

Yo WDJAA,

Well, I did very little this year for the Western District as Vice President of Whatever. Originally, when I accepted the position, there were not a lot of volunteers for officer positions and the job sounded interesting. Unfortunately, I didn't really know what the job involved and never really found out. I did not organize any district alumni events or drives, but that would probably be a good idea. I tried to find alumni and get them to attend convention, but mostly got participation from members of my own chapter. I do have some ideas for the future, but not a lot of time to implement them.

Each WDJAA member should attend the local community bands in their area and ask if there are any former KKY/TBS members in their ranks. We should have some form of flyer explaining how they as alumni can help current bands and KKY/TBS members. Perhaps a section of the flyer could also outline activities and networking that alumni can participate in now. These flyers should be passed out to chapters to give to their alumni and graduating seniors.

WDJAA should work more closely with chapter alumni secretaries during the year and especially right before convention. These people have more of a tie to their alumni than some strange WDJAA officer that no one has met. WDJAA (if it raises more funds) should help some chapters sponsor alumni events, perhaps in conjunction with State Days or convention. A quarterly newsletter that can be distributed through alumni secretaries might be a good idea if we can find enough to say.

Finally, I believe WDJAA has so few members because they lack purpose and direction. Alumni don't know what WDJAA can do for them and frankly, right now WDJAA can't do a lot. We need to actually sit down at convention and formulate a plan. The plan would include current and future goals. I also believe that each officer position should be looked at and described in great detail along with tasks they are expected or desired to perform throughout the year.

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