 hours away just to eat spaghetti. I had an absolute blast with you guys and can't wait to do it again. Unfortunately we weren't able to stay for very long because we had to drive 10 hours that night so we could make it Itta Bena, Mississippi by 9am to perform 2nd Degree for a colony we were advising. By the way, I'm happy to announce that colony has now been re-installed as the Delta Pi Chapter.

If that trip gets the award for being the most ridiculously sleep deprived, than my trip to Pine Bluff, AR to hang out with the Epsilon Chi chapter gets the distinct honor of being my overall favorite. If you've never been to Pine Bluff, you should make it a point to go sometime in the near future. The sense of Brotherhood you experience there is like none other, and you literally can't go anywhere wearing letters without running into a Brother or a Sister. Don't believe me? Go walking around their mall and just see how long it takes before you hear some

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girl screaming “My Brothers!!!” as she is rushing up to hug you like you’ve been friends since kindergarten. The feeling is awesome.

I’d love to just stand up here all day and tell stories about my travels, but unfortunately we don’t have that kind of time and I need to tell you about some of the progress I’ve made with this office. Right after convention last year I took over the task of making the District History Book. If you don’t know what that is your not alone. I had no idea it was actually real until I started working on it. All I knew is that for some reason the District Council always wanted you to send in a Chapter History Form each year. I knew that I wanted to make this project into something worthwhile so I started brainstorming. I went through last year’s form and added some new questions that I thought would be more beneficial to chapters in the long run. Things like explanations of successful and no-so-successful activities were added in the hopes that other chapters might find something that they could use. I also did something new with the forms this year. I took the information that was on them and made more attractive and easier to read pages for the each of the twenty chapters that participated in this project. This new and much nicer History Book is on display here at convention so take some time tomorrow and go check it out. Since this year’s convention theme is the Evolution of Band I thought it was only fitting to make some kind of display to show the evolution of our district. On display with the History Book you can check out the, as complete possible, District Family Tree. You can’t miss it, its about seven feet long and four feet tall. That might seem like a bit much but hey, we are the biggest district in the nation.

Like I said before, this experience has been absolutely amazing. I’ve grown so much while I’ve been in office and I have everyone of you to thank for giving me this opportunity. And that brings me to my “thank yous”.

Thank you to the following chapters for submitting to the District History Book: Alpha, Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Rho, Alpha Tau, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Sigma, Gamma Theta, Delta Sigma, Epsilon Beta, Epsilon Delta, Zeta Zeta, Theta Alpha, Theta Nu, Theta Phi, Iota Upsilon, Kappa Phi, Lambda Epsilon, and Lambda Pi. I want you all to know how much I appreciate your work and support towards our history project.

To Dr. David Scott: Even though I didn’t get to know you as well as I would have liked, I can still see the level of dedication that you have for this Fraternity. Your work my go unnoticed sometimes but we all appreciate everything you do for us. You are a huge asset to this district and I hope that you will continue doing great work for us.

To Danny George, CPA: When you announced that you’d be staying on board as District Governor is summer I couldn’t have been happier. Honestly, I can’t image this district without you. You’ve always been there for this council when we needed insight or advice and I know I’ve told you this before, but thank you for making us think for ourselves by never telling us what we should do. You’ve made my experience on the council more incredible than I thought it could ever be, and I can only hope to one day be half the Brother than you are.

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To Chase Giddings: You have been a great partner in crime. Your ambition and dedication to this Fraternity has truly been inspiring to me. I can only hope that the Brothers who are as fraternally young as you were when you took this position develop the same passion that you have. You have shown a tremendous amount of growth in the past year and I know that you are bound for great things.

To Rochelle Fousel: I never thought when I first met you years ago that we would become such good friends let alone be serving on District Council together. I know that coming into office midway through Fall isn't easy but you jumped right in head first and have done a great job. Thanks for not complaining too much when I kept handing you receipts for gas money, I could have given you a box full but our travel budgets aren't that big. Wherever you end up next year, I hope that you'll be as successful as you have been as our Sec/Tres.

To Shane/Sean Smith: Thanks for letting me be the one we called "Sean". I have no idea what other name I could have gone by and my last name doesn't really roll off the tongue very well. You have done an absolutely amazing job as VP. I had no idea how much stuff you would actually have to do, and I don't think you did either before you took this office, but that never stopped you. You've excelled in every task that has been placed before you and have even gone above and beyond by starting up the new district wide database. You defiantly are among the people that come to my mind when I think about Striving for the Highest.

To Jack Lee: Believe or not, you're a part of one of the first memories I have about traveling to chapters besides my own. Way back in Spring of 2005 I went to Delta Sigma for their 3rd Degree. I'm sure you remember it because it was the night you became a Brother. If someone would have told me that night that the first MC I saw would be working with me on the District Council one day, I would have never believed them. But here we are, three years later; surprise, surprise. You are by far one of the greatest people I have ever met and I'm honored to call you a friend. You pushed this year's council to do the best job we could and encouraged us to always think outside the box. You've lead this district to great highest and we are all grateful for it. The sky's the limit for you, not ever let anyone convince you otherwise.

To Adam McFarlin, past Member at Large and Life Member of the Theta Phi Chapter: Even though you aren't here today to hear this, it would feel awkward if I stood here and didn't thank you. You encouraged me to experience this organization on a level beyond our own chapter. Thanks for never saying no when I wanted to go with you on a trip somewhere and pretty much forcing me to meet people, something I was terrified of doing when I first came to college. You always told me that the more you put into this organization, the more you'll get out of it, and I don't think I've ever heard anything as true. Even though I still flinch when people make sudden moves around me, by the way thanks for deciding I was going your punching bag, I still appreciate everything you done for me.

And finally to my chapter, Theta Phi: I can't express how much I love each and every one of you. You all are the reason I wake up every morning with a smile on my face. Without you

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there is no telling what kind of person I would be today, I know I defiantly wouldn't be standing here. Seeing the passion and dedication you all have for this organization is what makes me want to do my best; not for myself, but for you all. I'm amazed at how far we have come in the last few years. Who would have ever thought, that with all the stupid stuff we do, we would ever be given the honor of being nationally recognized as one of the top 11 chapters in the nation. You guys mean everything to me. Don't ever stop striving

Fraternally submitted,
Sean LaFollette
Kappa Kappa Psi
Southwest District Co-Member at Large 2007-2008
Theta Phi Chapter
Henderson State University

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F. Co-Member at Large

Brothers of the Southwest District,

What an honor it is to stand before you today. Another year has swiftly passed by as we continue to strive for the highest and I must say it has truly been an enjoyable experience. You took a chance with a relatively unknown and new face and I would hope that you were pleased with your investment. You have afforded me the opportunity to experience tremendous growth and knowledge in the district and fraternity that I serve, and for that I am extremely grateful.

Following my election to the council, I attended the Chapter Leadership Conference and District Day at the University of Texas at Arlington in June. The brothers of Delta Sigma hosted in exemplary fashion as always. The Chapter Leadership Conference proved to be very informative and the District Day was a blast. After that it was on to Orlando, Florida for a week at national convention in July. This had to be single handedly one of my most enlightening times as a brother. The national convention presented an array of workshops, performances, and brotherhood at a high level. I would say to those of you who have not attended a national convention, **START PLANNING NOW**. National Convention 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona is sure to be just as good as the one in Orlando if not better and if I were you, I'd make it a point to attend.

Although national convention was a blast, it was just a preview of what was to come during the fall. With all the marching band and football going on, I still managed to visit with many brothers. I was invited by the Delta Sigma chapter to provide service and help at the Band of America competition that they hosted. They treated me and brothers of my own chapter as their own and I would like to thank them for their kind hospitality. While they hosted us, my chapter also did a little hosting of our own. I would like to tell the Epsilon Beta Chapter at Central Arkansas that it was indeed a pleasure having you in Huntsville. Not only was I afforded with the opportunity to visit and host a chapter, I had the unique pleasure of attending the installation of the Mu Gamma Chapter at Houston Baptist University. Congratulations to you and I want to be the first to welcome you to your first district convention as chapter.

Now on to the spring. The spring unfortunately started off on a rather sad note. Exactly four months ago to this date, as I woke up in preparation to travel here to Nacogdoches for winter council meeting, I was greeted with news that no child ever would want to hear; my mother had passed away in the night. This was unexpected and a complete shock. But all was not lost when my mother crossed over to the other side. In fact, her passing opened up a lot of perspectives for me. One would turn-out to be related to all of you. I never would have imagined that so many brothers cared that much to let send their condolences and let me know that they were there for me, if I needed them. From both the national and district councils, to chapters like alpha rho, beta delta, alpha, delta sigma, theta phi, theta alpha and others I'm sure I missed, you do not know how much your kind words have meant to me. You have inspired during my time of healing. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

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So now that brings us to the all important "Workshop Season." Although I was unable to attend the West Texas/New Mexico and Louisiana workshops due to the passing of my mother and the Arkansas Workshop due to school, the workshops that I did attend were a delight. The Theta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi did an outstanding job hosting the South Texas Workshop, Delta Sigma followed suit with the North Texas workshop, and Alpha put on a striking close to workshop season at the Oklahoma Workshop. It seemed that every workshop I attended got better and better as the season progressed. Enough said.

Now on to my thank yous and charges:

To David Momodu and Marvin Warren- Thanks for a nice couch to sleep on during CLC and District Day.

To Debbie Morris and Di Spiva- Thanks for the pleasant conversations over the phone when I call National Headquarters and lunch at the airport after national convention.

To Jason Kellison- Thanks for sharing your bed during the North Texas Workshop. Sorry for the snoring.

To Dusty Brown- Even though we fuss and fight over the list serv, I believe you exemplify what it means to be a brother of the SWD. Eat 'em up Kats

To Clint Weiden- Your knowledge of the fraternity is better than anyone I know. Your love of this district is admirable. I thank you for educating me on the ideals of the brother hood and hope that you continue to educate other brothers.

To Dr. Scott- Your professionalism experience goes a long way. Thanks for a great year.

To Anna MacDonald Rivera- Your kind heart was missed after you left. But thanks for a wonderful short time spent.

Meredith Brazzell- The movie strange wilderness

Phil Rubin As always your Chester and Hester joke knows how to excite a crowd. But seriously, I thank you for your constant encouragement of me in my endeavors to become a better brother.

Beta Gamma LSU- I thank you for your constant embrace at district functions and willingness to let me feel a part of a special brotherhood bond that I have developed with you all.

Beta Sigma U of H- The bond I have formed with you is remarkable. Thank you for always extending the graceful hand of fellowship to me at all your functions

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Dr. Malinda Matney- Your poise and character is something I greatly admire. I have learned so much from just being around you. I hope that continues.

Tiffany Wallace-Barron and Laura Pokorski-Pollard- I thank you for always generating the positive energy when it's needed. It always feels good to see a smile on your faces.

Amanda Dickson and Andrea Shafer- You two are my hearts on both councils. Dickson thank you for your erratic behavior and sense of humor and Andrea, our friendship has grown so much in a short amount of time. Your Bubba loves you.

Chris "Mom" Gordon- Thanks for being exactly what you are to both KKPSI and TBS; a mom. I enjoyed the stay at your house and I always love your company.

Matt Moore and Jackie Fisher - Your influence on me has been so positive. You have taught me the values of joint relations and leadership. Love ya Big Bro and Big Sis.

Shane Smith- Thank you for being a model educator of this fraternity. Your understanding of your role as District Vice President has truly had a major effect on me.

Rochelle Fousel- Thank you for being the one to keep the mood light on council. Whether it be a joke or random act of sarcasm, you know how to keep us in a enjoyable environment.

Sean LaFollette- I could not think of a better person to serve with as COMAL. Your cool and collective attitude is refreshing during stressful times. Thanks for supporting through thick and then, and I hope I have been able to return the favor.

Paula Mueller- Thanks for ALWAYS being there for me. You have been my greatest help in the Beta Delta Chapter. Whenever I have needed you, you've been there. You are my HERO.

Alpha Omicron, Tau Beta Sigma- Thanks for being the loving sisters that you are and believing in me no matter what the circumstance

The Beta Delta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi- It is because of you that I stand here right now. You have supported me through everything even when I have not been the best brother. I sincerely thank you for being exactly what you are, true brothers.

Jack Lee- What can I say about you? Honestly, I have truly had the extreme pleasure serving on this council under your leadership. You have showed that you can exert your authority when need be but also let everyone have a say so on most matters. I thank you for teaching me. The Southwest District will miss you.

And finally, the honorable Governor Daniel A. George, CPA- Man I can't believe it. We have finally made it. Out of all the people that I have to thank, you I want to thank the most. You

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taught me how to lead while learning and problem solve. You've made me answer my own questions and matured me in a way that no one ever has. I can truly say I have experienced the Danny George Experience. I pray it continues.

In conclusion, may I repeat the words one of my predecessors Karen Norton. We as the SWD are on an upward path. We must continue to strive and never become satisfied with being mediocre. We must push one another, but only after we've learned to push OURSELVES. You must each decide on your own to strive daily before you can begin to push others as well. Work hard, set a good example, and continue to make Boh and our founding fathers proud of what they started so long ago.

Thank you, SWD, for an amazing year.

Continue to Strive for the Highest

Fraternally Submitted,

Chase R. Giddings
Kappa Kappa Psi
Southwest District, Co Member-at-Large

G. Governor

Brother President, Brothers of the Southwest District Council and Brothers of the Southwest,

I am writing this report with a renewed mind and a renewed opportunity to share our successes and failures as a District.

Success: The District started the year with a great Chapter Leadership Conference in June which was then followed by a great time at District Day. These events gave us the opportunity to build our leadership skills and spend some time screaming at the top of our lungs at Six Flags. (Sometimes you just need to release...)

Success: We also had good representation at National Convention. The brothers who attended did have the opportunity to work with the National Chapter on the behalf of our District. Did we have the representation that we would have like to have seen there? No, but the musical experiences, workshops, activities and fellowship with brothers from across the Nation benefited everyone there.

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Success: Over 90% of our chapters turned in their Membership Reports on time to National Headquarters.

Failure: Loss of UTEP and Paul Quinn Colonies

Success: Completion of NEOSU Colony (Lambda Omega Chapter) and BU Colony (Mu Gamma Chapter). Also, the Mary-Hardin Baylor Colony is nearing completion.

Success: Addition of University of Central Oklahoma, Midwestern State University and Texas College Colonies

Success: Everyone here is a part of this one. We have made great strides to modify our Convention process and get out of the 24 hour Convention box. Congratulations, you did it!! However, we do need to revise our schedule and I am sure that I will hear about those changes in the upcoming days.

Failure: 5 chapters on Probation Gamma Zeta – Lamar University, Gamma Omega – Texas Southern, Delta Delta – Arkansas Tech University, Delta Psi – Prairie View , and Theta Kappa – Tarleton State University

Failure: Charter Pulled – Southern University – Zeta Nu

Hazing – Don't hide what you do, make positive changes to truly represent the Mission of our Fraternity. Change is not easy and change can hurt, but by changing we are able to grow. Growing is what we need to do. We need to truly realize that our fraternity is bigger than our Chapter, Area or District. There is no place for hazing in Kappa Kappa Psi.

You've heard it a million times and each time it still holds true. When a chapter hazes, it puts the whole fraternity in Jeopardy. When a chapter hazes, it puts the whole fraternity in Jeopardy. When a chapter hazes, it puts the whole fraternity in Jeopardy. When a chapter hazes, it puts the whole fraternity in Jeopardy. When a chapter hazes, it puts the whole fraternity in Jeopardy.

Now - I need a few of commitments from each of you. Our National President, Dr. Malinda Matney, has asked you to preserve the honor of Kappa Kappa Psi. What I need from you is that you send Dr. Scott and me a copy of your constitution and your Membership Education Program.

The next commitment is to support the Leadership Symposium in Oklahoma City, OK. Two years ago the Southwest was not represented well and we are better than that. Especially, since one of the two is hosted in our District.

The last commitment is to start saving now to get to National Convention in 2009 and then get there! With your funds coupled with the newly approved delegate fees, there should be nothing that will stop us from getting there in record setting numbers.

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I know how strong our District can be. Let's take this opportunity to show how strong we are.

I send thanks to the Northeast District for inviting me to host a couple of Workshop Sessions at their Convention at Virginia Tech University. You have made great progress from when I was in attendance at the Syracuse Convention. They passed all Jurisdiction Changes in one simple motion!! That's improvement. Thanks to Governor Marie Burleigh and Immediate Past-President Jessica McAlarney for this great opportunity.

To the Tau Beta Sigma Council, thank you for your hard work and dedication this year to bring about the change in our Convention process. You really got on board at National Convention and we pulled it off.

Dr. Malinda Matney and the National Council, thank you for the opportunity to come back and serve the Southwest District. I still continue to grow and learn and realize that there is still much work to do in the name of and for Kappa Kappa Psi.

Dr. Scott, you are great resource to our District and I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to work with you.

District Council – Shane Sean, Rochelle, Sean, Chase and Jack – Thank you for your work in putting this convention together. Your work has taken the District to a new level and created momentum to continue forward.

Jack Lee, you have been an amazing President. You came into office with a goal and saw it through to completion. Your love for Kappa Kappa Psi is shown in everything that you do. That is why when you called me that one morning and said that you were done, I knew that you weren't. Thanks for making my job a lot easier this year!!

Finally, I will end this report like I've ended every report since I've been a Southwest District Governor. I will ask for a moment of silence. This time I want you to reflect on this past weekend and the experiences that you had as well as think of ways that you can go back to your chapters and together dedicate yourselves to the preservation of the honor of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel George, CPA

H. Governor

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President Lee, Governor George, Officers of the District, Distinguished guests, and brothers:

It continues to be an honor and pleasure to serve you as one of your governors and I am happy to report that the fraternity continues to be a viable, active part of the college band movement throughout our blessed part of the country. We have chapters and colonies doing great works in the name of the fraternity and the college band on over 50 campuses in our region. Most of these chapters are vital parts of the band and music programs and represent the best that music has to offer.

It is a joy to see so many brothers actively involved in our fraternity. It is also painful to see some of our brotherhood involved in activities that do not bring honor to our great brotherhood and the bands we serve. I urge each of you to look at every aspect of your life, both within the fraternity and in your own personal activities, and redouble your efforts to exemplify the ideals of our fraternity, both by living up to our goals and purposes, and by renouncing anything that keeps you from being your best, from drugs and alcohol, to sloth and inconstancy, to the hazing or belittling of others. In fact, I have traveled to several campuses during the last year to investigate allegations of one or more of the problems I just listed. While I enjoyed the visits, I truly wish they had happened under better circumstances. There is no place in this brotherhood for these negative behaviors and habits, and we will all be better off when they do not exist in our fraternity. As Dr. Matney encouraged each of us a few minutes ago, do your part to abolish these activities, and do it now!

On a happier note, I would like to offer a plan for you. Actually, I'd like to suggest several plans for your future. First, plan to attend National convention in Phoenix in 2009. If you think District is a great time and a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with like-minded folks, imagine this event on a national level. Second, since you are already going to Nationals, Plan to be in the National Intercollegiate Band. Having been a member of two NIBs during a previous century, I can truly say that, no matter what band program you are currently part of, it will be an experience that will be one of the most memorable of your life. Third, plan for growth on your own campus. Your band can use more people and your chapter can use more members; be an agent for positive change and increase of influence in every aspect of your band life.

In closing, I would like to act like a professor for a moment and encourage you to continue to be the best you can be academically, as well as musically and personally. While it is great to have seniority within the fraternity and to be active at the chapter, district and national levels, it is even more important for ALL of us that you GRADUATE and take the ideals of the brotherhood with you into the next phase of your life. What better way to promulgate success than to have alumni in every walk of life in every corner of the nation supporting the college band movement to continuing generations. THAT is what it means to be a success, and I wish you the best as

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you continue to Strive for the Highest in all you do. And, in case you didn't hear it earlier,
STOP HAZING NOW!

Respectfully submitted,

David Scott, Ph.D.
Governor, SWD
Kappa Kappa Psi
Life member-BA
Sponsor-EK

**Appendix C
Committee Reports**

A. Ways and Means Committee Report

The Ways and Means Committee received the following charges:

- 1) Review the 2007 Committee Report
- 2) Present an overview of the 2007-2008 district account
- 3) Discuss with the Tau Beta Sigma Ways and Means Committee any changes to the New ALTO budget

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- 4) Determine if any line-item in the district budget needs to be adjusted
- 5) Consider increasing district officer travel budgets to reflect the increase in gas prices.
- 6) Consider increasing the chapter assistance fund to better help chapters in their travels to district and national convention.
- 7) Present a budget for the 2008-2009 academic year

The District President presented the following to the committee to be discussed:

- 1) Assessment of a delegate fee at District convention to allow for additional funding in National Convention years to allow for more assistance in getting chapter delegates to convention
 - The committee discussed the option of assessing a delegate fee per chapter in order to be seated at district convention and determined that a fee in the amount of \$35 is appropriate.

1) The previous report was presented and discussed

2) The account overview was presented and discussed

3) No changes were made to the New ALTO budget

4) It was determined that the following adjustments should be made to line items:

- Reduce the office expenses allotment to \$100.00
 - Rationale: Due to lack of use.
- Remove NIB Scholarship allotment.
 - Rationale: due to the lack of need as this is a non-national convention year.

5) It was determined that the following increases should be made to the district officer travel budgets:

- Increase the travel allotments for the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer to \$375.00.
 - Rationale: Due to the increase in gas prices during the current year.
- Increase the travel allotments for the offices of Co-Members at Large to \$475.00.
 - Rationale: Due to the increase in gas prices during the current year.
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6) The following increase was determined appropriate for the chapter assistance allotment:

- Increase from \$100.00 to \$300.00
 - Rationale: To allow more chapters to receive assistance as needed.

8) The budget was prepared

The 2008 committee has charged the 2009 Ways and Means Committee with the following:

- 1) Review the 2008 Committee Report
- 2) Present an overview of the 2008-2009 district account

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- 3) Review, in cooperation with the Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction and Finance Committee, changes in the New ALTO budget.
- 4) Recreate the NIB Scholarship allotment
- 5) Determine if any line item in the district budget needs to be adjusted.

Thank you to Kevin Wolfe, and the delegates from the following chapters: Alpha Psi, Zeta Xi, Theta Nu, Epsilon Delta, Gamma Iota and Iota Sigma

Respectfully submitted,
Rochelle Fousel
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
SWD Secretary/Treasurer 2007-2008
Alpha Rho – Northeastern State University

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| <i>FALL ALLOTMENT</i> | \$2300.00 |
| <i>SPRING ALLOTMENT</i> | \$450.00 |
| <i>OTHER (INTEREST, CHAPTER DONATIONS)</i> | \$400.00 |
| <i>EXTRA FUNDS</i> | \$100.00 |
| ESTIMATED REVENUES | \$3250.00 |
| DISTRICT OFFICER TRAVEL | |
| President | \$375.00 |
| Vice President | \$375.00 |
| Secretary/Treasurer | \$375.00 |
| Co Member-at-Large | \$475.00 |
| Co Member-at-Large | \$475.00 |
| OFFICE EXPENSES | |
| Postage, Copying, Etc. | \$100.00 |
| <i>New ALTO</i> | \$75.00 |
| <i>CHAPTER ASSISTANCE</i> | \$300.00 |
| <i>DISTRICT AWARDS</i> | \$325.00 |
| <i>DELEGATE FEES</i> | \$150.00 |
| <i>DISTRICT DAY</i> | \$125.00 |
| <i>CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE</i> | \$100.00 |
| ESTIMATED EXPENSES | \$3250.00 |

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B. History and Traditions Committee Report

Final Report of the History & Traditions Committee

The 2008 History and Traditions Committee was charged with the following:

- Review the 2007 History and Traditions Report
- Continue to perform interviews of dignitaries to archive at National Headquarters.
- Continue to explore new formats in which media, pictures, and history information can be made readily available to the district.
- Consider a revision of the questions used on the Chapter History form to include more information not yet obtained
- Discuss ways to continue increasing History Form and Scrapbook submissions.
- Evaluate any changes to scrapbook picture submission format (i.e. Facebook)

All charges were discussed, and the committee came up with several goals and ideas on how to improve upon the current manner in which the SWD Scrapbook and History Forms are accumulated. The committee discussed the completion of the District History Project. The committee charges the 2009 History and Traditions Committee with

The following:

- Review the 2008 History and Traditions Report
- Continue to perform interviews of dignitaries to archive at National Headquarters
- Continue to explore new formats in which media, pictures, and history information can be made more readily available to the district
- Consider a revision of the questions used on the Chapter History form to include more information not yet obtained
- Discuss ways to continue increasing History Form and Scrapbook submissions.

The committee charges the 2008 Co-Members at Large with the following:

Make the history book and SWD Scrapbook available at all Area Workshops and any other district events throughout the year so more people can actually see the changes that need to be made to it.

- Display the SWD Scrapbook and History Book at the 2008 SWD Convention
- Create a district history group on Facebook
- Make the History book available on the district website
- Create a digital scrapbook in addition to the traditional paper version
- Make the digital scrapbook available on the district websites.
- Add the following items to the 2008-2009 Chapter History Form

Year that you chapter was recharged, if applicable.

Size of your band program

Your band's nickname

The name and words of your fight song

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When your band program was founded
List of you current sponsor(s) and Director of Bands
Number of members in attendance at district events
Your chapter's work with other organizations
Joint events
Encourage digital pictures to be pasted into the form

Our thanks to the committee members:

Cassandra Murphy-Vanzandt, Lambda Kappa, (Proxy) Lambda

Ashley Thompson, Alpha Rho, (Proxy) Epsilon Epsilon

Jordan Griffin, Theta Phi, (Proxy) Epsilon Beta

Arthessius Hampton, Eta Xi

Jon Brown, Alpha

Sean Rosales, Epsilon Delta

and Immediate Past SWD President Clinton Weiden who helped us greatly in his role as advisor.

Additional thanks to all others in attendance.

A special thanks to Sean Rosales for being the scribe. You have been a great help to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean LaFollette and Chase R. Giddings

Southwest District Co Members-at-Large

Theta Phi and Beta Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi

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C. Joint Action Committee on Music Education (JACME)

The 2007-2008 Joint Action Committee on Music Education received the following charges:

- 1. Review the report of the 2007 Committee.*
- 2. Invite regional Director of Bands to present a symposium to promote the betterment of music education.*
- 3. Create a list of commissioned pieces by the chapters within the Southwest District.*
- 4. Continue the development of a Joint Service to Music Education Award as started at the 2007 SWD Convention.*
- 5. Find other ways the Joint Action Committee on Music Education can be of use and continue to charge future committees with raising the bar for our chapters.*
- 6. Consider methods for creating a district-commissioning program.*

1. After reviewing the charges, the committee decided that an immediate change in the direction, duration, and membership of the committee was necessary in order to accomplish future goals. To facilitate this new direction, the membership of the future Joint Action Committee on Music Education should be as follows:

- 2 Tau Beta Sigma Sisters
 - 1 Music Major
 - 1 Non Music Major
- 2 Kappa Kappa Psi Brothers
 - 1 Music Major
 - 1 Non Music Major
- Kappa Kappa Psi Governor
 - Danny George, CPA-Ex Officio
- Tau Beta Sigma Counselor
 - Chris Gordan-Ex Officio

The Committee should be set, through process of appointment or application, no later than the Chapter Leadership Conference and District Day.

***This committee should be of a permanent nature, to meet over the course of the year via phone, email, or any means necessary to accomplish the tasks charged.

2. Invitation of a regional Director of Bands was discussed, and deemed that since a standing committee was not formed as directed last year, fulfilling this charge is not possible at this time, but should be considered for the future.

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3. The committee should send out information and look through the guide to membership for commissioned pieces throughout the district history, and compile a complete listing of all commissioned works within the district as a whole.

4. *An effort should be made by the committee to retrieve a database of all chapter Director of Bands, in order to create a means of communicating with the chapter sponsors and spread word of the Joint Service to Music Education Award.*

Requirements for Joint Service to Music Education Award:

**Letter of recommendation needed, with brief overview of chapters achievements from the Director of Bands*

**Letter will then be reviewed by the committee, and the chapter contacted with a formal application: chapter sponsor letters necessary for application's return to the committee. The application should include chapter name and location, officers, sponsor, and details concerning the projects under scrutiny (including funds, hours logged, etc.)*

**March 1st postmark Due date for sponsor letters, April 1st postmark due date for chapter application, award to be given out at District convention*

5. Further the Development of music education and service programs within the District, and continue to branch out with new ideas such as:

**Master Classes for district convention, and/or district workshops*

**Host Clinics for High Schools and Middle schools*

**Take a chapter and go to struggling or small middle school and help out with teaching*

**Jazz masterclass*

**Rehearsal techniques for different levels workshop sessions*

**Rotation of different topics per year, themes to be used throughout the year*

(I.E theme is "teaching techniques" for this year, then Joint Action Committee on Music Education: picks new them for the following year)

**Marching CLINIC. March show, then clinic them on the show. BRING IN GUEST CLINITIAN*

**Grant for music education: to be distributed for district workshops to bring in artists*

**Elementary school event where you go and expose children to music, orff workshop, body percussion, etc.*

6. *The Committee should research into the commissioning of works for the SWD:*

**To be played in the reading band?*

**piece to be commissioned by the district, to be played by the National Intercollegiate Band?*

CHARGES:

**NEW Joint Action Committee on Music Education:*

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- 1.) Research for a workshop/master-class host: once funding is located, find and hire said person for 2009-2010 convention
- 2.) Continue to come up with new service ideas, and means of furthering music education on a district and local level
- 3.) Select a new topic for 2009-2010 year's music education workshop, and find a suitable candidate for its presentation
- 4.) Organize the hosting of a clinic/master-class/workshop following the reading band, available to willing participants to be used as a teaching method, by bringing in volunteer conductors and/or clinicians to work with the ensemble, and further the promotion of music education
- 5.) Design a physical award to be delivered to the chapter who wins the Joint Service to Music Education Award

**DISTRICT COUNCIL:*

- 1.) *Ensure the development of the new Joint Action Committee on Music Education, and the election of membership for it*

**NEW ALTO:*

- 1.) Create an issue directly related to service projects and ideas
- 1.) Create an issue directly related to music education IN COLLEGE BANDS

**DISTRICT VPSP of TBS and PRESIDENT of KKPsi:*

- 1.) *Design and enact an application process for the permanent Joint Action Committee on Music Education committee to be held from District Day until the following convention.*

REQUESTS:

- 1.) We request that next year's spirit committee consider the Proclamation of a Brotherhood month, to parallel the purpose of the Sisterhood Month led by Tau Beta Sigma
- 2.) In order to further the recognition of the Joint service to music education award, we as the Joint Action Committee on Music Education submit that February be proclaimed as District Service in Music Education Month, effective immediately.

THANK YOU'S:

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The Joint Action Committee on Music Education would like to thank Jason Morris and Tiffany Wallace-Barron for their outstanding service as advisors. We would also like to thank all of the Brothers and Sisters who showed up during their lunch break to help finish with the writing of this report. We would like to thank Justin Glosson for rearranging the room to make people sit in the front, and Jack Lee, for clarifying that the appendix does not, in fact, exist. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lynn Larsen
KKY Epsilon Delta Chapter

Amy Stiles
TBS Delta Chapter

Advisors

Jason Morris

Tiffany Wallace-Barron

Committee Members

KKPsi

Beta Sigma
Gamma Phi
Epsilon Zeta
Delta Delta
Eta Nu

TBSigma

Gamma Nu
Delta Tau
Theta Theta
Iota Iota

D. Spirit Committee

Spirit Committee Report

The 2008 Spirit Committee was charged with the following:

- 1. Review the 2007 Spirit Committee report.***
- 2. Consider revisions to the D.O. Wiley Award to more closely match the national top chapter award.***
- 3. Review and decide the award recipient for the D.O. Wiley Award.***
- 4. Review and decide the award recipient for the Spirit Stick.***
- 5. Review and decide the award recipient for the Spirit of the Southwest Award, affectionately known as "The Cup".***

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6. Review and decide the award recipient for the Outstanding Service to Music Education Award.

If we weren't watching Cash Cab, 50 of the Most Amazing Catches or calling Jack Lee back in for the billionth time to ask him another question; The Spirit Committee extensively reviewed and revised Jack Lee's proposal in order to adopt this new award system under our current constitution. With the help of our Advisor, Dr. Malinda Matney, we quickly had a typed proposal submitted to the Jurisdiction committee with our hope and recommendation that it would adopted effective the upcoming 2008-2009 year.

And as charged, the Spirit Committee reviewed and decided the award winners for the 2008 Spirit of the Southwest Award, the Spirit Stick, and D.O. Wiley award. Unfortunately, with no nominations by chapter sponsors, the Outstanding Service to Music Award could not be given for this year. The committee followed the criteria under appendices 1-4 of the Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Constitution.

The 2008 Spirit Stick Award Recipient is: Lambda!

The 2008 Spirit of the Southwest Award Recipient is: Alpha Rho

The 2008 D.O. Wiley Award Recipient is: Beta Gamma

The Committee would like to charge the following:

1. Charge the District Council to review the new revisions to the D.O. Wiley Award to evaluate the progress of the changes made by the 2008 Spirit Committee.

-Recommend that by the volume of applicants; to see if they need to raise another committee other than the committee assigned within the proposal to observe and evaluate presentations required of applicants and choose the winner.

2. Charge the 2009 Spirit Committee to extensively review the District Award to include specific guidelines for submission and review.

3. Charge all SWD Chapters to review the changes made to the D.O. Wiley Award.

4. Also charge SWD Chapters to inform their sponsors and make them aware of the Outstanding Service to Music Award; so next by Convention the 2009 Spirit Committee can choose a recipient.

5. Charge District Council to review the District Awards and consider having them match more closely to the National Awards.

I would like to thank the Brothers of the 2008 Spirit Committee for all the knowledge and opinions shared in the meetings. You are all truly models of Brothers in your respective chapters and I hope to work with you again in the near future.

Also to our Advisor, Dr. Malinda Matney, your knowledge of Awards in the national level and of brotherhood greatly helped us in our revisions and decisions.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Alvin Laureta Eclavea, Chair – Gamma Phi – Axe ‘Em Jacks!!!

Spirit

The Spirit Committee proposes a new format for the D.O. Wiley Award, as contained in this proposal below.

Southwest District Superior Achievement Award Criteria

Each Southwest District Chapter fulfilling all of the following seven (7) criteria will receive a Superior Achievement Award at the regular District Convention. These criteria will be reviewed by the district Council who will then notify the district of the chapters that meet these criteria. Those chapters meeting the following criteria will then be eligible to apply for the D.O. Wiley Award. A chapter need not be present at convention to receive this award.

- a) Submit the previous year’s chapter summary report by June 1.
- b) Submit the Chapter Personnel Report by September 30.
- c) Submit the Fall Activity report by December 1.
- d) Clear all financial obligations with the National Headquarters by January 1.
- e) Submit a SWD Chapter Delegate/Proxy Form
- f) Attend District Day.
- g) Attend Chapter Leadership Conference

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D. O. Wiley Questionnaire

To the best of your ability, answer the following questions about your chapter. Be as direct and clear as possible. Pertinent elaboration is encouraged, but only include necessary information.

- (1) To promote the existence and welfare of the college and university bands and to cultivate at large a wholesome respect for their activities and achievements.
 - Describe your chapter's involvement with the entire band department. (List these activities by band)
 - Describe your efforts to work with your sponsor and director of bands to determine how you direct your chapter's energies and resources.
 - What band service projects did your chapter perform that were new and innovative this year?
 - What financial assistance has your chapter provided to your bands in the past year?
 - How has your chapter promoted your band on your campus and in your community?

- (2) To honor outstanding bandmembers through privilege of membership extended as a reward for technical achievement and appreciation for the best in music
 - Describe the philosophy of recruiting your chapter uses. Why does your chapter use this method?
 - What are the qualities you seek in a potential recruit? Provide any documents your chapter uses specifically for membership selection.
 - How do you describe Kappa Kappa Psi to potential recruits?
 - How does musical ability figure into your membership selection?
 - When did your chapter last initiate an Honorary Member? How does your chapter select Honorary Members?
 - When was your last continuing membership education class? Describe what was discussed in that class.

- (3) To stimulate campus leadership and promulgate and uncompromising respect through the medium of the college band for gracious conduct, good taste, and unswerving loyalty.
 - Describe the leadership provided by your chapter members to the band program and music school/department (such as principal chairs, section leaders, band assistant/staff, drum majors, etc.)
 - Describe the leadership provided by individual chapter members to the campus at large (such as academic honors and student organizations)
 - Describe how Kappa Kappa Psi is an organization that leads in your band program and on your campus.
 - Describe how members of your chapter encourage and demonstrate exemplary character in your bands.
 - Describe your chapter's most recent hazing workshop.

- (4) To foster a close relationship between college bands and promote a high average of attainment by the performance of good music and selection of worthwhile projects.

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- What activities did your chapter host for bands from other campuses?
 - What activities of other chapters have you visited this year? How many chapter members have visited other chapters this year?
 - How does your chapter promote the performance of good music?
 - How does your chapter determine “worthwhile projects?” How has that phrase been interpreted in your chapter?
 - Describe your method of budget approval.
- (5) To provide a pleasant and helpful social experience for all engaged in college band work and to cooperate with other musical organizations in any manner consistent with the purposes of the institution at which chapters are located.
- List any social activities your chapter has hosted for your band program this year.
 - Describe your chapter’s collaboration with other musical organizations on campus.

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D. O. Wiley Presentation Rules

The purpose of the D. O. Wiley Award is to honor the most outstanding chapter in the Southwest District. This award is given to the chapter that best exemplifies the ideals of our national fraternity as expressed in the preamble to our constitution.

1. Eligibility
 - a. A chapter must meet qualifications a-e of the Southwest District Superior Achievement Award (this is outlined in the District Constitution).
 - b. Chapters that are eligible cannot serve on the committee

2. Deadline for Entry Material
 - a. All applications must be submitted and received two weeks prior to the opening gavel of the Southwest District Convention.

3. Written material submitted
 - a. Chapters bidding for the D.O. Wiley Award will submit the following information in a binder of no more than one inch prior to opening gavel.
 - i. Cover Sheet
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. Completed Fact Sheet
 - iv. Completed Questionnaire
 - v. Recommendation Letters for the sponsor and director of bands
 - vi. Pertinent information such as pictures, projects, summaries, articles, completed applications, and other examples.

Do not feel the need to create mounds of material; a smaller amount of quality material will reflect better on your chapter.

4. Presentation
 - a. Each chapter seeking the award will give a presentation of no more than five minutes and will entertain questions from the judging committee for five minutes. A maximum of three brothers will be permitted to give this presentation.
 - b. PowerPoint presentation will not be allowed. Please be as creative as possible with your presentation.

5. Judging Committee
 - a. The judging committee will review the presentations and written information. The judging committee will consist of the spirit committee chair, appointed delegates, and visiting dignitaries as appointed by the district president – all members will hold a vote.
 - b. In the event of a high number of applicants, the district council may create an additional committee to hear presentations and determine awards.

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D.O. Wiley Fact Sheet

Chapter: _____ School: _____

Fall Membership:

Actives: _____ Conditionals: _____
Associates: _____ Initiates: _____
Graduating Seniors: _____

Spring Membership:

Actives: _____ Conditionals: _____
Associates: _____ Initiates: _____
Graduating Seniors: _____

Chapter Participation:

Number of active/associate members who participated in:

2007 District Convention: _____ District Day: _____

2007 National Convention: _____ CLC: _____

Area Workshop (list site and number of members): _____

Area Workshop (list site and number of members): _____

Area Workshop (list site and number of members): _____

Area Workshop (list site and number of members): _____

Chapter Communication:

Number of active/associate members on the district listserv: _____

Number of active/associate members on the national listserv: _____

National Programs:

Number of brothers that attended most recent National Leadership Symposium: _____

Which national programs did your chapter elect to participate in or apply to participate in since the previous district convention? Check all that apply.

- _____ AEA Scholarship
- _____ J. Lee Burke Student Achievement Award
- _____ Distinguished Service to Music Medal
- _____ Outstanding Sponsor Nomination
- _____ The Silver Baton Award
- _____ Academic Achievement Awards
- _____ A. Frank Martin Award
- _____ Matching Funds for Guest Conductors or Guest Artists

This fact sheet should be included in the binder submitted prior to the opening gavel.

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E. Jurisdiction Committee

Jurisdiction Committee Report

The 2008 Jurisdiction Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review 2007 committee report
2. Consider all changes to constitution
3. Review constitution to correct typos

The following items were brought before the Jurisdiction committee at district convention:

From the Committee on Colonization & Membership:

Change "President's Leadership Retreat" to "Chapter Leadership Conference" throughout the district constitution.

Rationale- The PLR is now the CLC

From the Spirit Committee:

Consider the spirit committee's recommendation for the new D.O. Wiley criteria.

Rationale- New award places more emphasis on how chapters operate according to the five purposes of the fraternity.

From the Publications Committee:

Move New Alto responsibilities from the Co-Member at Large to the Secretary.

Opposition- unnecessary, there is already a designated point of contact for the New Alto.

From the Ways & Means Committee:

Consider establishing a \$35 delegate fee for future conventions.

Opposition- Section 4.02 currently states "...each chapter in attendance at the District Convention may be assessed a delegate fee, payable to the secretary/treasure, in an amount to be determined by the Ways and Means Committee..."

From the History & Traditions Committee:

Appendix 1 under the Steven C. Nelson History Award Criteria part c and *Appendix 4* under the Spirit of the Southwest Award Criteria point 9, add the following:

"A submission is defined as a page suitable for display in the District Scrapbook. These pages should be brought to the District Convention and submitted to the Members at Large before the start of opening session. The District Members at Large should be contacted for information regarding the physical dimensions of the pages each year."

Rational- clarification

All Charges from the 2007 convention were met and the committee proposals are as follows:

Section 2: Officers

2.03 Qualifications to each office shall be **as stated in section 5.3** of the National Constitution

Rationale- clarifies location of qualifications

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2.10 All **district** officers are authorized to organize a committee within their own chapters to assist in the operation of the office. It is the responsibility of **the officer's** chapter to support **the officer** in any way needed.

Rationale- clarification

DELETE Section 2.11; Renumber 2.12, 2.13, and 2.14 TO 2.11, 2.12, and 2.13

Rationale- no longer using said e-mail accounts

Section 3: Committees

Edit 3.01 to remove **Strategic Planning; delete 3.10; renumber 3.11, 3.12, and 3.13**

Rationale- Committee is never utilized and is unnecessary

3.06 The Nominations Committee shall examine and submit to the District Convention, a list of all constitutionally qualified nominees for each office. The committee will also recommend one candidate for each office that it feels is the best qualified to be a District Officer. **No member of a chapter with a candidate for district office shall serve on the Nominations Committee.**

Rationale- reflects current policy

3.12 The Spirit Committee shall examine the spirit of Brotherhood and participation at the annual District Convention and shall publicly recognize the winning chapter at the closing banquet. **The Spirit Award shall be granted as per guidelines established in Appendix 3 of this constitution. The Spirit Committee will also determine the recipient of the following:**

- **The Spirit of the Southwest Award ("The Cup") established in the Appendix 4 of this constitution.**
- **The D.O. Wiley Award as per guidelines established in Section 9.09 and Appendix 1 of this constitution.**

No member of a chapter eligible for awards granted by the Spirit Committee at District Convention shall serve on the Spirit Committee.

Rationale- reflects current policy

Section 6: Finances

6.03 District funds will be deposited through the **National Headquarters**. Checks will be issued from the National Headquarters after approval from the District Secretary/Treasurer and the District Governor(s).

Rationale- clarification

Section 7: Reports

7.01 Each **District** officer, committee chairman, and the chapter shall submit a report at each District Convention. This report shall be typewritten **with one hard copy submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer for their records. Additional copies shall be maintained in an electronic format for the year's convention minutes and accessible by chapters in attendance.**

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Rationale- eliminate the specific type of format used to keep reports and minutes.

- 7.02 Each chapter is encouraged to submit an Annual Chapter Report with a review of said chapter's activities for the year.

Rationale- reflects current policy

Section 9

- 9.01 All chapters considered for awards must be in good standing with the National organization and with the District.

Rationale- eliminates the use of the informal term "nationals"

- 9.03 The District Council will be responsible for issuing all of the following awards:

- The Chapter Participation Award...
- The Chapter Percentage Award...
- The Chapter Distance Award...

Rationale- bulleted to allow distinction between awards

- 9.04 The following three awards shall be given for chapters displaying at the District Convention:

- Best Free-Standing Display
- Best Tabletop Display
- Best Overall Display

Tabletop is defined as a display which can be set on one regular square or rectangular folding table. The criteria will include emphasis on the theme of the convention, chapter activities over the past year, variety of content, and originality. This award shall be presented by the District Council at the closing banquet of the District Convention. No chapter can win more than one display award per convention.

Rationale- bulleted to allow distinction between awards; clarification

- 9.05 An Outstanding Service to Music Education Award will be presented to a chapter based upon recommendation from their Chapter Sponsor.

Rationale- clarification

- 9.06 The Steven C. Nelson History Award will be presented to any chapter that meets the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution. REMOVE: This award will be a requirement for the D.O. Wiley Award (pending passage of new D.O. Wiley criteria).

Rationale- Name change based on preference of person named herein; clarification; no longer a requirement (pending passage of new D.O. Wiley criteria)

- 9.07 A Superior Achievement Award will be awarded to any chapter in the district meeting the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution. REMOVE: This award will be a requirement for the D.O. Wiley Award (pending passage of new D.O. Wiley criteria).

Rationale- clarification; changed to reflect new policy (pending passage of new D.O. Wiley criteria)

- 9.08 A National Service Showcase Award Recipient will be determined at each convention to any chapter that meets the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution.

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Rationale- clarification

9.09 The D.O. Wiley Award recipient will be selected at each district convention based on the criteria listed in Appendix 1 of this constitution. (pending passage of new D.O. Wiley criteria).

Rationale- changed to reflect new policy pending it's passage

9.10 A Best Chapter Scrapbook Award shall be given for the best scrapbook at the District Convention as decided by judges selected by the host chapter. Criteria and judging will be based on the following:

- Chapter activities over the past year
- Adherence to the precepts of the fraternity as set down in the Preamble and its five purposes
- Variety of content
- Originality
- Craftsmanship

Rationale- bullet to allow ease of reading

Appendix 1: Awards

Outstanding Service to Music Education Award Criteria

Chapters will be nominated by their respective Sponsor or Director of Bands for this award. There is no application required and the nominated chapters will have no knowledge of their nomination or receipt until winners are announced.

Rationale- clarification

Southwest District Superior Achievement Award Criteria

Each Southwest District Chapter fulfilling all of the following seven (7) criteria will receive a Superior Achievement Award at the regular District Convention. These criteria will be reviewed by the district Council who will then notify the district of the chapters that meet these criteria. Those chapters meeting the following criteria will then be eligible to apply for the D.O. Wiley Award. A chapter need not be present at convention to receive this award.

- h) Submit the previous year's chapter summary report by June 1.
- i) Submit the Chapter Personnel Report by September 30.
- j) Submit the Fall Activity report by December 1.
- k) Clear all financial obligations with the National Headquarters by January 1.
- l) Submit a SWD Chapter Delegate/Proxy Form
- f) Attend District Day.
- g) Attend Chapter Leadership Conference

Rationale- grammar correction

Southwest District Steven C. Nelson History Award Criteria

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Each Southwest District Chapter is eligible to apply for the **Steven C. Nelson** History Award by fulfilling the following three (3) criteria. A list of all chapters that meet **these** criteria will be determined by the District Council, who will in turn notify the district of chapters that meet these requirements. **REMOVE: This award will be a requirement of the D.O. Wiley Award.** Chapters need not be present at convention to receive this award.

Rationale- Name change based on preference of person named herein; grammar correction; no longer a requirement (pending passage of new D.O. Wiley criteria)

Appendix 2: District Mascot Requirements

Remove 2.

Rationale- makes chapters eligible to win Andy more than once every 50 years; reflects current policy

Appendix 5: Areas of the District

Add University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Midwestern State University to North Texas Area.

Add Texas College to North Texas Area

Rationale- They are in the North Texas Area

Add University of Central Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Area

Rationale: They are in the Oklahoma Area

The 2008 Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2009 Jurisdiction Committee with the following:

- Review the 2008 Committee Report
- Consider all changes to the constitution – both attached and as submitted by other committees
- Revise Section 2.02 for possibility of electing 2 district Co-MALs at the same time
- Revise Section 2.03 to include location in National Constitution.

The 2008 Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2009 District Council with the following:

- Review the constitution to correct all typos and grammatical errors
- Individually review Section 2.05-2.08 of the District Constitution and submit any recommended changes pertaining to the current officer duties to the 2009 Jurisdiction Committee

The committee would like to thank the delegation for its consideration and patience as we strive to improve the effectiveness of our constitution. I would also like to thank the committee's advisor, Marie Burleigh of the Northeast District, for her guidance with these revisions, as well as the delegates of Beta Gamma, Alpha Omicron, Zeta Kappa, Epsilon Rho, Zeta Gamma, and Epsilon Kappa, for helping us conclude all of our business before lunch on Saturday.

Respectfully submitted,

AEA
Drew Harnish
Chair – 2008 SWD Jurisdiction Committee
Delta Chapter, University of Oklahoma

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F. Colonization and Membership Committee

Brothers of the Southwest,

The 2008 Committee on Colonization and Membership was charged with the following:

1. Review 2007 Colonization and Membership report.
2. Consider the implications and uses of the District Database.
3. Consider ways to aid new colonies.
4. Consider ways to promote colonization within the district.
5. Consider methods for increasing hazing awareness within the district.
6. Discuss possible ways for the district at large to assist struggling colonies.

As there was no report available from last year, the Committee could not review it and began from a clean slate. The first determination the committee reached was pertaining to the future of the District Database. In the interest of increasing the number of submissions to the Database, the committee submitted the following charge to the Jurisdiction committee:

1. Amend the requirements for the D.O. Wiley Award to include points awarded for the submission of an updated Constitution and Education Program separately. In the case that the award's format is changed, add the submission of an updated Constitution and Education Program to the requirements for the award.

The committee therefore began with the discussion of the other charges, considering at length the possibilities and proper courses of action. From our discussions, the committee developed the following charges:

The Committee charges the 2008-2009 District Vice President to:

1. Create an online Continuing Membership Education Program for publishing at a minimum of once every two months, utilizing examples drawn from the District Database.
2. Work with the 2008-2009 Secretary/Treasurer to develop a fundraising workshop for colonies, and to work with the Sec/Treas. and colonies to set up dates for presenting the workshop.
3. Create a promotional packet for distribution to collegiate band directors based on examples of service and fraternal activity drawn from chapters near that university. Furthermore, the committee charges the VP to create a different packet for junior colleges highlighting the achievements and programs of similar institutions. The packets should include examples of service programs, fundraising, and letters from sponsors/directors describing the impact of the chapter on the band program.
4. Enhance the colonization process through the creation of a 'Colony committee' for each colony, under the direction of the VP and the Advising chapter and consisting of chapters local to the colony. These chapters will serve as a more consistent source of fraternal interaction, aiding in the completion of the colonization process and the socialization of colonies to the Fraternity at large.

The Committee charges the 2008-2009 Webmasters to:

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1. Create a password-protected page on the District website for hosting the District Database. The Committee recommends a format similar to the North Central District website login, with arrangements made to grant colonists access.

The Committee charges the 2008-2009 District Council to:

1. To feature on the District website the Constitutions and MEPs of those chapters qualifying for the D.O. Wiley award in 2009.

The committee charges the District Governors to:

1. Oversee the development and creation of a Hazing Video, either in podcast format or other digital media for distribution to the District. The committee recommends that the development involve a case study of chapters closed for hazing which highlights common occurrences and things to watch for.

The Committee would also like to ask the National Council to consider including the District President and Vice President in communication and dissemination of Colony documentation, especially the Constitution and MEP submissions. In conclusion, the 2008 Committee charges the 2009 Committee with the following:

1. Review the 2008 Committee Report.
2. Assess the growth and application of the District Database, and discuss ways to continue its development.
3. Consider the effect of the prescribed efforts to aid colonies on the District level.
4. Discuss methods for developing membership retention efforts in the District.
5. Discuss any other charges given to it by the 2008-2009 District and its Council.

The chair would like to thank the following members of the Committee:

The great Jason Kellison- Advisor, Delta Sigma

Peter Robinson- Beta Delta

Jennifer Sheridan- Delta Chi

Terrell Murekson- Epsilon Chi

Jonny McCrary- Theta Phi

Additionally, the chair would like to thank the following members of the District for their contributions:

Matt Watson

Angela Ingram

Amy Monceaux- Iota Sigma

Joseph Kwan

Than Nguyen- Alpha Psi

Nathan Hicks

Carolina Villarreal

Jonathan Hatch- Theta Alpha

Timothy Muesse- Delta Chi

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Submitted with Fraternal Love,
The 2008 Committee on Colonization and Membership

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G. Nominations Committee

2008 Nominations Committee Report

The 2008 Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Nominations Committee was charged with the following:

1. Review the 2007 Nominations Committee Report.
2. Examine and submit to the district a list of all constitutionally qualified nominees for each office.
3. Develop a series of questions for each candidate and establish criteria for a positive recommendation for the district.
4. Re-evaluate general questions below-consider any changes.
5. Re-evaluate the officer specific questions below-consider changes to the president's questions to outline previous work on council.
6. Prepare a slate of one candidate for each position that the committee feels would benefit the district the most (the committee may feel that a "no slate" is best for any or all offices).
7. Recommend any changes to the nomination/election process to the Jurisdiction Committee

The following criteria should be used in the slating process:

1. Review the applicant's materials, checking for constitutional validity of their candidacy.
2. Conduct a personal interview with each candidate.
3. Combining the information from points one and two, determine whom the committee feels would best serve the Southwest District in each capacity.

In order to create a fair and just interview, some of the following questions were used in the interview process for each candidate:

General Questions for all candidates:

1. What are the responsibilities of this office?
2. Why do you want this office?
3. Would you be flexible if the committee slated you for another office?
4. What will be your status with Kappa Kappa Psi next year? Will you be a chapter officer?
5. What is your current overall academic status? Do you have any academic honors?
6. What do you feel is the model time commitment for a district officer?
7. What is your view on the importance of council representation at SWD Area Workshops?

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8. What is your personal philosophy on band programs and service?
9. What type of programs would you like to see implemented or expanded upon in the Southwest District.
10. What is your greatest weakness?
11. Tell us about a not so positive situation that you have encountered and how did you overcome it?

Questions for President candidates:

1. What do you think your finest moment as a leader has been?
2. How could you draw that experience if you were elected President?
3. Describe how your previous experience on the council will help you with being President?

Questions for Secretary/Treasurer candidates:

1. What experience do you have regarding finance and/or secretarial duties?
2. Do you have any fundraising ideas in mind?

Questions for Member-at-Large candidates:

1. Of what would your ideal visit to a chapter consist?
2. In your opinion, what constitutes effective communication?
3. How do you set your criteria for chapter visits?
4. How would your visit benefit a chapter?
5. What are your relations with other chapters?

Pertaining to the second charge, the Nominations Committee found that all seven nominations packets submitted by the candidates met the National and Southwest District Constitutional requirements. The committee found that the following candidates met all requirements:

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Chase Giddings | President | Beta Delta |
| 2. Sean LaFollette | President | Theta Phi |
| 3. Sean Smith | President | Theta Alpha |
| 4. Jennifer Lynn Larsen | Secretary/Treasurer | Epsilon Delta |
| 5. Joeanthony Jebbia | Secretary/Treasurer | Beta Delta |
| 6. Bart Hosier | Member-at-Large | Alpha Psi |
| 7. Sean Rosales | Member-at-Large | Epsilon Delta |

After discussing all of the qualities and qualifications of the candidates, the Nominations Committee came to its final recommendation to the District. Though the committee felt all of the candidates were well qualified, we concluded that these candidates would be of best service to the Southwest District in the following capacities:

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| President | Sean LaFollette | Theta Phi |
| Vice President | Sean Smith | Theta Alpha |
| Sec/Treasurer | Jennifer Larsen | Epsilon Delta |
| Co-Member-at-Large | Sean Rosales | Epsilon Delta |
| Co-Member-at-Large | No Slate | |

The committee felt that each person who was slated was by far the clear choice and the best candidate for each position. In regards to the No Slate for the second Co-Member-at-Large position, the committee felt that there was no candidate running who had a clear plan of action for the position. The committee must express that the voting for the slate for **each office** was a **unanimous** decision.

The Nominations Committee would like to thank all of the candidates for district office for their time and interest in working for the good of the Southwest District and the fraternity at large. The committee strongly urges the delegation to ask questions of all the candidates for office so that the delegation can make an informed decision that reflects the best for the district.

The Committee would like to charge the 2009 Nominations Committee with the following:

1. Review the 2008 Nominations Committee Report.
2. Examine and submit to the district a list of all constitutionally qualified nominees for each office.
3. Develop a series of questions for each candidate and establish criteria for a positive recommendation for the district.
4. Re-evaluate general questions below-consider any changes
5. Re-evaluate the office specific questions below-consider changes to the president's questions to outline previous work on council.
6. Prepare a slate of one candidate for each position that the committee feels would benefit the district the most (the committee may feel that a "no slate" is best for any or all offices).
7. Recommend any changes to the nomination/election process to the Jurisdiction Committee.

The Nominations Committee would also like to charge the 2009 Jurisdiction Committee with the following:

Require candidates running for District office to include candidate goals and how they would go by meeting these goals as part of the required documents for the submitted packet to the nominations committee.

I would like to thank the committee for their time and dedication that they put into this year's decisions. I would like to also thank Jessica McAlarney for her role as advisor to the committee.

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Respectfully submitted,

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Juan Gutierrez | Delta Sigma | Committee Chair |
| Jessica McAlarney | Eta Alpha | Immediate Past Northeast District President |
| Ryan LaFlew | Lambda Kappa | |
| Jacob Hair | Alpha Rho | |
| Ryan Williams | Delta Sigma, proxy for Epsilon Theta | |
| Angélique James | Lambda Pi | |
| Jacob Tucker | Zeta Beta | |

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H. Alumni Association Committee

**Final Report of the Alumni Association Committee
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The 2007-2008 District Council charged the alumni present at convention to reorganize and form a Local Alumni Association for the Brothers of the Southwest District. At the request of the District Council and further discussed in the committee meeting, the Local Alumni Association of the district will be Kappa Kappa Psi only. In regards to Tau Beta Sigma, efforts will be made to include them in purely social activities to further enhance the experience of alumni members in the association.

Charges for the committee included:

- Application for Recognition by the National Alumni Steering Committee
- Election of Officers
- Fundraising
- Formulate ideas to create interest in graduating seniors, recent alumni, and ancients
- Methods to support the active members and chapters in the district

The committee met during the course of the convention on Friday and Saturday. Many ideas were discussed, thrown around, discarded, and accepted.

Highlights for Generating Interest/Membership

- Kidnap recent graduates
- Encourage chapter LAAs
- High PR activities
- Electronic Alumni Newsletter
- Designate Area Representatives to speak with local chapters
- Identity theft
- Casino Night during District Convention
- Provide profession-related workshops at convention and area
- Send representatives to area workshops
- Specifically target older alumni members to participate
- Alumni website with various information fields to search

Highlights for Fundraising

- Kidnap Colonel Bonner
- Knock off banks and atms
- Break into little bros piggy bank
- Texas Motor Speedway
- Ransom Jack's gavel
- Mascot/Chapter centerfold calendars
- District convention pageant

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Online surveys
Silent auction
Raffle Life Member dues
Kroger/Albertson's share cards

Charter Members of Alumni Southwest: Kappa are:

Adam Butenschoen, Epsilon Beta, Alumni
BJ O'Shea, Alpha Rho, Life
Chad Pierce, Gamma Theta, Life
Chris Joyce, Zeta Beta, Life
Clinton Wieden, Alpha, Life
Dusty Brown, Gamma Phi, Life
Jason Kellison, Delta Sigma, Life
Kevin Wolfe, Delta, Life
Mary Lin McNeill, Iota Upsilon, Life
Toni Castle, Epsilon Delta, Life
Dave Justin, Delta Sigma, Life
Aaron Moore, Alpha Rho, Life
Melissa Bell, Alpha Rho, Life

Officer positions were discussed and elected for the newly formed Alumni Association. The officers are:

Chair: Dusty Brown, Gamma Phi, Life
Secretary/Treasurer: BJ O'Shea, Alpha Rho, Life

The Alumni Association Committee charges the following:

The District Council to specifically target alumni members for assistance with CLC, District Convention, Workshops, etc.

The District Chapters to make an effort to encourage alumni participation in chapter activities, rituals, and music department events.

Chapter Alumni Secretaries/Liaisons to encourage and educate all chapter members about the benefits of participation after graduation.

While this reformation process did have a slow start, due mainly to the late announcement over the yahoo group, the charter members involved have been movers and shakers in the Southwest District over the past several years. The active membership can be sure that these members will build, promote, and maintain an Alumni Association that the Southwest District can count on when needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dusty Brown
Chair, Alumni Association Committee

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Gamma Phi and Delta Sigma, Life

Committee Participants:

Aaron Moore, Alpha Rho, Life
Adam Butenschoen, Epsilon Beta, Alumni
BJ O'Shea, Alpha Rho, Life
Caroline Keller, Gamma Iota, Active
Chris Joyce, Zeta Beta, Life
Clinton Wieden, Alpha, Life
Cody Bullock, Zeta Zeta, Active
Dave Justin, Delta Sigma, Life
Farida Hussain, Iota Upsilon, Active
Jason Kellison, Delta Sigma, Life
Kendra Greene, Zeta Zeta, Active
Kennie Cook, Zeta Zeta, Active
Kevin Wolfe, Delta, Life
Mary Lin McNeill, Iota Sigma, Life
Melissa Bell, Alpha Rho, Life
Micheala Meadows, Zeta Zeta, Active

I. Publications Committee

J. Convention Site Committee

Joint Convention Site Committee Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 2008 Convention Site Committee was charged with the following:

1. Collect information packets from all schools bidding to host the next district convention.
2. Set a time limit on 2009 bid presentations.
3. Continue to add convention bids to the bid library.
4. Review the report of the 2007 Convention Site Committee.
5. Review the guidelines for bidding/hosting district convention. Have discussions with the committee advisors & chairs regarding other criteria they have experienced that may not be written in the guidelines.
6. Establish criteria and questions for choosing the 2009 District Convention host.

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7. Review all bid packets from bidding chapters; and schedule interviews/presentations with each one. Each bidding university that meets the stated requirements will have a presentation and question/answer session during the 2nd Joint Session.
8. Discuss and deliberate which university the committee feels is best suited to host the district convention. Use the convention site worksheet to help make your recommendation. If the Committee feels that no bid presentation meets the requirements, they may recommend that no chapter be selected and the district council would accept applications for the next convention host over the next 30 days.

The committee used the following criteria to choose the slate for the 2009 SWD Convention Site:

- Location, space, hotels, integrity of chapter
- Set date, as well as back up date
- Adequate housing, meeting and banquet space
- Provision of Display area, meal plan, and computer access
- Copying facilities
- Budget
- Support from sponsor as well as university administrators
- Parking solutions and maps
- Inclement weather plan, airport and transportation

After reviewing the packets, the Convention Site Committee decided that Central Arkansas needed more information in their budget proposal. Without this information the bid did not meet the criteria needed for a SWD bids. Central Arkansas was asked to complete a District Convention Budget Proposal Form (from the national website) and provide the advisors with a copy of their presentation. Upon completion, Central Arkansas along with Louisiana State University and Baylor University each gave an overview of their presentations to the Convention Site Committee.

For the presentation to the delegation the time limit was as follows: An individual 8-minute presentation from each bidding university, followed by joint 15-minute question and answer session.

All bids brought before the committee (with the revamped Central Arkansas budget proposal) met the criteria needed for the SWD convention bids. Therefore, the Beta Gamma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Louisiana State University gave their presentation; followed by a joint presentation by the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Gamma Tau Chapter of

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Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Central Arkansas; followed by the Beta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Iota Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Baylor University.

The Convention Site Committee would like to congratulate all schools for their professionalism and well prepared presentations. These presentations can be used as great examples for schools to model after in later SWD convention site bids.

The Convention Site Committee recommends Baylor University as a slate for the 2009 SWD Convention.

The committee also considered the following added guidelines by the 2007 Convention Site Committee:

- Room guarantees from each hotel
- List of meeting rooms and capacity
- Banquet space for approximately 900
- Convention Headquarters
- Computer room with printers and copy machines
- Mileage Chart
- Zero balance budget which includes minimum 3% over budget and JACME fee, and should include the Budget Proposal Form available on the national website
- Backup dates
- Approximate chapter size
- Support from the music department and university administrators
- Airport transportation from one airport
- Inclement weather plan
- Parking maps
- Prepare a 5 to 8-minute presentation
- Chapters wishing to place a big must announce their intentions at least once at an area workshop within the district.

The Convention Site Committee amended one guideline to the current convention bid guidelines:

- Computer room with printers, copy machines, and internet connections (wired and or wireless)

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The Convention Site Committee would like to add two other bids to the newly founded bid library. The committee chose the bid from the slated chapters and Beta Gamma of Kappa Kappa Psi at Louisiana State University to place in the library.

The 2008 Convention Site Committee charges the 2009 Convention Site Committee to:

- Continue to add convention bids to the library (at least one)
- Review bid guidelines and make changes as necessary

We, the chairs of the Convention Site Committee would like to take the delegates seated on the committee as well as our advisors Chris Gordon and Daniel George CPA.

Respectfully submitted:

Convention Site Committee Chairs:

Kappa Kappa Psi- Marc Nichelson, Gamma Phi: 2008 Convention Coordinator

Tau Beta Sigma- Ashely Wilson, Beta Zeta: Beta Zeta's President

Appendix III

Award Recipients