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Northeast District Convention

Minutes from the 2012 Meetings

Held March 23-24, 2012

Hosted by the University of Maryland

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2011-2012 Northeast District Secretary

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SECTION ONE: JOINT AND SEPARATE MINUTES

The minutes for each meeting are placed in chronological order. The following schedule was used:

Friday, March 23

Opening Joint Session

Opening Separates Session

Joint Session

Separates Session

Saturday, March 24

Separates Session

Closing Joint Session

Closing Separates Session

Opening Joint Session

Friday, March 23, 2012

Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom, the University of Maryland

The 2012 Northeast District Convention was called to order at 8:25 AM on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD with Kristen Ulloa, NED President, and Chris Carpenter, NED President, as presiding officers.

Welcome from District Presidents:

Kristen Ulloa and Chris Carpenter

Introduction of District Councils:

President: Chris Carpenter
Vice-President: Curtis Sample-Hawkins
Secretary/Treasurer: Meghan Bowers
Member at Large: Yvonne Daye
Alumni Liaison: Ryan Largent
President: Kristen Ulloa
Vice-President of Membership: Crystal Samual
Vice-President of Special Projects: Allison Leemann
Secretary: Victoria Wolk
Treasurer: Rachael Grimes
Alumni Secretary/Historian: Javonni McGlaurin
Outgoing Webmaster: Jesse Mayer
Incoming Webmaster: Nick Valinski
Outgoing Parliamentarian: Bobbie Cheetham
Incoming Parliamentarian: Ardella Dobson
Counselor: Nicole Kemp
Governors: Marie Burleigh and Casey Goodwin

Host chapter announcements

Recognition of Dignitaries by District Presidents:

Lt. Col Alan Bonner, National Executive Director at National Headquarters
 Johnathan Markowski, National Vice President for Communication and Recognition, past NED VP
 Dawn Farmer, National President, past Western District VPCM and President
 Anthony Barbir, past Western District President
 Kelsey Reilly, current Western District Sec/Treas
 Amy Bovin, Past NED President and Secretary, past NEDAA VP
 Sharnise Anthony, Past NED President and VPM
 Chris Foster, past SWD President, member of TBΣAA
 Sue Carr, TBΣAA Chair, past NED Counselor, past Board of Trustees member
 Tamara Henry, TBΣAA, past NED Treasurer and VP
 Kat Tribulski, NEDAA VP, Past NED VPSP and Treasurer
 Tyra Yiare, BOT Advisory Panel
 Erin Silvan, past NED VPM
 Jess Chrono Smith, NEDAA Rep
 Ashanti (Bryant) Forester, past NED VP
 Kathy Rodeffer, Past National President, Women in Music Speaker

Call for Northeast Notes Publisher Bids

Delta Delta TBΣ submits a bid.

Call for Northeast District Convention Host Bids

Bid received for 2012 Northeast District Convention Host from:

No bids received.

Revisions to schedule and internet code.

Remarks from NEDAA presented by Marcus Wyche, NEDAA President

New NY Area Alumni Association.

NEDAA Keynote Speech

Iota Delta KKΨ Julie House

General Announcements from the Floor

Welcome from Host Chapter presented by host chapter co-chairs:

Zara Simpson TBΣ and John Crotty KKΨ

The Opening Joint Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 9:18 AM on Friday, March 23, 2012.

Opening Separates Session

Friday, March 23, 2012

Hoff Theater, the University of Maryland

The Separate Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was called to order 9:38 AM on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the University of Maryland.

Recognition of Dignitaries

Lt. Col Alan Bonner, National Executive Director at National Headquarters

Johnathan Markowski, National Vice President for Communication and Recognition, past NED VP

Dawn Farmer, National President, past Western District VPCM and President

Anthony Barbir, past Western District President

Kelsey Reilly, current Western District Sec/Treas

Amy Bovin, Past NED President and Secretary, past NEDAA VP

Sharnise Anthony, Past NED President and VPM

Chris Foster, past SWD President, member of TBΣAA

Sue Carr, TBΣAA Chair, Past NED Counselor, past Board of Trustees member

Tamara Henry, TBΣAA, Past NED Treasurer and VP

Kat Tribulski, NEDAA VP, Past NED VPSP and Treasurer

Tyra Yiare, BOT Advisory Panel

Erin Silvan, past NED VPM

Jess Chrono Smith, NEDAA Rep

Ashanti (Bryant) Forester, Past NED VP

Kathy Rodeffer, Past National President, Women in Music Speaker

Roll Call and Seating of the Delegates:

Absent: Delta Nu

Proxy to: Zeta Upsilon

Absent: Delta Omicron

Proxy to: Eta Alpha

Absent: Epsilon Rho

Proxy to: Eta Delta

Absent: Epsilon Sigma

Proxy to: Eta Rho

Absent: Epsilon Upsilon

Proxy to: Eta Iota

Absent: Iota Alpha

Proxy to: Eta Sigma

Absent: Iota Kappa

Proxy to: Eta Chi

*At the 2011 NED Convention, the seating rotation ended with the Zeta Omicron. The next chapter in the seating rotation will be Zeta Upsilon. At the end of roll call and delegate seating of the 2012 NED Convention, the seating rotation ended with the Eta Chi chapter. The next chapter on the seating rotation will be Theta Pi for the 2013 NED Convention.

Welcome from District President & District Council delivered by Kristen Ulloa

Welcome from District Counselor, Nicole Kemp

Announcement of Parliamentarian

Ardella Dobson from the Gamma Chi chapter

Announcement of Webmaster

Nick Valinski from the Eta Alpha chapter

Officer Announcements

Call for Spirit tri-folds

Call for Past Awards

Call for Golden Typewriter Submissions

Call for Officer Candidate Packets

Given to Nominations Committee and Delegates

Introduction of Candidates and Overview of Election Process

Women in Music Speaker: Kathy Rodeffer

Distinguished Service Award presented by Jonathan Markowski to Kathy Rodeffer

General Announcements from the Floor

Host Chapter Announcements

Announcement about Committees/Workshops

Explanation of Delegates and Committees

The Opening Separate Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was 10:37 AM recessed on Friday, March 23.

Joint Meeting, Second Session

Friday, March 23, 2012

Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom, the University of Maryland

The Joint Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 1:14 PM on Friday March 23, 2012 at the University of Maryland.

Preliminary Report of the Joint Committee for Convention Site and Publication

The bid from Delta Delta was found incomplete.

The issue with the districts schedule was found not necessary for the committee and is being passed to the councils.

General Announcements from the Floor

Host Chapter Announcements

General Announcements from the Presidents.

Announcements of student conductors for the 2012 Reading Band.

The Joint Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 1:32 PM on Friday March 23, 2012.

Separates Meeting, Second Session

Friday, March 23, 2012

Hoff Theater , the University of Maryland

The Separate Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 3:50 PM on Friday March 23, 2012 at the University of Maryland

Roll Call of Delegates:

Epsilon Rho is now seated.

Epsilon Upsilon is now seated.

Motion to Accept the 2011 Northeast District Minutes as Written:

First: Zeta Upsilon

Second: Iota Pi

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes. The 2011 NED Minutes will be placed on file.

Nominations Committee Preliminary Report delivered by Emily Anstey

All candidates are eligible to run.

We were not able to have a meet and greet session.

Board of Trustees and National Council Presentation presented by Jonathan Markowski and Dawn Farmer

Win-Win Membership presented to the Theta Pi chapter.

TBΣAA Presentation presented by Sue Carr and Tamara Henry.

Explanation of Election Process and Nominations Committee by Nicole Kemp

General Announcements from the Floor

Announcements from the Host Chapter

Announcements from the Council

The Separate Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 4:54 PM on Friday March 23, 2012.

Separates Meeting, Third Session

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Hoff Theater, the University of Maryland

The Separate Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 10:10 AM on Saturday March 24, 2012 at the University of Maryland.

Roll Call of Delegates:

Absent Theta Pi

Election Process explained by Jonathan Markowski

Election Process explained by District Parliamentarian

Alumni Affairs Committee Final Report presented by Anna Costello

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Omega

Second: Gamma Chi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Report available in Section VIII

Vision and Direction Committee Final Report presented by Alana Leeti

Motion to accept report as written

First: Theta Pi

Second: Eta Delta

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes.

Report available in Section VIII

Vision statement

Motion to accept the vision statement as written

First: Eta Chi

Second: Delta Omega

Oppose: 1 Beta Eta

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Programs Committee Final Report presented by Kyle Moore

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta

Second: Eta Gamma

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Report available in Section VIII

Expansion and Membership Committee Final Report presented by Rochelle Carlisle

Motion to accept report as written

First: Gamma Omega

Second: Epsilon Upsilon

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Report available in Section VIII

Ways and Means Final Report presented by Kaitlyn Geary

Motion to accept report as written

First: Epsilon Rho

Second: Theta Pi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Report available in Section VIII

2012 – 2013 NED Proposed Budget presented by Kaitlyn Geary

Motion to accept the budget as proposed:

Zeta Upsilon amends the budget to add \$700 to the DLC account.

Second: Eta Sigma

Motion passes

First: Delta Nu

Second: Iota Pi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Report available in Section X

Motion to recess for five minutes

First: Epsilon Epsilon

Second: Zeta Omicron

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes

Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Final Report presented by Lauren Califano

Motion to accept report as written

First: Eta Alpha

Second: Epsilon Sigma

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Report available in Section VIII

Announcement about National Convention by Nicole Kemp

General Announcements from the Floor

The Separate Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 12:04 PM on Saturday March 24, 2012.

Closing Joint Session

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom, the University of Maryland

The Joint Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 1:16 PM on Saturday March 24, 2012 at the University of Maryland.

Roll Call of Delegates

NEDAA Final Report delivered by Marcus Wyche

Report available in Section XII

First: Gamma Xi

Second: Beta Eta TBΣ

KKΨ

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

TBΣ

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Host Chapter Announcements

Announcement of Precinct Dates and Locations delivered by Nicole Kemp, Marie Burleigh, and Casey Goodwin

Central Precinct: February, the University of Pittsburgh

Northern Precinct: February the University of New Hampshire

Southern Precinct: February, the University of Virginia

2013 District Convention Site Bid Presentation:

None

Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee Final Report presented by Mike Wisnieski KKΨ and Ezra Papincak TBΣ

Report available in Section IX

Motion to accept report as written:

First: Eta Delta TBΣ

Second: Epsilon Nu KKΨ

TBΣ

Oppose: 0
Abstain: 0

ΚΚΨ

Oppose: 0
Abstain: 2

Motion passes.

2013 District Convention Site:

District Daze Presentation presented by Allison Leemann ΤΒΣ and Yvonne Daye ΚΚΨ

Motion to vote for District Daze Site to be held at Wildwood

First: Kappa Psi ΚΚΨ

Second: Gamma Chi ΤΒΣ

ΚΚΨ

Oppose: 2
Abstain: 2

ΤΒΣ

Oppose: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes

TΒΣ

2013 District Daze: Wildwood, NJ Permanently.

First: Zeta Upsilon

Second: Theta Upsilon

TΒΣ

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

ΚΚΨ

Oppose: 9

Abstain: 5

Motion Fails

Final Joint Presidents Report delivered by Kristen Ulloa and Chris Carpenter

Report available in Section V

Motion to accept report as read

First: Omicron ΚΚΨ

Second: Eta Sigma TΒΣ

TΒΣ

Oppose: 0
Abstain: 0

ΚΚΨ

Oppose: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

General Announcements from the Floor

Motion to adjourn Joint Session

First: Gamma Xi
Second: Beta Eta

ΚΚΨ

Oppose: 3
Abstain: 2

ΤΒΣ

Oppose: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

The Joint Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was adjourned at 1:42 PM on Saturday March 24, 2012 at the University of Maryland.

Closing Separates Session

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Hoff Theater, the University of Maryland

The Separate Session of the 2012 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 3:45 PM on Saturday March 24, 2012 at the University of Maryland.

Roll Call of Delegates

Jurisdiction Final Report presented by

Motion to accept revision to 3.203

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Gamma Chi

Motion passes

Motion to accept revision to 3.401

First: Zeta Omicron

Second: Gamma Kappa

Motion passes

Motion to accept revision to 3.402

First: Delta Nu

Second: Eta Chi

Motion passes

Motion to accept revision to 3.403

First: Eta Alpha

Second: Theta Pi
Motion passes
Motion to accept revision to 3.404
First: Delta Delta
Second: Beta Eta
Motion passes
Motion to accept revision to 3.405
First: Epsilon Epsilon
Second: Epsilon Omega
Motion passes
Motion to accept revision to 3.407
First: Iota Pi
Second: Iota Kappa
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 3.503
First: Epsilon Rho
Second: Eta Iota
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 4.104
First: Zeta Upsilon
Second: Eta Rho
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 3.503
First: Theta Phi
Second: Delta Omega
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 4.301
First: Gamma Kappa
Second: Eta Gamma
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 4.302
First: Iota Alpha
Second: Epsilon Sigma
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 6.101
First: Zeta Omicron
Second: Theta Pi
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written Remove 6.10 2,3,4
First: Eta Chi
Second: Epsilon Omega
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 8.201
First: Delta Delta
Second: Zeta Upsilon
Motion passes
Motion to accept report as written 10.103
First: Eta Iota
Second: Eta Delta

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.105

First: Beta Eta
 Second: Iota Alpha

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.106

First: Gamma Kappa
 Second: Zeta Omicron

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.108

First: Epsilon Epsilon
 Second: Theta Pi

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.110

First: Eta Rho
 Second: Delta Omega

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.202

First: Epsilon Omega
 Second: Epsilon Rho

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.203

First: Eta Alpha
 Second: Gamma Omega

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.205

First: Eta Rho
 Second: Iota Pi

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 6.206

First: Eta Chi
 Second: Gamma Chi

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written 1.303

First: Beta Eta
 Second: Epsilon Epsilon

Motion passes
 Motion to accept report as written

First: Epsilon Omega
 Second: Iota Alpha

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes
Report available in Section VIII

Nominations Final Report presented by Emily Anstey

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta
 Second: Eta Iota

Oppose: 0

Abstain:0

Motion passes

Report available in Section VIII

Nominations Slate presented by Emily Anstey

President: Allison Leemann

VPM: Javonni McGlaurin

VPSP: Alana Leeti

Secretary: Victoria Wolk

Treasurer: Kyle Moore

Alumni Secretary/Historian: Ezra Papincak

District Officer Final Reports

Reports available in Section IV

Alumni Secretary/Historian: Javonni McGlaurin

Motion to accept report as read

First: Eta Chi

Second: Eta Delta

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Treasurer: Rachael Grimes

Motion to accept report as read

First: Eta Iota

Second: Zeta Omicron

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Secretary: Victoria Wolk

Motion to accept report as read

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Theta Phi

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Vice-President of Special Projects: Allison Leemann

Motion to accept report as read

First: Epsilon Omega

Second: Iota Kappa

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Vice-President of Membership: Crystal Samuel

Motion to accept report as read

First: Iota Alpha

Second: Beta Eta

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

President: Kristen Ulloa

Motion to accept report as read

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Eta Sigma

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Counselor: Nicole Kemp

Motion to accept report as read

First: Theta Phi

Second: Eta Rho
 Opposed: 0
 Abstain: 0
 Motion passes

Officer Awards:

Alumni Secretary and Historian Awards given by Javonni McGlaurin
Corresponding Alumni: Katie Sabol, Zeta Upsilon
Chapter History Award: Iota Alpha, Marist College

Secretary Award given by Victoria Wolk
Communication Award: Emily Anstey, Eta Gamma

Treasurer Award given by Rachael Grimes
All Star Treasurer: Katie Galtere, Zeta Upsilon

VPSP Award given by Allison Leemann
VPSP Award: Asia Quick, Eta Delta

VPM Award given by Crystal Samuel
VPM Awards: Ezra Papincack, Delta Omega
 Rochelle Carlisle, Gamma Chi

President Award given by Kristen Ulloa
President of the year: Alana Leeti, Zeta Upsilon

Visionary Award:

Everyone who submitted a vision statement:
 Eta Rho
 Eta Sigma
 Gamma Omega
 Epsilon Sigma
 Iota Pi
 Delta Deleta
 Epsilon Upsilon
 Eta Alpha
 Iota Alpha
 Zeta Upsilon

Idealism Award:

Delta Delta
 Eta Alpha
 Eta Gamma
 Epsilon Upsilon
 Theta Phi
 Gamma Omega
 Iota Kappa
 Zeta Upsilon
 Eta Rho

Gamma Kappa

Recognition Awards given by VPSP Allison Leemann:

Delta Delta
 Eta Delta
 Delta Omicron
 Eta Gamma
 Eta Alpha
 Beta Eta
 Zeta Upsilon
 Delta Omega
 Iota Pi
 Gamma Chi

Counselors Awards given by Nicole Kemp:

Committee chairs:

Kyle Moore
 Alana Leeti
 Ezra Papincak
 Anna Costello
 Ardella Dobson
 Lauren Califano
 Kaitlyn Geary
 Rochelle Carlisle
 Emily Anstey

Recognize all finalists for Top Chapter

Gamma Kappa
 Zeta Upsilon
 Eta Alpha
 Eta Gamma
 Delta Delta

Council Awards presented to the council.

Nominations and Elections

President

Motion to open the floor for nominations for President

Floor opened for nominations of NED President:

Allison Leemann automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee, accepts.

Floor closed for nominations of NED President.

Open elections for NED President.

Motion to accept as NED President by acclamation

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Zeta Upsilon

In favor: 23

Oppose: Eta Alpha, Delta Omicron, Eta Gamma, Epsilon Epsilon

Motion Fails

Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.

Two Minute Caucus.

Ballots given for voting.

2012 – 2013 Northeast District President: Allison Leemann

Elections closed for NED President

Vice President of Membership

Floor opened for nominations of NED Vice President of Membership:

Javonni McGlaurin automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee, accepts.

Rochelle Carlisle and Ezra Papincak are nominated and accept.

Floor closed for nominations of NED Vice President of Membership.

Open Elections for NED Vice President of Membership.

Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.

Two Minute Caucus.

Ballots given for voting.

2012 – 2013 Northeast District Vice President of Membership: Javonni Mcglaurin

Elections closed for NED Vice President of Membership.

Vice President of Special Projects

Floor opened for nominations of NED Vice President of Special Projects:

Alana Leeti automatically nominated by Nominations Committee, accepts.

Christina Degraft-Johnson and Ezra Papincak are nominated and accept.

Floor closed for nominations of NED Vice President of Special Projects.

Open Elections for NED Vice President of Special Projects.
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.
Two Minute Caucus.
Ballots given for voting.

2012 – 2013 Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects: Alana Leeti

Elections closed for NED Vice President of Special Projects.

Secretary

Floor opened for nominations of NED Secretary:
Victoria Wolk automatically nominated by Nominations Committee, accepts.
Zara Simpson is nominated and accepts.
Floor closed for nominations of NED Secretary.
Open Elections for NED Secretary.
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.
Two Minute Caucus.
Ballots given for voting.

2012 – 2013 Northeast District Secretary: Zara Simpson

Elections closed for NED Secretary.

Treasurer

Floor opened for nominations of NED Treasurer:
Kyle Moore is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee, accepts.
Kaitlyn Geary is nominated and accepts.
Floor closed for nominations of NED Treasurer.
Open Elections for NED Treasurer.
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.
Two Minute Caucus.
Ballots given for voting.

2012 – 2013 Northeast District Treasurer: Kyle Moore

Elections closed for NED Treasurer.

Alumni Secretary/Historian

Floor opened for nominations of NED Alumni Secretary:

Rochelle Carlisle is nominated and accepts. Victoria Wolk and Asia Quick are nominated and decline.

Billy Ray is nominated and accepts.

Floor closed for nominations of NED Alumni Secretary.

Open Elections for NED Alumni Secretary/Historian.

Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.

Two Minute Caucus.

Ballots given for voting.

2012 – 2013 Northeast District Alumni Secretary/Historian: Billy Ray

Elections closed for NED Alumni Secretary/Historian.

Officer Installation led by Nicole Kemp, NED Counselor

Closing Remarks**Motion to adjourn Separates Session**

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Eta Sigma

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

The Separate Session of the 2011 Northeast District Convention was adjourned at 7:30PM on Saturday March 24, 2012.

SECTION TWO: AWARDS

Awards were handed out by members of the District Council, District Counselor and National Council throughout the convention.

Outstanding Service Award was presented by Allison Leemann, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Eta Delta chapter at Howard University.

Music Education Awareness Award was presented by Allison Leemann, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Iota Pi chapter at Lincoln University.

Unsung Hero Award was presented by Allison Leemann, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Chelsea Johnson from the Gamma Chi chapter at Mansfield University.

Phenomenal Sister Award was presented by Allison Leemann NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Victoria Liard from the Zeta Upsilon chapter at West Chester University.

The Golden Typewriter Award was presented by Victoria Wolk, NED Secretary. It was awarded to the Eta Alpha Chapter at Syracuse University.

The Most Spirited Chapter Award was presented by Kristen Ulloa, NED President. It was awarded to the Delta Omega chapter at Bloomsburg University.

The Most Improved Chapter Award was presented by Kristen Ulloa, NED President. It was awarded to the Epsilon Epsilon chapter at Kutztown University.

The Counselor's Award was presented by Nicole Kemp, NED Counselor. It was awarded to the Eta Gamma chapter at Boston University.

The NEDAA Trivia Award was presented by Marcus Wyche, NEDAA President. It was awarded to the Epsilon Omega Chapter at Morgan State University and the Delta Delta chapter at the University of Massachusetts.

The Alumni Participation Award was presented by Marcus Wyche, NEDAA President. It was awarded to the Iota Delta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Towson University and the Zeta Upsilon chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at West Chester University.

The Alumni Communication Award was presented by Marcus Wyche, NEDAA President. It was awarded to the Eta Omega chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Howard University and the Beta Eta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Maryland.

The Baton was presented by Dawn Farmer, National President. It was awarded to Kristen Ulloa from the Eta Sigma chapter at Towson University.

SECTION THREE: COUNSELOR'S REPORT

Nicole Kemp, NED Counselor, presented the Counselor's Report as a powerpoint presentation during Separates Session. The following is the written report.

Greetings, Sisters of the Northeast District,

It is a pleasure to be addressing you this convention as your Counselor. I have been your Counselor for about 9 months now, and what an amazing time it has been! I hope that you all have had a positive experience with me and that I will continue to be of valued service to your chapters and to the district council over the next few years.

When I was appointed as Counselor I only had about two days to prepare before the already- scheduled Summer Council Meeting. There we laid the groundwork for how Tom and I would transition as well as for our goals and standards for the year. Kristen and I later attended the District Leadership Convention in Colorado Springs to be officially trained as leaders of Tau Beta Sigma. One highlight from the meeting was that we set the groundwork for creating a vision for the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma. I attended the National Convention where I was officially installed, and while our district was not represented with many numbers we surely were represented with a big voice! The NED Sisters in attendance made great contributions to their committees and we really accomplished a great deal.

As the Counselor I have created several goals for myself and for the district over my years, and I am confidently able to declare that we have made a great dent in those goals in just this one year! One of my greatest goals is to provide the tools and resources to offer leadership development and training for the council and for chapter officers as needed. Another goal is to streamline our processes, particularly in paperwork and deadlines. I of course wish to help increase the sense of excellence in our chapters (if we're talking the talk, shouldn't we walk the walk?). I hope to really open communication with Directors of Bands and Chapter Sponsors. I wanted to take the idea of strategic planning and vision development from the National Council and help forge that within the district. I value our relationships with other groups like NEDAA, TBΣAA, and the Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi and I hope to further develop and cultivate mutual cooperation and respect by working closely with those groups. Lastly, I hope to be a great resource for both the chapters and the council as needed.

This year, amongst working to complete those goals, I was able to make a few personal chapter visits at the request of chapters. I visited with the Delta Omicron chapter at Clarion University, the Delta Omega chapter at Bloomsburg University, and the Eta Gamma chapter at Boston University. There I had one-on-ones with officers, reviewed and offered suggestions to programs and projects, met with sponsors and directors of bands, and helped to create SMART goals and action plans. I have been thrilled with the work of these chapters as the year went on. I am very proud of each of them in their work to meet their outlined goals.

Some highlights of the achievements of the council and district as a whole over the past year include (but are certainly not limited to): All Fall Activity Reports were submitted on time; the district council wrote a district vision statement as well as did many of our chapters; we also created goals for the next council; we streamlined many deadlines and forms and made them digital as well as having digitized the council's documents in dropbox; we were able to put some district history on the website and tracked down many

missing physical historical items (we asked Beta Eta to be the official keeper of physical history for the district, and as we create digital back-ups of these items they will be housed in the Armory at the University of Maryland); I redesigned the Counselors Award in order to push our chapters to excellence; we had an astounding amount of chapters and individuals apply for district awards; we started officer training sessions at the winter council meeting and I have designed officer training session for the forthcoming summer council meetings; I worked with several chapters one-on-one to educate them on Tau Beta Sigma policies and practices; and a true testament to the efforts of our council – there are a great number of Sisters who have announced their candidacy for the next district council, and we even have several current council members interested in rerunning for positions on the council.

I could not express well enough how amazing this council has been to work with this year during my entry into the position. They have all made my job both challenging and rewarding in the best kinds of ways. Thank you to each of them for their demonstrated leadership this year. I greatly am looking forward to working with the next council and continuing the term with great standards of excellence in the Northeast District.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Kemp
Counselor, Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma

SECTION FOUR: DISTRICT OFFICERS' REPORTS

The final reports of each district officer are represented below.

Northeast District President Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

I still have a hard time believing that I am here, standing before you at the end of my term as your district president. It has been an amazing journey; one that I will likely never forget.

When I ran for this office, I stated that I wanted us to earn the title "Elite". That we shouldn't call ourselves The Nation's Elite District if we weren't doing the basics. I am happy to say that this has been a wonderful year for us. 96% of our chapters sent in their dues, chapter fees, and chapter personnel reports in on time. 100% of our chapters sent in the fall activity report. 96% of our chapters attended a precinct meeting. 48% of our chapters submitted an article to the Fall Edition of the Northeast Notes. 26% sent an article to be published in the Podium. 40% sent an article to the Spring Northeast Notes. There were 105 applications for the District Awards: Phenomenal Sisters, Unsung hero, Music Education Awareness and All-Star Service. 100% of chapters sent in delegate forms by the due date, and 85% of our chapters are in attendance at this convention.

It has taken the dedication of all of you and all the sisters who could not be here to make this happen. This is what an Elite District looks like, and we only have room to grow as we move forward into the new year.

Over the past year, I asked chapters to submit a digital workshop, to share ideas with other chapters. To date I have received 10 workshops, soon to be uploaded to the website. I know more are in the works and I encourage every chapter to continue to share ideas and experiences among each other. It has been a common theme throughout committees and workshops, that there is a demand for idea sharing year round. If you have something great to share, I urge you to share it.

Another initiative I have started is chapter vision statements. Chapters were asked to think about where they want to see their chapter 5 or 10 years down the road and begin to plan movement toward those goals. To date I have received 12 vision statements, though I know there are many more currently on display. It is an organization with a vision that truly progresses into the future, and I know that our chapters are ready to meet the challenge.

The vision and direction committee at this convention has been a huge success. I'm excited to see chapters digging in, and getting truly involved in the path of district. Our new system of chapter endorsed goal-oriented suggestions will help transition each council in a continually progressive way, leaving more time for growth and development. I look forward to see what the new council has to bring us, perpetuating us into the future.

The council and I have had nothing but high standards for the chapters this year, and I can honestly say that you have risen to the occasion. But now the bar is set. As we go home from convention, return to our chapter work, and maybe even put away all that we have learned this weekend in the back corner of our

mind, we must remember that it took work to get where we are, and that we must maintain this momentum to continually “earn Elite”.

But nothing says we are Elite like the council that has sat in front of you this weekend. It has truly been an honor to serve with each of the individuals that sit before you. Though some of us came on board a little later than others, each one of these officers has genuinely made a difference in our district, and in my life.

And a final thank you to my home chapter, Eta Sigma. Your unwavering support has been a blessing and I’m so proud to have had the opportunity to represent you all on the District level. From colonizing this chapter in 2008, to in the next few months, finally taking a step back as a graduate and alumni, I couldn’t have asked for a better group of sisters and friends.

Thank you for your support throughout this term as your NED President. It will be exciting to see the initiatives of the NED continue to grow and expand in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Ulloa
NED President 2011-2012
Eta Sigma Chapter

Northeast District Vice President of Membership Final Report

From the Desk of the NED Vice President of Membership:

It is with mixed feelings that I write my final report as your district VPM. I didn't know that I would be honored to serve on such a great council this year but I am so pleased that I was given this golden opportunity.

I remember calling Sharnise Anthony after the 2008 convention to pick her brain about being an officer on the district level. She told me, in her joking way, that all I needed to worry about was getting to know her and everything else would come later. Today, I'm humbled to sit in the same position as someone who taught me the inner workings of our sorority.

I'll admit that I wasn't the perfect officer but I do believe that if I helped just one chapter, my work was fruitful. In the beginning, I was excited to meet young and enthusiastic sisters that shared my passion for knowledge and growth. And though things were NOT as simple, cut and dry as they appear to be, at the end of my term I'm still excited. I was able to create a set of evaluations to make chapters aware of their strengths and weakness. I'm excited that I finally started a PME database for our district. I'm also excited that I got to meet such wonderful people outside of my chapter. And most importantly, I'm excited to see what is to come. I charge the next district vice president to expand the PME database. Our chapters could really benefit for the ideas in this document. I also charge you to promote Project Good Member as well. Nicole Kemp worked really hard on it as district VPM and it's shouldn't be lost as the years pass.

At this time, I would like to personally thank everyone that helped mold me into the sister of Tau Beta Sigma I am today. This includes not only past district officers from Eta Delta, such as Krystal Oliver, Kianna Marzette, and Dr. Kathryn Kelly but also those that served along with me in the active chapter. Some of my best friends are people that I would have never met if it weren't for TBS (Raisins Included) and for that, I am grateful.

Lastly to my council, I may have always seemed like the distant one, due to school or work, but I have appreciated my time serving with you all. Nicole, I remember you in the same position I'm in. You've done an excellent job as counselor! Every time I walk past an automatic toilet Kristen, I think of you, I know you hate those things). You officially get your life back today so finish strong with your student teaching and I know I'll see you again soon!!!! Rachel, thank you for reminding me how awesome my chapter is and we are working on your honorary ceremony. Victoria, you rock!! I don't know how you managed to visit Mickey Mousey and stay on top of EVERYTHING but that lollipop last night, made my day! Jesse, you are officially the man I allow to wear skirts and toe nail polish in my presence. Thanks for not making me the only weird one on the council. Last but not least Javonni and LEEMANN!!!!!! I love you guys plain and simple. Our reckless car ride and shared love for Beyoncé have bonded us forever. Good luck next year!

Thank you for allowing me to experience Tau Beta Sigma in a completely different light. It has been an honor to be selected to serve

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Samuel
1-SP08 Eta Delta
NED Vice President of Membership.
2011- 2012

Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

Over the past year every one of us has grown. What strikes me most when I reflect on the year is not that we have grown, but how we have grown. We have melded into one cohesive District. Our growth is in our support of one another and the strong desire to grow together. That is the thing that impresses me most about the NED.

When I became VPSP I set the goals of assisting each Chapter to improve in both service and participation, expanding how the NED is involved in District and National projects, and recognizing individuals and Chapters who are Elite. I am proud to say that, with the help of all of you, I was able to accomplish these goals. Each goal is in reality a continuous project, but I feel this year was a success in beginning or continuing each of these initiatives. At the term's beginning I created a survey so Chapters were able to evaluate themselves and how they complete service and participation projects. This baseline that was established can be used by Chapters to weigh their progress from semester to semester. As a District we supported two schools, Clarion University and the Leadership and Public Service High School of New York, in Project Protect Music. We wrote over 100 letters towards Letters to Musical Soldiers which will be submitted after this Convention weekend. During Precinct meetings Chapters led workshops on how to participate in National projects and initiatives that brought about great excitement for Sisters who did not know about them prior. This year I worked to expand the District awards to recognize Chapters who shared their service and music awareness with their communities. This is just a first step in celebrating. As you hear the rest of the awards this evening think about what you have done well over the past year. If you nominated an individual for an award I encourage you to tell them and share why you feel they are Phenomenal or an Unsung Hero. All of our successes need to be shared and celebrated with one another.

I charge the incoming VPSP with continuing the projects of the NED and supporting the national initiatives, finding new ways to expand them and their participation amongst our Chapters. Additionally I charge them with working with each Chapter VPS to improve both their service and participation so that from Maine to Virginia we can continue to say we are an Elite District. We have come very far over the past year and I know this progress shall continue through the next term.

There are a handful of individuals I would like to thank for their assistance to me in my office this year. I would like to thank Zeta Upsilon, Eta Alpha, Eta Delta, and Beta Eta for running a Precinct workshop. They stepped up and did an excellent job sharing what their Chapters do well to motivate the rest of the District to get active in District and National initiatives. Kat Tribulski for being my go-to person when we needed someone to fill time, get advice from, or vent about my crazy life to. I would also like to thank Yvonne Daye the KKPsi Member at Large for dealing with me all year and being the best joint officer I could have asked for. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the people sitting on stage beside me. Every one of our conference calls, late nights, Starbucks sessions, and "quick" drives to Jesse's apartment have contributed to the success of our Council and the success of the District. This year has been fantastic and the relationships I have forged with each of you have made me a better person and Sister.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every Sister within our District. Nothing the Council attempts can come to fruition without your support and participation. Continue to grow as individuals and Chapters and the Northeast District will continue to thrive. Support one another in your endeavors and never forget that "It is an Honor to be Selected to Serve".

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Leemann

NED Vice President of Special Projects 2011-2012

Northeast District Secretary Final Report

Hello Sisters of the Northeast District,

Can you believe it is the end of yet another term? I for one cannot. I want to start by thanking everyone for welcoming me in so late in the year. I wanted to try a lot out on you and you worked with me giving me even more ideas for how communication could work. Thank you for working with me and inviting me into what was already started.

If there is anything that I really want to pass on to everyone it would be to try, and try again until you succeed. If you work hard enough for what you want then you just might succeed.

The past few months have been amazing for me. I have been able to speak with many secretaries about what it is that they do in their chapter. How they are the ambassadors for communication and urge everyone in their chapter to participate in getting to know other sisters. I have started to talk with recording secretaries about what their duties are, specific to their chapter. Furthermore, I was informed of why the current NED Secretaries listserv does not work.

I have been able to assign everyone pen pals based off your Fall Activity Reports and it has only received a positive response. I urged chapters to go above and beyond and seek more chapters to pen pal with other than their assigned chapter, reminding everyone that this will be considered in the Golden Typewriter submissions. I also added up-to-date websites to the Golden Typewriter criteria, hopefully, promoting the importance of a chapter website.

I also worked with the Joint NEDSEC/Treas to promote the Student Conductor program. This year we saw a huge increase in applications. When I saw that and the number of applications that came in for many more programs, I became very impressed with how the NED has stepped it up this year. I really wanted to send out a million emails telling you how happy I was.

Finally, I have continued my work with the council newsletter, Turtle Talk, making sure that we are always getting you the most pertinent information. I have spammed everyone to like the Facebook NED group. Have you liked it? I also kept up with getting the council all our notes and minutes from all of our meetings.

I thoroughly enjoyed the past few months, getting to help improve the NED's communication efforts. I know they can be improved much more, but given what you have shown me in last few months, I see wonderful things for our future. Thank you for selecting me to serve as your NED Secretary, it has truly been a gift.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Wolk

NED Secretary 2011-2012

Northeast District Treasurer Final Report

To the Sisters of the Northeast District,

It has been a great honor to have served as your treasurer this past year. Over the term, I've collected many fundraiser ideas and have rediscovered my love to talk to everyone I can about fundraising and about troubleshooting when there is trouble with fundraising. I've also collected budgets from almost every chapter, worked with the treasurers on revisions to make sure that everyone has a similar outline and structure to a sound budget. I can complete my term of office happy, knowing that many chapters are on a solid financial base. Treasurers, please pass this on to your chapter's next treasurers, and I hope that, to the next District Treasurer, they will be as much of a joy to work with as you all have been to me. I have gotten to know many of you throughout the year and you all have given me so much joy. I am so honored to have been your NED treasurer this year.

I charge the next NED treasurer to, above all things, communicate. Keep an open ear and talk to chapters. See where there are strengths, for there are many. See who needs some help and do your very best to fix it. Never stop communicating because that is where all of the magic happens. Also, don't ever forget that fundraising can be fun!

I want to thank the district for the wonderful experience this had provided me. I feel as though I am a better person and a better sister than one year ago, when I was reading you my from-the-floor platform off of the back of a piece of notebook paper, wondering how such an amazing group of people could trust me with such an important job. I hope I've made you all proud.

A very special thank you to this council. Kristen, Allison, Crystal, Javonni, Victoria, Bobbie, Jesse, and, of course, Nicole. I don't know where I would be without you all. You have helped me better myself in so many ways. I could not have dreamed of a better group of people to serve with this year. I love you all.

It has truly been a privilege, Northeast District, to serve as your treasurer this year. I hope I've been as good to you as you have been to me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachael Grimes
TBE NED Treasurer 2011-2012

Northeast District Alumni Secretary/Historian Final Report

To my sisters of the NED:

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve on district council as your district alumni secretary/historian. This past year has been challenging and yet fulfilling at the same time. I have met many sisters, made many bonds and learned so much more than I could imagine. This was all because of you. Thank you for support during this year.

My entrance onto council was different than some of my other counterparts that you see up here. I was appointed after the council had already met and got the ball rolling on achieving great things. My special thanks goes out to the council for welcoming me with open arms and inspiring to work as hard and making me feel equal.

I accepted this position because I understand the importance of our alumni. We learn from their stories and we should embrace the wisdom they have to offer. Some of our active members have great knowledge and wisdom and we should want to share it on occasions like this. As always, I was striving to promote the NEDAA and TBΣAA, these are great organizations. The organizations are great but they can always use more members and it should be you! (That was my little marketing plug). I used my best means to distribute information. If you want more information feel free to reach out. I don't know how many times I can say this but if you have a love for your sisters, your chapter, this district and this organization, it does not need to end here. We encourage everyone to serve continuously.

Since the position of historian is newly added I wanted to start a legacy of a great project that will contribute to the district tremendously. Having a love for history, I feel heavily into this responsibility. Part of this position was to fill in the blanks of our missing history that we so desperately cherish, this included finding missing convention dates, officers, etc, researching past award receipts and documenting them into a database. I was charged to promote NED history, continue in-depth research and document our history. I believe I have held true to these charges. My greatest accomplishment while during my term in office was the NED Yearbook which you will see later today. All of you have made a great contribution to the history of the NED. I charge the next Alumni Secretary/History to continue the yearbook that will document the great achievements of district on a yearly basis. I charge the next ASH to continue to promote alumni involvement and history facts via trivia facts, challenges and "knowledge nuggets."

I am so proud of where I come from and I want this to continue to be the Nation's Elite District.

Respectfully Submitted and Yours Truly In the Bond,
Javonni McGlaurin
Tau Beta Sigma, Theta Phi- Kappa Klass
Northeast District Alumni Secretary and Historian
2011-2012

SECTION FIVE: JOINT PRESIDENTS' REPORT

No report was received by the Joint Presidents'.

SECTION SIX: COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS

There were no notes from Specific Committee Workshops this year. All committee business is given in the committee's final reports.

SECTION SEVEN: COMMITTEE CHARGES

The following section lists the charges for each committee. The chair, advisor and delegates were assigned by the District President. The charges were outlined by last year's committee, and new charges were added by the 2010-2011 NED Council.

Expansion and Membership: *Rochelle Carlisle- Chair, Crystal Samuel - Advisor*

Charges for the 2013 Expansion and Membership Committee

1. Review the NED Constitution.
2. Review the 2012 NED Expansion and Membership reports.
3. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level.
4. Add to the list of ways in which chapters could visit/communicate with schools that do not have Tau Beta Sigma, in order to spark interest in colonization.
5. Continue to update the database of schools contacted for expansion
6. Continue to update the database of Post Membership education ideas.
7. Review and update project good member as needed.
8. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of "Chapter Operations" in the Membership Education Process.
9. Expand upon the idea that not taking a class may help to improve a struggling chapter.
10. Discuss ways to encourage chapter retention

Nominations: *Emily Anstey- Chair, Nicole Kemp - Advisor*

Charges for the 2013 Nominations Committee:

1. Review the district and national constitution.
2. Carefully investigate eligibility of candidates for election.
3. Review/create questions to interview candidates (general, president, VPM, VPSP, secretary, treasurer, alumni secretary/historian).
4. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session.
5. Interview all candidates found eligible.
6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.

Ways and Means: *Kaitlyn Geary- Chair, Rachael Grimes- Advisor*

Charges for the 2011 Ways and Means Committee:

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution
2. Review the 2012 Committee Report
3. Perform Audit
4. Review 2012-2013 budget and recommend a budget for 2013-2014
5. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
6. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers
7. Brainstorm ideas for the 2012-2013 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming

Sisterhood and Spirit: *Lauren Califano- Chair, Victoria Wolk- Advisor*

We charge the 2013 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee to:

1. Discuss ideas for joint social and service events and apply new ideas to individual chapters.
2. Continue the spirit box and come up with ways to involve all at the convention.
3. Have a meal with another chapter.
4. Learn and continue the NED chant and step.
5. Continue spirit contest.

Programs Committee: *Kyle Moore - Chair, Allison Leemann- Advisor*

Charges for the NED Programs Committee 2013:

1. Review prior charges to Programs Committee
2. Review NED Constitution 2012
3. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed

4. Evaluate TBΣ and Joint list-servs
5. Review District Award requirements
 - a. Golden Typewriter
 - b. All Star Service
 - c. Life Member Scholarship
6. Evaluate new programs presented by the District Counselor, District President, or District Council.
7. Create new projects for NED
8. Review NED programs including
 - a. Precincts
 - b. Districts
 - c. District Daze
 - d. Sisterhood Week

Jurisdiction: *Ardella Dobson - Chair, Bobbie Cheetham- Advisor*

The 2013 Jurisdiction Committee is charged to:

Preliminary Charges

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution.
 2. Check that all information in the constitution corresponds with current practices in the district.
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Alumni Affairs: *Anna Costello- Chair, Javonni McGlaurin- Advisor*

The 2013 Alumni Affairs Committee is charged with the following:

1. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
2. Review NEDAA and any new activities
3. Review projects of the Alumni Secretary/Historian
4. Promotion/education/increase incentives of life membership, NEDAA, TBΣAA, and other alumni associations
5. Review alumni and history workshops at precincts and district convention

*Special Committees***Vision and Direction:** *Alana Leeti- Chair, Kristen Ulloa- Advisor*

Charges for the 2013 Vision and Direction Committee

1. Review the NED Vision Statement
2. Discuss any possible changes to the Vision Statement
3. Evaluate the progress of the 2012-2013 Council goals set forth by the 2012 Vision and Direction Committee
4. Review the goals set forth by the 2012-2013 Council for the 2013-2014 Council
5. Propose any changes or additions to the goals for the 2013-2014 Council
6. Discuss any suggestions for future ad hoc committees

*Joint Committees***Convention Site and Publication**

No charges were received by the committee.

SECTION EIGHT: COMMITTEE REPORTS

In accordance with the district Constitution Section 2.801, the following committees were active and have submitted oral reports to the delegation along with their written summaries below: Expansion and Membership, Nominations, Programs, Ways and Means, Sisterhood and Spirit, Alumni Affairs, and Jurisdiction.

The Vision and Direction committee was assigned per the discretion of the District President.

Expansion and Membership

Expansion and Membership Committee

March 24, 2012

Chaired by Rochelle Carlisle – Gamma Chi

Advised by Crystal Samuel – Eta Delta, NED VPM 2011-2012

The 2012 Expansion and Membership Committee was charged to:

1. Review the NED Constitution
2. Review the 2011 NED Expansion and Membership reports.
3. Discuss how chapters can improve participation within district membership programs.
4. Make a list of ways chapters could visit/communicate with schools that do not have Tau Beta Sigma, in order to spark an interest in colonization.
5. Update the database of schools contacted for expansion.
6. Update the database with Post Membership Education ideas.
7. Create a list of ways that chapters, both big and small, can assist themselves and each other in recruitment, based on quality and quantity.
8. Discuss ways to keep MC's informed about and involved in District Events.

1. Review the NED Constitution

8.201 The Expansion/Membership Committee shall be charged with the recruitment of new members and new colonies. At the discretion of the committee chair and advisor, the committee may split into an Expansion subcommittee and a Membership subcommittee in order to accomplish the goals set forth.

- a. The Expansion/Membership Committee shall be responsible for the continual development of membership education according to the national guidelines, and address issues regarding membership education at the chapter and district levels. This committee will also be charged with discussing possibilities for expansion, identifying potential locations for new colonies and assisting current colonies with issues pertinent to them. This subcommittee may meet jointly with the Expansion Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi as necessary.

We reviewed the appropriate section of the NED constitution; shown above, and determined no changes were necessary.

2. Review the 2011 NED Expansion and Membership Reports

During the committee meeting we have reviewed the information in the 2010 report and determined changes where needed which are discussed below.

3. Discuss how chapters can improve participation within district membership programs.

- Communicate through the Wiggi, Facebook, email and other areas to help each chapter become more involved with district events

-- Gain more knowledge at the district level by staying in contact with the district council members.

Do not be afraid to ask questions.

- Go to the events! Chapters benefit from attending precincts and districts. This a great place for them to share ideas and get a feel for district membership programs.

4. Make a list of ways chapters could improve visit/communication with school that do not have Tau Beta Sigma, in order to spark an interest in colonization.

- Plan events, service projects, and activities in the school without a Tau Beta Sigma Chapter. Help them to learn about the organization through events such as these.
- Include band members of that school in service projects for their band program.
- Appoint a “chapter buddy” who is in charge of contacting that school. Have them keep close contact between the students and faculty.
- Develop a good relationship with their director of bands.
- Incorporate the use of Pen Pals.
- Have “Letter Getters” send letters to schools without a chapter. Invite them to events.
- Focus on schools with strong music programs.

5. Update the database of schools contacted for expansion.

We have changed the list of chapter relations as follows:

- Delta Delta – University of Delaware/College of the Holy Cross
- Delta Nu – University of Southern Maine
- Delta Omicron – Allegany University/Shippensburg University
- Epsilon Rho – Virginia Commonwealth University/Old Dominion University/Virginia Union
- Epsilon Sigma – Old Dominion/Christopher Newport university
- Epsilon Omega – Coppin State
- Zeta Omicron – Radford/University of Mary Washington
- Zeta Upsilon – Villanova/Temple University
- Eta Alpha – College of St. Rose
- Eta Gamma – Holy Cross
- Eta Delta- Georgetown University/University of the District of Columbia/George Washington University
- Eta Iota – University of Delaware/University of Maryland Easter Shore
- Eta Sigma – Catholic University
- Eta Chi – Central Connecticut
- Theta Phi – Christopher Newport University/College of William and Mary
- Gamma Kappa – Central Connecticut/Stonybrook
- Gamma Chi – Performing Arts College of Pennsylvania
- Gamma Omega – Penn State University

*Indiana University of Pennsylvania has been removed from Gamma Omega due to the school not wanting to be involved with Tau Beta Sigma. The chapter has suggested that Penn state may be a better option.

6. Update the database with Post Membership Education ideas.

- New classes can create presentations of the information to present to the sisterhood
- In order to take a little, a potential big must take a test and receive above an 85%
- During meetings, the VPM can ask questions and reward whoever receives the correct answer
- Alumni Scrapbooks: MC classes can include pictures, music, and important “foot notes” for the future MC classes.
- Provide a chapter workshop for the sisterhood. This workshop can include each officer discussing their office and what the job entails.

- “Mock” educator. Switch the roles and let the MC’s be the teachers!
- Jeopardy, MC’s Vs. the Sisters or Bigs V.s. littles
- Play “Scene it” Using ritual items and info
- Hold workshops that help evaluate the 8 and 5

7. Create a list of ways that chapters, both big and small can assist themselves and each other in recruitment, based on quality and quantity.

- Be concerned with the quality of members before being just worried about the quantity
- Include service in rush activities to see who is truly interested in serving the bands
- Recruit using things such as Facebook, posters, activities, etc.
- Create social/fun events for rush week to help potential membership get to know about the sisters
- Create a Rush video from the last semester’s process and post it on Facebook for everyone to view
- Determine whether they have potential to become quality members before they are given a bid
- Be careful not to do things “behind the scenes” too much. Be able to show band members in your school the type of things you do. Try to incorporate bigger projects and new activities.

8. Discuss ways to keep MC’s informed about and involved in District Events

- Well before districts create a presentation with pictures, information, etc., that explains what districts are all about. Then, encourage them to go!
- Have sisters talk with the MC’s about how wonderful their experiences were at districts
- Create a Pen Pal system at the district level to start discussions with other chapters
- Have a time management workshop at districts to really explain to the MC’s how much of a time commitment it is
- Hold a workshop at districts for the MC’s that allows them to talk about study tricks and tips they use to help them learn the information.
- Hold a workshop on how to resolve conflicts with other sisters during your process.
- Have the MC’s go through a Chapter Operations workshop. This way they can learn about each office and how everything works within the sisterhood.

Charges for the 2013 Expansion and Membership Committee

11. Review the NED Constitution.
12. Review the 2012 NED Expansion and Membership reports.
13. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level.
14. Add to the list of ways in which chapters could visit/communicate with schools that do not have Tau Beta Sigma, in order to spark interest in colonization.
15. Continue to update the database of schools contacted for expansion
16. Continue to update the database of Post Membership education ideas.
17. Review and update project good member as needed.
18. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of “Chapter Operations” in the Membership Education Process.
19. Expand upon the idea that not taking a class may help to improve a struggling chapter.
20. Discuss ways to encourage chapter retention

Charges for the 2012 -2013 NED VPM

1. Utilize and update the PME database
2. Update and utilize project good member

3. Review the 2012 committee report and pass on important info to chapters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair – Rochelle Carlisle, Gamma Chi
Advisor – Crystal Samuel, Eta Delta, NED VPM 2011-2012

Committee Members

Sarah Lenau – Delta Delta
Sarah Tarullo – Delta Delta
Billy Ray Pai – Eta Chi
Jacqueline Cotto – Zeta Upsilon
Jenae Sharp – Epsilon Epsilon
Crystal Green – Epsilon Epsilon
Ivania Morales – Beta Eta
Asia Quick – Eta Delta
Emily Jackson – Theta Phi
Maria Tobias – Delta Omega
Jessica Gamble – Delta Omega
Jada Davis – Epsilon Omega
Deanna Marner (Membership Candidate) – Epsilon Omega
Betsy Burnett (Membership Candidate)
Kim Knipe – Beta Eta
Jaime Hughes – Zeta Upsilon
Stephanie Joslyn – Eta Chi
Kylie Woodmansee – Eta Chi
Shannon Brady – Eta Chi

Janay Johnson, Eta Delta
Debra Samuel, Eta Delta
Eriesha Artis, Iota Pi
Chelsea Johnson, Gamma Chi
Michelle Minnich, Zeta Omicron
Fallon Kiehl, Eta Gamma
Beth Schwartz, Beta Eta
Kristine Schumacher, Beta Eta

Nominations

Chaired by: Emily Anstey

Advised by: Nicole Kemp

Committee Times:

Friday: 10:30-12:00 (interviews 11-12)

Friday: 2:00-3:20 (interviews 2-3) Saturday 9:00-10:00

Sisters,

This year's Nominations Committee had an extremely difficult task and this could not be more beneficial for the district. All the candidates were found not only constitutionally eligible but also extremely well qualified and enthusiastic. Thank you to all the Candidates for submitting packets. I would credit this to the 2011-12 District Council for presenting themselves so well throughout this past year. They are the reason why we had the quantity and quality of candidates for this upcoming term. I would like to thank my committee and my advisor, Nicole Kemp.

Charges for the 2012 Nominations Committee:

1. Review the district and national constitution.
2. Carefully investigate eligibility of candidates for election.
3. Review/create questions to interview candidates (general, president, VPM, VPSP, secretary, treasurer, alumni secretary/historian).
4. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session.
5. Interview all candidates found eligible.
6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.

Charges for the 2013 Nominations Committee:

7. Review the district and national constitution.
8. Carefully investigate eligibility of candidates for election.
9. Review/create questions to interview candidates (general, president, VPM, VPSP, secretary, treasurer, alumni secretary/historian).
10. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session.
11. Interview all candidates found eligible.
12. Create a slate of recommended candidates.

1. Review the district and national constitution.

The nominations committee reviewed the following parts of the National and District Constitutions.

From the National Constitution...

5.301 Each District shall have a District President, District Vice President, and District Secretary-Treasurer or other Officers as deemed advisable by the District Counselor. These Officers shall be elected by the chapters assembled at District Convention. The District Officers shall serve from District Convention to District Convention.

5.302 Each District Officer shall be at least a sophomore student and an active member of the Sorority in good standing, at the time of election. Officers elected during their final year of college may serve out their current term of office, provided that they are a Life Member by September 1 of their term in office. Each District Officer shall have exceptional business or professional ability and shall be capable of representing the Sorority and District when called upon to do so. Each District Officer shall have the best interest of the Sorority at heart and be willing and able to devote the necessary time to execution of the duties imposed by the office and shall be actively participating in or serving bands during their term of office. All District Officers shall serve without compensation.

5.303 A Committee on Nominations at each District Convention shall carefully investigate the eligibility of candidates for election. The committee shall nominate one member for each office and present the names to the Convention. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention by Official Delegates. The Nominations Committee shall determine the eligibility of any

other candidates who are nominated from the floor. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election.

5.304 The District President shall preside at all meetings of the District and shall be a nonvoting member of all District Committees, with the exception of the Nominations Committee which she/he shall appoint, and shall render all possible assistance to the District Counselor. In the absence of the District Counselor, the District President may be designated as the official representative of the District whenever such representation shall be required.

5.305 The District Vice President shall, in the absence of the District President, preside at the meetings of the District. The District Vice President shall also be in charge of membership within the District as set forth by the guidelines of the District Membership Committee.

5.306 The District Secretary-Treasurer shall record, publish, and distribute to all chapters in the District, the District Counselor, and all members of the National Council, the minutes of all meetings of the District and shall, as necessary, control the receipt and disbursement of all monies of the District.

5.307 Each District Officer shall have one vote at all meetings of the District Council, except the District President. The District President shall vote only in case of a tie or if the vote is by ballot.

5.308 Should a vacancy occur on the District Council, the remaining District Officers and the District Counselor shall determine the appropriate procedure to fill the office.

5.309 If a district officer's chapter is placed on suspension, the officer's status will be reviewed by the District Counselor. Any action will be recommended by the District Counselor and reviewed by the National Council. The district council and counselor must be notified within ten (10) days of any action.

5.310 Any District Officer who leaves the District permanently during the term of office shall automatically resign, and other District officers shall follow District constitutional procedure to fill the vacancy.

5.311 A District Officer may be removed from office by a unanimous vote of the remaining members of the district council and approval by the District Counselor. Upon removal from office, the National Headquarters and the National President shall receive notification of the removal within ten (10) days.

From the District Constitution...

3.2 Candidacy

3.201 A candidate for District Office shall be an Active member of a chapter in the Northeast District, regardless of permanent residence when elected.

3.202 A candidate for District Office shall have completed one (1) semester of active membership in the sorority and served as an officer or head of a committee.

3.203 A candidate who wishes to be slated for District Office must submit five (5) copies of the following to the Nominations Committee, one (1) copy of each must also be submitted to each delegate and District President prior to three o'clock in the afternoon (3:00pm) the first day of District Convention:

- a. A letter of intent
- b. One (1) letter of recommendation from the chapter
- c. One (1) from either the Chapter's Sponsor or Director of Bands
- d. A resume of her activities and qualifications.

3.204 A candidate must present herself to the Nominations Committee for an interview.

3.3 Elections

- 3.301 The District Council shall be elected by the chapters meeting at the District Convention. All District Officers shall serve from one District Convention to the next.
- 3.302 The manner of elections shall be by secret ballot. There shall be no abstentions.
- a. In the event that only one candidate is willing and able to run for a given office, she may be elected by a vote of acclamation.
 - b. If acclamation fails, candidates not formally nominated, may be written in on the ballot.
- 3.303 A candidate shall be considered elected upon receiving more than fifty per cent of votes cast
- a. In the event that no candidate achieves a majority vote, the person or persons (in case of a tie) receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from the election and a second ballot shall be held. This process will repeat until a candidate is elected.
- 3.304 District Officers shall not serve more than two (2) terms in the same position.
- 3.305 All District Officers shall receive reimbursement as deemed appropriate by the District Counselor and District Treasurer with the proper documentation.
- 3.306 Outgoing officers shall relinquish all material connected with their respective offices to the proper incoming officers and shall perform an orientation with those officers no later than one (1) week after the close of District Convention.
- 3.4 Duties
- 3.401 The responsibilities of the District Council shall be as follows:
- a. To travel and visit chapters.
 - b. To correspond with National, District and Chapter officers on a regular basis.
 - c. To attend and run Precinct workshops.
 - d. To write articles for *The Podium* and "Northeast Notes."
 - e. To execute any other projects that the District Council undertakes.
 - f. To submit a report of activities conducted during their term of office at each regularly called District Convention.
 - g. To submit an activities report for each issue of "Northeast Notes."
 - h. All district officers are required to submit proper paperwork for reimbursement as deemed appropriate by District Counselor, District Treasurer and Nationals.
- 3.402 The responsibilities of the District President shall be as follows:
- a. To request applications for the Convention Parliamentarian no later than two weeks prior to the first Precinct Meeting, and to appoint the Convention Parliamentarian on the Monday following the last Precinct Meeting.
 - b. To request applications for the District Webmaster no later than two weeks prior to District Convention, and to appoint the District Webmaster within two weeks following District Convention.
 - c. To supply committee chairs with tentative charges at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
 - d. To supply each chapter with one (1) copy of all tentative charges at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the District Convention.
 - e. To attend the District Presidents' meeting prior to National Convention and sit as the Northeast District Delegate at the National Convention, or to attend the National Summer Conclave Meeting at the National Headquarter, dependent on the year in office.
 - f. To send Candidates for District Office candidate information and District Office information material at least one (1) month prior to the District Convention.
 - g. To award the Most Improved Chapter and the 50th Anniversary Spirit Paddle at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for these awards shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.

- 3.403 The responsibilities for the District Vice President of Membership shall be as follows:
- a. To work with the Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership and the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi towards expansion within the District.
 - b. To administer all programs concerning membership education.
 - c. To serve as advisor to the Expansion Committee.
 - d. To notify chapters semi-annually regarding colonization processes within the District. The Vice President of Membership is also responsible for communicating dates of colony degrees to all chapters within the District at least two (2) weeks prior to the degree.
 - e. To collect and review chapter Membership Education Packets for input and future reference.
 - f. To provide chapters with information on creating and/or purchasing ritual items
- 3.404 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Special Projects shall be as follows:
- a. To make available to chapters all award applications, select the winners, and announce them at District Convention.
 - b. To work with the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange Northeast District Days.
 - c. To compile and distribute to each Northeast District chapter a list of Service Project ideas, and to maintain a Service Projects binder.
 - d. To serve as advisor to the Programs Committee.
- 3.405 The responsibilities of the District Secretary shall be as follows:
- a. To keep a current roster of the District as obtained from the National Headquarters.
 - b. To collect summer contact information from each chapter in the District for distribution to all District Officers and the District Counselor.
 - c. To distribute a roster including addresses and phone numbers of all chapter Presidents and/or Secretaries within the District to the chapters, no later than October 1.
 - d. To provide documented notification of the District Convention dates to all chapters in the District, their Chapter Sponsors, the District Officers, the District Counselor, NEDAA, the TBSAA, the National Officers, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the National Headquarters at least ninety (90) days prior to the close of registration.
 - e. To notify all chapters by February 1st that a yearly Chapter Report must be submitted by the chapter Delegate at the Northeast District Convention.
 - f. To record and publish the minutes of the District Convention and to distribute these to all chapters in the District, the District Officers, the District Counselor, the National Officers, and the National Headquarters no later thirty than (30) days following the close of convention. According to the Table of Contents, the District Minutes should include:
 - i. Separate and Joint Session Minutes.
 - ii. Award Recipients.
 - iii. Committee Workshops.
 - iv. Counselor's Report.
 - v. District Officers' Reports.
 - vi. Yearly Chapter Reports.
 - vii. Delegate Committee Assignments and Committee Charges.
 - viii. Separate Committee Reports.
 - ix. Joint Committee Reports.

- g. To award the Golden Typewriter Award at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for this award shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.
 - h. To collect Materials from the seated proxies immediately following the closing joint session and to send those materials to the respective chapters within one (1) week of the close of the District Convention.
 - i. To revise and publish the Chapter Operations Materials Binder, paying special attention to the table of contents page, and introduction, which will be sent to the chapter presidents at the chapter address by September 15th.
 - j. To assist in improving inter-chapter relations.
- 3.406 The responsibilities of the District Treasurer shall be as follows:
- a. To keep an itemized report of receipts and disbursements to be included in the yearly report.
 - b. To act as advisor to the Ways and Means Committee.
 - c. To organize and implement District fundraisers.
 - d. The Treasurer shall submit a current budget update and the proposed budget for the next year to the District Counselor, the District President, and the Ways and Means Committee at District Convention.
 - e. To submit a separate end of the year fund-raising report to the Ways and Means Committee, stating the fund-raising projects undertaken during the year and their effectiveness.
 - f. To collect the Delegate Fee by the start of District Convention and implement a late fee of five (5) dollars if deemed necessary.
- 3.407 The responsibilities of the Alumni Secretary and Historian shall be as follows:
- a. To gather and distribute information regarding application to the TBSAA, NEDAA, and local alumni associations located within the Northeast District and Life Membership.
 - b. To communicate with each chapter's alumni contact regarding guidance of graduating seniors, ways to involve and contact alumni, and resolving difficulties with alumni.
 - c. To communicate with each chapter's history contact regarding historical archives to research and update chapter history.
 - d. To create an alumni resource containing instructions and advice on local alumni associations, NEDAA, Life Membership, alumni communication, and alumni events.
 - e. To act as a liaison between the NEDAA, District Council, and actives.
 - f. To act with the Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to improve alumni relations on a joint basis.
 - g. To work with District Webmaster to create and maintain a page on the district website with the information contained in the items above.
 - h. To compile, enlarge and maintain a Historical Archive of the Northeast District.
 - i. To collect a copy of the most current District Convention Minutes and Constitution to include in the Historical Archives.
 - j. To be responsible for providing access to the Historical Archives upon request.
 - k. To be responsible for collecting and compiling information from the past academic year for addition to the Historical Archive.
 - l. To be responsible for collecting and compiling information for a presentation in the form of a slide show to be displayed at that year's District Convention.

- m. To serve as the advisor to the Alumni and Historical Affairs Committee, and to invite a representative of NEDAA and TBSAA to be present at the Committee meeting.

3.5 Removal and Replacement

3.501 Should the office of District President be vacated for any reason, the District Vice President of Membership shall automatically succeed to the District Presidency until the following District Convention.

3.502 Should the office of the District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and/or the District Alumni Secretary and Historian be vacated, the District President and District Counselor shall appoint the new officer. Any appointment shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after the office in question has been vacated.

3.503 Any District officer may be declared unfit for office by a majority vote of the District Council. Any Officer who is so declared shall be immediately relieved of her duties. All active chapters shall be notified of this action.

3.504 In the event that a candidate will go from active status to alumni status during their term of office they must obtain Life Membership within 60 days of their change of status.

- a. In the event that the candidate does not obtain Life Membership within 60 days of their status change, they must relinquish their position.

After reviewing the district and national constitutions we found the following recommended changes to be presented to the Jurisdiction Committees.

1. Strike 50th Anniversary from the phrase “Award...the 50th Anniversary Spirit Paddle...” (3.402 g)
2. A district officer may be removed by “unanimous vote of the District Council.” This is changed from “majority vote of the District Council” This is to reflect what is stated in the National Constitution. (3.503)
3. Candidates must submit six copies of their packets to Nominations committee. (3.203)
4. Change the time that packets are due to the close of opening separate session on the first day of convention.(3.203)
5. Add the stipulation that If in the event the Candidate may miss opening separate session, she may mail the copies of her packet to the District President. (3.203)
6. Require that a summary page that explicitly lays out a Candidates eligibility in respect to the District and National Constitutions. (3.203e)

2. Carefully investigate eligibility of candidates for election.

We found the following candidates to be eligible for district office:

President- Allison Leemann

Vice President of Membership- Ezra Papincak, Rochelle Carlisle, Javonni McGlaurin

Vice President of Special Projects- Alana Leeti, Christina deGraft-Johnson

Secretary- Victoria Wolk, Zara Simpson

Treasurer- Kaitlyn Geary, Kyle Moore

Alumni Secretary/Historian: N/A

3. Review/create questions to interview candidates (general, president, VPM, VPSP, secretary, treasurer, alumni secretary/historian).

- a. President:
 - i. How would you delegate responsibility within the councils?
 - ii. How would you work to maintain good joint relations with the district KKPsi council?
 - iii. How will you communicate and work with other districts?
 - iv. What can you bring to the council that is unique about your chapter experience?
- b. VPM

- i. How would you encourage different chapters of different sizes in the district to participate?
 - ii. What support do you offer to small chapters?
 - iii. How familiar are you with the MEPs from other chapters? Do you have active communication with other chapters?
 - iv. Describe some plans you have to reach out to individual VPMs.
 - v. How would you try to make Sisters excited about Continuing Education/Post-Membership Education?
- c. VPSP
- i. What projects from the current VPSP would you like to continue?
 - ii. How would you work to continue Project Protect Music?
 - iii. How can you encourage greater participation in district and national programs?
- d. Treasurer
- i. If there were two fundraisers that you would choose to be beneficial for the district, what would they be? Please elaborate.
 - ii. How do you plan to spread budget awareness to chapters across the district?
 - iii. How would you communicate between chapters with good fiscal responsibility/good fundraising and chapters with little money?
- e. Secretary
- i. How would you refine the pen-pal system to encourage more chapters to participate?
 - ii. How would you encourage intra-chapter communication within Tau Beta Sigma and jointly with KKPsi?
 - iii. How would you use Social Media to communicate within the district?
 - iv. How active would you be on the listserv/how would you communicate other than the listserv?
- f. Alumni Secretary/Historian
- i. How do you plan to approve alumni relations within each chapter?
 - ii. How do you plan to continue with the fun facts and how will you change or improve it?
 - iii. What do you plan on doing to preserve our district history?
 - iv. How would you help chapters to preserve/know/keep their history?
 - v. How would you deal with the different “attitudes” of alumni such as overly involved all the way to wanting nothing to do with chapters?
- g. General Questions
- i. Are you in good standing with your chapter? If so, have you been active for at least one semester? If you are a graduating senior, would you have intentions for applying for life membership? If you are a graduating senior, will you still reside in the district upon graduation?
 - ii. Can you commit enough time and money (to later be reimbursed) to travel and to your office in general?
 - iii. Would you accept a nomination to any other positions?
 - iv. What types of qualities do you value in your leaders? What do you think makes you an effective leader?
 - v. Please describe a challenge you have faced as a leader and how you have overcome it.
 - vi. Describe your communication strategies (how you are accessible, protocol, effectiveness).
 - vii. What online communication tools do you plan to utilize as a district officer? How?

4. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session.

Time was not allotted during the convention for a designated Meet-the-Candidates session. We therefore have asked all candidates to take it upon themselves to meet with chapters individually to discuss their platforms. However, the Nominations committee feels as though it will be beneficial at the 2013 District Convention

5. Interview all candidates found eligible.

We interviewed all the candidates in ten-minute interviews. One minute was used to explain the process to the candidate. Each member of the committee, the chair and the advisor asked a question and the candidate had 1 minute to answer. The remaining 2 minutes were used for follow up questions and anything the candidate felt they wanted to say.

6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.

The Nominations Committee Recommends the following slate for the 2012-2013 Northeast District Council:

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Anstey

Nomination Committee Chair 2012

Eta Gamma Boston University

Delegates:

Jasmine Johnson, Zeta Omicron

Becky Davidson, Gamma Omega

Phylicia Townes, Epsilon Omega

Kayla Walsh, Eta Alpha

Advisor: Nicole Kemp, NED Counselor

Ways and Means

Ways and Means

Chair: Kaitlyn Geary - Delta Delta

Adviser: Rachael Grimes - Gamma Chi

NED Treasurer 2011-2012

Duties of the Committee Outlined by the NED Constitution:

8.206 - The Ways and Means Committee shall submit an annual budget for the allocation of funds. In addition, the Ways and Means Committee shall consider district fundraising possibilities, bookkeeping innovations, and other related items as charged.

Revision and implementation of reimbursement deadlines shall be considered and charged to the Jurisdiction Committee as needed. The Ways and Means Committee shall also conduct an annual audit of the District Books.

Charges for the 2012 Ways and Means Committee:

1. Review the 2011 NED Constitution
2. Review the 2011 Committee Report
3. Perform Audit
4. Review 2011-2012 budget and recommend a budget for 2012-2013
5. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
6. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers
7. Brainstorm ideas for the 2012-2013 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming District Treasurer
8. Try to experiment with fundraisers that do not need support from the band programs or individual chapters
9. Request that each individual chapter participates in District fundraising

Discussion

1. The committee reviewed section 8.206 of the NED Constitution and found no need to make any revisions
2. The committee reviewed the 2011 ways and means committee report
3. The committee performed an audit of the 2011-2012 budget
4. The committee proposed a budget for 2012-2013. None of the delegates seated on the committee opposed to the new proposed budget.
5. There was no need to match Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi
6. The committee created a list of successful fundraisers in their chapter, they are as follows:

Candle sales (catalog)

Bake sales, both on campus and off

Craft item sales (ex. beads)

Car wash (some car wash places will give you supplies free)

Bagel/breakfast sale in music building

Walking taco sale (portable taco salads sold outside student union)

Rose sales at concerts

Candy grams, distributed to the band before games

Drillspot raffle- managers and band director march your spot

Pie in the face with sisters, section leaders or band directors

7. The committee discussed fundraisers for the next treasurer to research. We considered fundraisers that involve large merchandise purchases and fundraisers with little startup cost

- Sweatshirts
- Ties
- Socks
- Car decals
- Cups-Glasses

- Mugs
- Lunch boxes
- Water bottles
- License plate frames
- Lanyards
- Patches
- Pins/buttons

We also discussed a way to get a really good design for a district shirt;

- Contest for a NED sweatshirt design- winner gets free sweatshirt- sell the rest to the district

- Have cut off date for sweatshirt design to have district vote on it before we sell them

Low startup cost fundraisers

- Lincoln for Lincoln- write a letter to alumni, put in a penny and ask for \$5

- 50/50 raffle

- pie board, 1 ticket = 1 pie

- penny wars

8. The committee discussed fundraisers that do not rely on the band. They are as follows:

- fundraise outside of arts building

- fundraising carnival

- restaurant fundraiser

- Applebees

- Chillis

- ect.

- merchandise fund raiser- five below (much like a restaurant fundraiser)

- Picture with Santa in dining hall

- Walmart/Grocery Store Bake sale

- Bring instruments to bake sale

- Set up donation stand with hot cocoa at holiday parade

- School brand bracelets- sell to new or prospective students on tours

- Athletic center clean-ups

- Old ink cartridge collection/Can collection

- Soda can tab recycling

- Fundraising for specific events- Relay for Life

- Fundraise at events like Relay for Life

- Pie in the face for chapter officers

9. The Committee encourages the District to participate in District fundraisers, this includes both the purchasing of merchandise and fundraising for District projects such as Project Protect Music Charges for the 2013 Ways and Means Committee:

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution

2. Review the 2012 Committee Report

3. Perform Audit

4. Review 2012-2013 budget and recommend a budget for 2013-2014

5. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary

6. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers

7. Brainstorm ideas for the 2012-2013 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming District Treasurer

8. Try to experiment with fundraisers that do not need support from the band programs or individual chapters

9. Request that each individual chapter participates in District fundraising

10. Discuss fundraisers that don't work and why

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaitlyn Geary- Delta Delta
2012 Ways and Means Committee Chair
Delegates Seated
Eta Rho - Casey
Epsilon Upsilon - Shekinah
Eta Sigma - Bree
Other Members
Kelly - Delta Delta
Kirsten - Delta Delta
Katy - Delta Delta
Mark - Delta Omicron
Terri - Eta Delta
Dominique - Zeta Upsilon
Leah - Gamma Kappa
Adian - Iota Pi
Sam - Delta Omicron

Sisterhood and Spirit

Tau Beta Sigma

National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

From the desk of the Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Chair:

The Sisterhood and Spirit committee is established to create enthusiasm at districts through spirited activities and bonding. It is also the responsibility of this committee to keep spirits up during districts and provide chapters with unique ways to increase chapter relations.

The 2011 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee was charged to:

1. Create a spirit box. This box will be used to submit compliments to other chapters.
2. Provide one random act of kindness before the end of district convention.
3. Discuss ways to effectively plan joint social
4. Define what sets our district apart from others and make up the NED chant
5. Continue sisterhood and spirit contest

We created a spirit box and every chapter present at the committee decorated the box in some way. Letters to other chapters or people in chapters were submitted to the box throughout the convention and will be mailed to the chapters after convention as a reminder and token of spirit and sisterhood!

We all took the individual charge to provide random acts of kindness before the end of convention and will continue to do so on an individual basis.

Our committee had a lengthy and interesting conversation about joint social events, service events and methods of communication from individual chapters. This was an enlightening conversation and I know we will all take an idea or two home to our chapters from the discussion.

When we went to make up an NED chant it was discovered there is one already. We taught this NED chant to all on the committee and then created a step for it!! This was an amazing time and we all had a lot of fun. I'd like to make a shout out to Epsilon Rho and Eta Delta for coming up with the step and to Beta Eta for teaching us the TBΣ stroll! Also, we took some time to learn the national TBΣ chant and stroll. I was extremely proud of the enthusiasm!

We took a field trip during our committee to evaluate the tri-fold displays set up by chapters. All were well done and we enjoyed viewing the history, current pictures and future goals and vision statements of all chapters! After discussion and a vote of all on the committee, we would like to award Delta Delta with an honorable mention for best tri-fold!

We charge the 2013 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee to:

6. Discuss ideas for joint social and service events and apply new ideas to individual chapters.
7. Continue the spirit box and come up with ways to involve all at the convention.
8. Have a meal with another chapter.
9. Learn and continue the NED chant and step.
10. Continue spirit contest.

We charge individual chapters to:

1. Visit or host another chapter for a social event
2. Create a new joint event
3. Learn the NED step and chant, video it and send it to another chapter to share and teach
4. Come up with a chapter step.

We charge the 2012-2013 District Council to:

1. Create a joint relations committee to meet at precincts and convention.

I had an amazing time being the chair for this committee. I was impressed by the attendance and enthusiasm. Discussions were strong and enlightening and everyone participated with the chanting and stepping as well. I hope everyone took away ideas and feelings of greater sisterhood!

Respectfully submitted in the bond,
Lauren Califano
Tau Beta Sigma – Eta Alpha
2012 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Chair

Victoria Wolk
Tau Beta Sigma – Delta Delta
2012 Northeast District Secretary- Advisor

2012 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Members:

Jenna Edmonston – Eta Sigma
Kelly Carroll – Zeta Upsilon
Caleb Duffy – Zeta Upsilon
Josh Cole – Eta Rho
Kate Vezza – Gamma Kappa
Lauren Milluhn – Delta Omega
MounaCoulibaly – Gamma Omega
Ben Guise – Gamma Omega
Shaquya Bankhead – Eta Iota
Rachelle Dumornay – Eta Iota
Brienne Early –Gamma Chi
Shannon Vogler – Delta Delta
Julia Givens – Delta Delta
Eva Gleason – Delta Delta
Kylie Woodnonser – Eta Chi
Stephanie Joslyn – Eta Chi
Shannon Brady – Eta Chi
Pauline Rose – Delta Omega
Rebecca Frusciante – Theta Pi
Brittany Ofori – Theta Pi
Kasey John – Beta Eta
Kim Hodlin – Beta Eta
Jocelyn Browning – Zeta Omicron
Brittany Arrington – Zeta Omicron
Valerie Munoz – Epsilon Rho
Tenisha Taylor – Epsilon Rho
Shalya Thomas – Epsilon Rho
Kamilah Brown – Epsilon Rho
Dawn Foster – Epsilon Rho
Alison Varner – Eta Alpha
Tonita Butler – Eta Delta

Alexandria Daniel – Eta Delta
Madelyn Lauver- Zeta Upsilon
Erica Ennis – Epsilon Omega
Laura Edet – Epsilon Omega
Jenelle Stewart – Epsilon Omega
Kevin Behrens – Gamma Kappa
Casey Smolka- Gamma Kappa
Ashley DiMeo – Eta Chi MC
Katie Hufftalen – Eta Chi
Alice Goldberg – Beta Eta
Kasey John – Beta Eta
KimmyHoldin – Beta Eta
Victoria Wolk – Delta Delta (Advisor)

Programs

Programs Committee- 3/24/12

The charges for the 2011 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. Review prior changes to Programs Committee
2. Review NED constitution 2012
3. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed.
4. Evaluate TBΣ and Joint list-servs.
5. Review Golden Typewriter requirements.
6. Evaluate new programs presented by the District Counselor, District President, or District Council.
7. Create new projects for the NED.
8. Review Sisterhood Week.
9. Review District Daze.

Programs Committee reviewed the minutes of NED Program Committee 2011 and approved them.

The Committee reviewed the 2011 NED Constitution and no changes were recommended.

The Programs Committee reviewed the website (TBΣned.org). Suggestions will be passed on the District Webmaster and include:

- Each chapter have their own login to upload files
- Eliminate Wiggio Group and merge with the website

Programs Committee reviewed the TBΣ and Joint list-servs. Suggestions for improvements include:

- Create a wiggio group for the brothers for their own use
- Create a joint wiggio group between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma
- A “workshop tutorial” (E.g. How to create a meaningful workshop and then how to load it onto the wiggio group)
- Ensuring more individuals are members of the group
- Merging the group into the website

Programs Committee reviewed the requirements for Golden Typewriter. We feel that the electronic media continues to be a positive change, providing an easy and green way to present our correspondence.

Programs Committee reviewed the Life Membership Scholarship requirements. Currently they are as follows:

1. A cover page to the application packet including your name, Chapter, email address, phone number, and prospective plans for after graduation.
2. A picture of yourself
3. Letter of recommendation from either your Sponsor or Director of Bands.
4. Letter of recommendation from an Executive Board member of your chapter
5. Essay portion – answer each question in 500 words or less
 - a) What was your greatest accomplishment in your Active time as a Sister and how did it benefit you on an individual level?
 - b) If you were to receive the Life Membership Scholarship what do you plan on contributing as an active alumnus?

Changes to requirements as per Programs Committee 2012 include:

- The Essay portion require one essay of 500 words or less to the following question: If you were to receive the Life Membership Scholarship what do you plan on contributing as an active Alumnus?

Programs Committee reviewed the requirements to the All-Star Service Award and facilitated a discussion on whether to require those chapters who apply to also apply for the National service certificate. It is our suggestion that these awards stay separate from one another.

Changes to requirements as per Programs Committee 2012 include:

- Change the deadline for All Star Service Award from March 10th to March 1st, to coincide with the National Service certificate.

Programs Committee evaluated the programs presented by the District Counselor, District President, and District Council. We discussed the digital workshops and feel as though it should be continued. However, it is necessary for more chapters to upload these for them to be viewed.

The Programs Committee reviewed the NED Yearbook and wishes for it to continue.

The Programs Committee reviewed the Buea School Drive from Bloomsburg University and discussed whether it should be made into an official district project or not.

The Programs Committee reviewed the NED CD project and came up with the following suggestions:

- Chapters can send chapters songs, songs they wrote themselves, or other TBE songs
- Encourage chapters to upload music to website

Programs Committee reviewed District Daze and the presentation from VPSP. We recommend option one and making this option the permanent location for further District Daze.

Programs Committee reviewed Precinct and District Conventions. Overall, the Precinct Conventions were enjoyable and there was a lot of activity between various workshops. We feel that this should continue next year so that there is not too much down time during the Precinct Conventions. Suggestions for Precinct Conventions include:

- Have joint committees that are not necessarily always about joint relations

The District Convention was reviewed as well. The Convention was assessed based on the schedule for this weekend and the Programs Committee's opinion of events that occurred. Positive aspects of the District Convention include:

- The large turnout of chapters and individuals.
- Good use of signs to direct people around campus.
- Good variety of workshops in terms of variety and scheduling.

Programs Committee was charged with creating new projects for our NED. We also discussed at length Project Protect Music, our suggestions for that specific project include:

- Create an incentive program or some form of contest to the school who collects the most donations
- To boost competition, feature the current status of incentive program on website to see chapters' progress.
- Visit the schools we have helped and see how they have benefitted
- Set up either district or chapter fundraisers whose proceeds will directly benefit this project

Our suggestions for other projects include:

- Continue writing to "Letters to Musical Soldiers" and having supplies readily available at precinct and district conventions for letter making
- Continue to incorporate tri-folds as an option for the spirit banner

- Alternate year to year whether a tri-fold or spirit banner is made

Programs Committee reviewed Sisterhood Week. The committee focused on how to have more people become involved and we suggest that:

- Announce it in advance and advertise sisterhood week
- Choose a week that may not interfere so much with certain schools' spring break
- Incorporate some more spirit days, such as school, chapter, district and national spirit
- Incorporate these spirit days with the core values of Tau Beta Sigma

Charges for the NED Programs Committee 2013:

9. Review prior charges to Programs Committee
10. Review NED Constitution 2012
11. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed
12. Evaluate TBΣ and Joint list-servs
13. Review District Award requirements
 - a. Golden Typewriter
 - b. All Star Service
 - c. Life Member Scholarship
14. Evaluate new programs presented by the District Counselor, District President, or District Council.
15. Create new projects for NED
16. Review NED programs including
 - a. Precincts
 - b. Districts
 - c. District Daze
 - d. Sisterhood Week

Charges for the NED VPSP 2013:

1. Have an awesome Programs Committee
2. Continue Letters to Musical Soldiers.
3. Continue Project Protect Music.
4. Continue the NED Yearbook
5. Continue District Daze

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Jurisdiction

Proposed District Constitution Amendments 2012

As it reads now

3.203 A candidate who wishes to be slated for District Office must submit five (5) copies of the following to the Nominations Committee, one (1) copy of each must also be submitted to each delegate and District President prior to three o'clock in the afternoon (3:00pm) the first day of District Convention:

- a. A letter of intent
- b. One (1) letter of recommendation from the chapter
- c. One (1) from either the Chapter's Sponsor or Director of Bands
- d. A resume of her activities and qualifications.

Proposed Changes:

3.203 A candidate who wishes to be slated for District Office must submit **six (6)** copies of the following to the Nominations Committee, one (1) copy of each must also be submitted to each delegate and District President **by the close of opening separate session the first day of District Convention. If in the event the Candidate may miss opening separate session, she may mail the copies of her packet to the District President. The Candidate also must submit her completed packet electronically to the district one (1) week prior to District Convention.**

- a. A letter of intent
- b. One (1) letter of recommendation from the chapter
- c. One (1) from either the Chapter's Sponsor or Director of Bands
- d. A resume of her activities and qualifications.
- e. A summer that explains her eligibility for District Office, making her qualifications are in conjunction with the District and National Constitutions.**

Rationale:

- 3) 6 copies are needed for Nominations committee because the Chair, 4 delegates and the advisor all need one.
- 4) The addition of item e would allow the nominations committee to more easily determine the eligibility of the candidate.
- 5) Having the deadline be later than the close of separates created difficulty for the Nominations Committee in determining the eligibility of all candidates. In addition, it is putting the candidate at disadvantage when being considered by chapters.
- 6) By having the Candidate submit an electronic packet 1 week before convention it allows chapters to see the candidates ahead of time and decide on whom the delegate will be voting on. In addition it allows the Candidate time to speak with the chapters of the District about her platform. Furthermore, the Nominations Committee Chair in conjunction with her advisor could create a schedule of interviews previous to convention.

As it reads now:

3.401 The responsibilities of the District Council shall be as follows:

- a. To travel and visit chapters.
- b. To correspond with National, District and Chapter officers on a regular basis.
- c. To attend and run Precinct workshops.
- d. To write articles for *The Podium* and "Northeast Notes."
- e. To execute any other projects that the District Council undertakes.
- f. To submit a report of activities conducted during their term of office at each regularly called District Convention.
- g. To submit an activities report for each issue of "Northeast Notes."
- h. All district officers are required to submit proper paperwork for reimbursement as deemed appropriate by District Counselor, District Treasurer and Nationals.

Proposed Amendment:

3.401 The responsibilities of the District Council shall be as follows:

- a. To travel and visit chapters **as necessary**.
- b. To correspond with National, District and Chapter officers on a regular basis.
- c. To attend and run Precinct **workshops and District Conventions**.
- d. **To attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the District Council including Summer and Winter Council Meetings.**
- e. **To write articles and submit an activities report for *The Podium* and each issue of "Northeast Notes."**
- f. To execute any other projects that the District Council undertakes.
- g. To submit a report of activities conducted during their term of office at each regularly called District Convention.
- h. **All district officers are required to submit proper paperwork for reimbursement as deemed appropriate by District Counselor, District Treasurer and Nationals.**

Rationale:

- A) Traveling shouldn't have to be required unless it is necessary.
- C) Attending District Conventions as well as Precincts should be an obvious duty.
- D) This ensures that the Council is personally involved with each other during more than just the District Convention.
- E) This is combining two statements that said the same thing.
- H) This is a repeat of 3.305

As it reads now:

3.402 The responsibilities of the District President shall be as follows:

- a. To request applications for the Convention Parliamentarian no later than two weeks prior to the first Precinct Meeting, and to appoint the Convention Parliamentarian on the Monday following the last Precinct Meeting.
- b. To request applications for the District Webmaster no later than two weeks prior to District Convention, and to appoint the District Webmaster within two weeks following District Convention.
- c. To supply committee chairs with tentative charges at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
- d. To supply each chapter with one (1) copy of all tentative charges at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the District Convention.
- e. To attend the District Presidents' meeting prior to National Convention and sit as the Northeast District Delegate at the National Convention, or to attend the National Summer Conclave Meeting at the National Headquarter, dependent on the year in office.
- f. To send Candidates for District Office candidate information and District Office information material at least one (1) month prior to the District Convention.
- g. To award the Most Improved Chapter and the 50th Anniversary Spirit Paddle at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for these awards shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.

Proposed Amendments:

3.402 The responsibilities of the District President shall be as follows:

- a. To request applications for the Convention Parliamentarian no later than two weeks prior to the first Precinct Meeting, and to appoint the Convention Parliamentarian on the Monday following the last Precinct Meeting.
- b. To request applications for the District Webmaster no later than two weeks prior to District Convention, and to appoint the District Webmaster within two weeks following District Convention.
- c. To supply committee chairs with tentative charges at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
- d. To supply each chapter with one (1) copy of all tentative charges at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the District Convention.
- e. To attend the District **Presidents' meeting Leadership Convention** prior to National Convention and sit as the Northeast District Delegate at the National Convention, **or to attend the National Summer Conclave Meeting at the National Headquarter**, dependent on the year in office.

f. To send Candidates for District Office candidate information and District Office information material at least one (1) month prior to the District Convention.

g. To award the Most Improved Chapter and the 50th Anniversary Spirit Paddle at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for these awards shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.

h. To schedule regular meetings of the district council.

i. To schedule the business of the Precinct and District Conventions

Rationale:

E) This ensures that the President is attending the Leadership Convention so they can lead the council better but they are not required to travel for the National Summer Conclave Meeting.

G) We don't know why it is the 50th anniversary Spirit Paddle and not just the Spirit Paddle. The constitution should be able to be interpreted and understood by everyone and we do not understand this.

H and I) These are basic duties that should be upheld by the President but were not previously listed as duties.

As it reads now:

3.403 The responsibilities for the District Vice President of Membership shall be as follows:

a. To work with the Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership and the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi towards expansion within the District.

b. To administer all programs concerning membership education.

c. To serve as advisor to the Expansion Committee.

d. To notify chapters semi-annually regarding colonization processes within the District. The Vice President of Membership is also responsible for communicating dates of colony degrees to all chapters within the District at least two (2) weeks prior to the degree.

e. To collect and review chapter Membership Education Packets for input and future reference.

f. To provide chapters with information on creating and/or purchasing ritual items

Proposed Amendments:

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b. To administer all programs concerning membership education.

c. To serve as advisor to the Expansion **and Membership** Committee.

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e. To collect and review chapter Membership Education Packets for input and future reference.

f. To provide chapters with information on creating and/or purchasing ritual items

Rationale:

C) This is the committee they are an advisor on, not only Expansion.

F) This is a duty for the Historian.

As it reads now:

3.404 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Special Projects shall be as follows:

a. To make available to chapters all award applications, select the winners, and announce them at District Convention.

b. To work with the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange Northeast District Days.

c. To compile and distribute to each Northeast District chapter a list of Service Project ideas, and to maintain a Service Projects binder.

d. To serve as advisor to the Programs Committee.

Proposed Amendments:

3.404 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Special Projects shall be as follows:

- a. To make available to chapters all award applications, select the winners, and announce them at District Convention.
- b. To work with the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange Northeast District Days.
- c. To compile and distribute to each Northeast District chapter a list of Service Project ideas, and to maintain a Service Projects **binder. Digital Database**
- d. To serve as advisor to the Programs Committee.

Rationale: This is much more convenient and cheaper than creating a binder.

As it reads now:

3.405 The responsibilities of the District Secretary shall be as follows:

- a. To keep a current roster of the District as obtained from the National Headquarters.
- b. To collect summer contact information from each chapter in the District for distribution to all District Officers and the District Counselor.
- c. To distribute a roster including addresses and phone numbers of all chapter Presidents and/or Secretaries within the District to the chapters, no later than October 1.
- d. To provide documented notification of the District Convention dates to all chapters in the District, their Chapter Sponsors, the District Officers, the District Counselor, NEDAA, the □ □ □AA, the National Officers, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the National Headquarters at least ninety (90) days prior to the close of registration.
- e. To notify all chapters by February 1st that a yearly Chapter Report must be submitted by the chapter Delegate at the Northeast District Convention.
- f. To record and publish the minutes of the District Convention and to distribute these to all chapters in the District, the District Officers, the District Counselor, the National Officers, and the National Headquarters no later thirty than (30) days following the close of convention.

According to the Table of Contents, the District Minutes should include:

- i. Separate and Joint Session Minutes.
- ii. Award Recipients.
- iii. Committee Workshops.
- iv. Counselor's Report.
- v. District Officers' Reports.
- vi. Yearly Chapter Reports.
- vii. Delegate Committee Assignments and Committee Charges.
- viii. Separate Committee Reports.
- ix. Joint Committee Reports.
- g. To award the Golden Typewriter Award at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for this award shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.
- h. To collect Materials from the seated proxies immediately following the closing joint session and to send those materials to the respective chapters within one (1) week of the close of the District Convention.
- i. To revise and publish the Chapter Operations Materials Binder, paying special attention to the table of contents page, and introduction, which will be sent to the chapter presidents at the chapter address by September 15th.
- j. To assist in improving inter-chapter relations.

Proposed Amendments:

3.405 The responsibilities of the District Secretary shall be as follows:

- a. To keep a current roster of the District as obtained from the National Headquarters.
- b. To collect summer contact information from each chapter in the District for distribution to all District Officers and the District Counselor.
- c. To distribute a roster including **email** addresses and phone numbers of all chapter **Presidents and/or Secretaries officers** within the District to the chapters, no later than October 1.

- d. To provide documented notification of the District Convention dates to all chapters in the District, their Chapter Sponsors, the District Officers, the District Counselor, NEDAA, the □□□AA, the National Officers, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the National Headquarters at least ninety (90) days prior to the close of registration.
- e. To notify all chapters by February 1st that a yearly Chapter Report must be submitted by the chapter Delegate at the Northeast District Convention.
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- According to the Table of Contents, the District Minutes should include:
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 - viii. Separate Committee Reports.
 - ix. Joint Committee Reports.
- g. To award the Golden Typewriter Award at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for this award **and submission date** shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.
- h. To collect Materials from the seated proxies immediately following the closing joint session and to send those materials to the respective chapters within one (1) week of the close of the District Convention.
- i. To revise and publish the Chapter Operations Materials Binder, paying special attention to the table of contents page, and introduction, which will be sent to the chapter presidents at the chapter address by September 15th.
- j. To assist in improving inter-chapter relations.

Rationale: Email addresses are an easier means of communication than using regular home addresses and having all the officers' info makes more sense than having just the President's and Secretary's and submissions for the Golden Typewriter will due be at the same time as all other District Awards.

As it reads now:

3.407 The responsibilities of the Alumni Secretary and Historian shall be as follows:

- a. To gather and distribute information regarding application to the □ □ □AA, NEDAA, and local alumni associations located within the Northeast District and Life Membership.
- b. To communicate with each chapter's alumni contact regarding guidance of graduating seniors, ways to involve and contact alumni, and resolving difficulties with alumni.
- c. To communicate with each chapter's history contact regarding historical archives to research and update chapter history.
- d. To create an alumni resource containing instructions and advice on local alumni associations, NEDAA, Life Membership, alumni communication, and alumni events.
- e. To act as a liaison between the NEDAA, District Council, and actives.
- f. To act with the Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to improve alumni relations on a joint basis.
- g. To work with District Webmaster to create and maintain a page on the district website with the information contained in the items above.
- h. To compile, enlarge and maintain a Historical Archive of the Northeast District.

Proposed Amendments:

3.407 The responsibilities of the Alumni Secretary and Historian shall be as follows:

- a. To gather and distribute information regarding application to the TBΣAA, NEDAA, and local alumni associations located within the Northeast District and Life Membership.

- b. To communicate with each chapter's alumni contact regarding guidance of graduating seniors, ways to involve and contact alumni, and resolving difficulties with alumni.
- c. To communicate with each chapter's history contact regarding historical archives to research and update chapter history.
- d. To create an alumni resource containing instructions and advice on local alumni associations, NEDAA, Life Membership, alumni communication, and alumni events.
- e. To act as a liaison between the NEDAA, District Council, and actives.
- f. To act with the Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to improve alumni relations on a joint basis.
- g. To work with District Webmaster to create and maintain a page on the district website with the information contained in the items above.
- h. To compile, enlarge and maintain a Historical Archive of the Northeast District **including a digital database of all past district officers, district conventions, and awards recipients.**
- i. **To provide chapters with information on creating and/or purchasing ritual items**

Rationale:

H) Having a record of this info helps better preserve the history of the NED

I) This was previously a duty of the President.

As it reads now:

3.503 Any District officer may be declared unfit for office by a majority vote of the District Council. Any Officer who is so declared shall be immediately relieved of her duties. All active chapters shall be notified of this action.

Proposed Change:

3.503 Any District officer may be declared unfit for office by a **unanimous** vote of the District Council. Any Officer who is so declared shall be immediately relieved of her duties. All active chapters shall be notified of this action.

Rationale: This would agree with the National Constitution 5.311 and because the National Constitution supersedes the NED Constitution, ours should reflect the National Constitution.

4.104 All appointed officers shall serve from district convention to district convention. (addition)

Rationale: Previously, the officer term was not specifically specified.

As it reads now:

4.301 The responsibilities of the Convention Parliamentarian shall be as follows:

- a. To ensure that all meetings are run according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised*.
- b. To answer all questions pertaining to parliamentary procedure.
- c. To revise and publish the District Constitution, and to distribute copies of the Constitution to all chapters in the District, each District Officer, the District Counselor, each National Officer, and the National Headquarters within two (2) weeks of the close of the convention. Exceptions must be approved by the District Counselor.
- d. To revise the Guide to Policy and Procedure, and to publicize these files on the District Website and the COMB CD.
- e. To collect and review chapter constitutions with District Council and District Counselor in order to ensure all is in accordance with National and District Constitutions. The District Parliamentarian shall serve until her duties are discharged.
- f. To serve as the Advisor to the Jurisdiction Committee.

Proposed Amendments:

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- d. To revise the Guide to Policy and Procedure, and to publicize these files on the District Website and the COMB CD.
- e. To collect and review chapter constitutions with District Council and District Counselor in order to ensure all is in accordance with National and District Constitutions. **The District Parliamentarian shall serve until her duties are discharged.**
- f. To serve as the Advisor to the Jurisdiction Committee.
- g. The Convention Parliamentarian shall serve from Convention to Convention.**

Rationale:

Benefits:

- More time for the Parliamentarian to prepare for Convention to review and plan revisions for the constitution (12 months as opposed to 3-5 days)

Justification: Currently, the system works so that one Parliamentarian does all of the researching and proposed editing, then hands all of their work to the new Parliamentarian who has to look up, understand, and then follow through on all of these edits with about 3 days notice.

- Consistency for the Council. The Parliamentarian that Council works with all year will be Parliamentarian that they serve with at Convention.

Justification: Currently, the Council works with one Parliamentarian, and then serves with a new Parliamentarian at Convention. This change of personnel can result in a loss of information that has been exchanged throughout the year between the Council and the District.

- Strengthens communication capabilities and familiarity between:

- o Parliamentarian and Council
- o Parliamentarian and Counselor
- o Parliamentarian and the District

Justification: The Parliamentarian works and communicates with Chapters, the Counselor, and the Council all year. Having the Parliamentarian on the same cycle as the rest of the Council will allow the Parliamentarian to follow through when they are assisting a Chapter with an issue or a revision.

As it reads now:

4.302 The responsibilities of the District Webmaster shall be as follows:

- a. To maintain the website, updating at least once a month, with content approved by the district council. The website should include but not be limited to:
 - i. District Contact information including all chapters, district officers and appointed positions.
 - ii. District Constitution.
 - iii. District Convention and Precinct information.
 - iv. Fall and spring packet information including deadlines.
- b. District Webmaster will serve from Convention to Convention.
- c. The out-going Webmaster shall relinquish all materials for the new webmaster no later than one (1) week after convention and assist the new webmaster in the first monthly up-date.
- d. To post an online copy of the Northeast Notes, fall and spring, on the Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Website.

Proposed Amendments:

4.302 The responsibilities of the District Webmaster shall be as follows:

- a. To maintain the website, updating at least once a month, with content approved by the district council. The website should include but not be limited to:
 - i. District Contact information including all chapters, district officers and appointed positions.
 - ii. District Constitution.
 - iii. District Convention and Precinct information.
 - iv. **Fall and spring packet information including deadlines.**
List of District Deadlines as well as required forms and documents
- b. **District Webmaster will serve from Convention to Convention.**

c. The out-going Webmaster shall relinquish all materials for the new webmaster no later than one (1) week after convention and assist the new webmaster in the first monthly up-date.

d. To post an online copy of the Northeast Notes, fall and spring, on the Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Website.

Rationale:

iv) Required forms and documents are just as important to have as District Deadlines.

B) The Webmaster's duties are done when another Webmaster is appointed.

As it reads now:

6.101 There shall be an annual meeting of the District, known as the Northeast District Convention. The location of the next Convention shall be determined at each preceding Convention. In the absence of a selection at that convention, the district Governor(s) and Counselor(s) shall determine the next convention site by May, 1st.

Proposed Amendments:

6.101 There shall be an annual meeting of the District, known as the Northeast District Convention. The location of the next Convention shall be determined at each preceding Convention. In the absence of a selection at that convention, the district Governor(s) and Counselor(s) shall determine the next convention site by May, 1st. **The district council shall then notify all chapters and colonies of the district of the convention site, along with the address, e-mail, and telephone number of the host chapter(s) contact.**

Rationale: This ensures that the district is formally updated as soon as information is available.

As it reads now:

6.102 Any chapter wishing to submit a bid for the Northeast District Convention must submit a letter of intent and a written letter of recommendation from its Director of Bands to every member of the Joint District Council, the District Governor(s), and the District Counselor by December 1st of the year prior to the Convention at which the bid will be presented.

6.103 Preliminary Convention bids may be presented for feedback to the Joint District Councils, Governor, and Counselor on or before February 1 prior to the convention of which the final bid will be presented.

6.104 If no letters of intent to host District Convention are received by December 1st, the Joint District Council shall begin actively searching for a convention site and seek a host chapter(s) prior to the Convention at which the bid is due.

Proposed Amendment:

Striking all three of these clauses.

Rationale: This is to keep this part of our constitution the same as Kappa Kappa Psi's constitution regarding this process. We shouldn't require anything that they are not requiring.

As it reads now:

8.201 The Expansion/Membership Committee shall be charged with the recruitment of new members and new colonies. At the discretion of the committee chair and advisor, the committee may split into an Expansion subcommittee and a Membership subcommittee in order to accomplish the goals set forth.

a. The Expansion/Membership Committee shall be responsible for the continual development of membership education according to the national guidelines, and address issues regarding membership education at the chapter and district levels. This committee will also be charged with discussing possibilities for expansion, identifying potential locations for new colonies and assisting current colonies with issues pertinent to them. This subcommittee may meet jointly with the Expansion Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi as necessary.

Proposed Amendments:

8.201 The Expansion/Membership Committee shall be responsible for the continual development of membership education according to the national guidelines, and address issues regarding membership education at the chapter and district levels. This committee will also be charged with discussing possibilities for expansion, identifying potential locations for new colonies and assisting current colonies with issues pertinent to them. At the discretion of the committee chair and advisor, the committee may split into an

Expansion subcommittee and a Membership subcommittee in order to accomplish the goals set forth. The Expansion subcommittee may meet jointly with the Expansion Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi as necessary.

Rationale: This makes the statement flow better and puts it in an order that makes sense.

As it reads now:

10.103 Each chapter shall be required to submit a yearly report at the Convention.

Proposed Amendments:

10.103 Each chapter shall be required to submit a yearly report at the **District** Convention.

Rationale: This clarifies which Convention is being referred to.

As it reads now:

6.105 The following criteria must be included in bids submitted by chapters wishing to host a District Convention:

- a. Letter from Administration
- b. Letter from both Chapter Sponsors
- c. Letter from Director of Bands
- d. Meeting Facilities
- e. Projected Accommodations
- f. Financial Statement
- g. Tentative Budget
- h. Membership Statistics
- i. Dining Facilities
- j. Parking
- k. Transportation
- l. Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone)
- m. Preferred and Alternate Dates
- n. Entertainment.

Proposed Amendments:

6.105 The following criteria must be included in bids submitted by chapters wishing to host a District Convention:

- a. Letter from Administration **such as Office of Student Affairs or Office of the President.**
- b. Letter from both Chapter Sponsors
- c. Letter from Director of Bands
- d. Meeting Facilities Overview **such as Occupancy, Set-up Options, Pictures of Rooms, and Campus Map.**
- e. Projected Accommodations **such as hotels and the hotel rates.**
- f. Financial Statement **from each chapter to include:**
 - i. **Current Bank Statement**
 - ii. **Summary of Financial Activity for the past year**
- g. **Financial Statement of joint chapter (If applicable)**
 - i. **Current Bank Statement**
 - ii. **Summary of Financial Activity for the past year**
- h. Tentative **Convention** Budget
- i. Membership Statistics **from each Chapter**
- j. Dining Facilities **on and off Campus.**
- k. Parking
- l. **Transportation, including driving directions, and local airports, train stations and bus depots**
- m. **Contact Information (E-mail and Telephone)**
- n. **Preferred and Alternate Dates**
- o. **Overview of Technology such as what recourses are available.**

Rationale: All of the above changes help clarify exactly information what is being looked for when submitting a bid.

As it reads now:

6.106 Each host chapter shall compile a chronological operations manual of information which details their activities during the year prior to, and including the District Convention, and contact information for the convention committee chairs. This operations manual shall be given to the new District Convention host no later than two (2) weeks after District Convention.

Proposed Amendments:

6.106 Each host chapter shall compile a chronological operations manual of information which details their activities during the year prior to, and including the District Convention, and contact information for the convention committee chairs. This operations manual shall be given to the new District Convention host **no later than two (2) weeks after District Convention. By June 1st.**

Rationale: This gives chapters more time to prepare these reports for the new District Convention Host and specifies a set deadline.

As it reads now:

6.108 The host chapter shall be responsible for submitting a post convention report, and any profit realized by the host chapter during the District Convention from District Convention Fees to the District Treasurer for deposit into the District account. The report and profit must be postmarked or received within thirty (30) days of the close of the current Convention.

6.108 The host chapter shall be responsible for submitting a post convention **budget** report provided by the National Accountant, and any profit realized by the host chapter during the District Convention from District Convention Fees to the District Treasurer for deposit into the District account. The report and profit must **be postmarked or received within thirty (30) days of the close of the current Convention. Received by June 1st.**

Rationale: This gives the chapter more time to create the report and specifies a set deadline.

As it reads now:

6.110 The host chapter will be responsible for submitting a Letter of Appreciation at the conclusion of the last Joint meetings. This document will recognize:

a. National Level

i. Officers, Councils, Board of Trustees, and Past Officers in attendance.

b. District Level

i. Officers, Governors, Counselors, and Parliamentarians.

1. Other visiting officers in attendance.

2. Host chapters.

a. University.

b. Facilities that helped.

c. Etc.

ii. Precincts hosts, Chapter making displays.

iii. All those bidding for district convention, Northeast Notes, Officer Candidates.

iv. NEDAA, □ □ □AA, Life members.

v. Delegates and Alternative Delegates.

a. Names and Chapters they represent.

c. Chapter Level

i. Sponsor, membership candidates, colonies, and prospective colonies in attendance.

d. Numbers in Attendance

i. Brothers.

ii. Sisters.

iii. Total.

6.110 The host chapter will be responsible for submitting a Letter of Appreciation at the conclusion of the last Joint meetings. This document will recognize:

a. National Level

- i. Officers, Councils, Board of Trustees, and Past Officers in attendance.
- b. District Level
 - i. Officers, Governors, Counselors, and Parliamentarians.
 - 1. Other visiting officers in attendance.
 - 2. Host chapters.
 - a. University.
 - b. Facilities that helped.
 - c. Etc.
 - ii. Precincts hosts, Chapter making displays.
 - iii. All those bidding for district convention, Northeast Notes, Officer Candidates.
 - iv. NEDAA, □ □ □AA, Life members.
 - v. Delegates and Alternative Delegates.
 - a. Names and Chapters they represent.
 - c. Chapter Level
 - i. Sponsor, membership candidates, colonies, and prospective colonies in attendance.
- d. Numbers in Attendance
 - i. Brothers.
 - ii. Sisters.
 - iii. Total.

The host Chapter will provide a finalized list of registered convention attendees with Chapter Designation and status in order of Chapter Designation to the District President and Secretary.

Rationale: This eliminates unnecessary work for the host chapter but does help keep a record of who was in attendance at the convention.

As it reads now:

6.202 There shall be an annual Precinct Meeting within each Precinct. The purpose of the Precinct Meetings shall be to discuss fundraising, service projects, and other ideas not discussed at District Convention, including Pre-Convention issues. It is recommended that these meetings be held by the end of February of the new year and be attended by at least one (1) member of each chapter in the Precinct.

Proposed Amendment:

6.202 There shall be an annual Precinct Meeting within each Precinct. It is recommended that these meetings be held by the end of February. The purpose of precinct meetings shall be to bring chapters together to exchange ideas and to promote District Convention and participation. It will be the responsibility of the District Council to meet with each present Chapter on an individual basis.

Rationale: This helps explain the purpose and function of the Precinct Meetings.

As it reads now:

6.203 If any chapter wishes to host the next Precinct meeting, that chapter must submit a bid of the respective precinct chapters at their precinct meeting.

A. A hard copy of the bid must be submitted to the Joint Council.

B. There will be an opportunity for question and answer.

Proposed Amendments:

6.203 Completed Bids for Precinct Meetings must be received by the final call for Precinct Bids in the first joint session of the current Precinct Meeting. Two hard copies of the bid must be submitted to the joint council.

Rationale: This gives a set time for bids to be received and allows two copies for each organization to have to look at instead of passing one copy around.

As it reads now:

6.204 The following criteria must be included in bids submitted by chapters wishing to host a precinct meeting:

- a. Letter from Administration

- b. Letter from both Chapter Sponsors
- c. Letter from Director of Bands
- d. Meeting Facilities
- e. Projected Housing
- f. Chapter financial summary
- g. Tentative Budget
- h. Membership Statistics
- i. Dining Facilities
- j. Parking
- k. Transportation
- l. Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone)
- m. Preferred and Alternate Dates

Proposed Amendments:

6.205 The following criteria must be included in bids submitted by chapters wishing to host a precinct meeting:

- a. Letter from Administration **such as Office of Student Affairs or Office of the President.**
- b. Letter from both Chapter Sponsors
- c. Letter from Director of Bands
- d. Meeting Facilities Overview such as Occupancy, Set-up Options, Pictures of Rooms, and Campus Map.**
- e. Projected Accommodations **such as hotels and the hotel rates.**
- f. Financial Statement **from each chapter to include:**
 - i. Current Bank Statement**
 - ii. Summary of Financial Activity for the past year**
 - g. Financial Statement of joint chapter (If applicable)**
 - iii. Current Bank Statement**
 - iv. Summary of Financial Activity for the past year**
- h. Tentative **Precinct** Budget
- i. Membership Statistics from each Chapter**
- j. Dining Facilities on and off Campus.**
- k. Parking
- l. Transportation, including driving directions, and local airports, train stations and bus depots**
- m. Contact Information (E-mail and Telephone)**
- n. Preferred and Alternate Dates
- o. Overview of Technology such as what resources are available.**

Rationale: This specifies exactly what is being looked for in Precinct bids and stays consistent with how to submit District Convention bids.

As it reads now:

6.206 If no bids are received, the selection process of the following year's precinct meeting will be left to the jurisdiction of the Joint Northeast District Council. The Council will consider the following four (4) items and are obligated to select a host chapter within ninety (90) days:

- a. Timely completion of chapter's district and national paperwork.
- b. Officer's impressions of potential host chapters.
- c. Pursuing at least two (2) potential host chapters.
- d. Chapter's willingness to host.

Proposed Amendments:

6.206 **In the absence of a selection by District Convention, the selection process of the following year's precinct meeting will be left to the jurisdiction** of the Joint Northeast District Council. The Council will consider the following four (4) items and are obligated to select a host chapter within ninety (90) days:

- a. Timely completion of chapter's district and national paperwork.
- b. Officer's impressions of potential host chapters.

c. Pursuing at least two (2) potential host chapters.

d. Chapter's willingness to host.

Rationale: This is to clarify how the procedure takes place and allows the entire time of the Convention for bids to be selected.

As it reads now:

1.303 This Constitution was officially revised at the annual convention of the Northeast District, held April 2, 2011 at James Madison University. It becomes effective immediately upon revision, and supersedes all previous editions.

Proposed Amendment:

1.303 This Constitution was officially revised at the annual convention of the Northeast District, held **March 24, 2012 at University of Maryland**. It becomes effective immediately upon revision, and supersedes all previous editions.

Rationale: We are accepting these revisions on March 24, 2012 and Convention is at the University of Maryland.

Preliminary Charges

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution.

2. Check that all information in the constitution corresponds with current practices in the district.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardella Dobson ΓΧ, Chair

Bobbie Cheetham, ΔΔ, Advisor

Delegates,

Jessica Post – Beta Eta

Alexa Painter – Epsilon Sigma

Charissa Moye – Epsilon Rho

Ethan Hiscock – Gamma Kappa

Alumni Affairs

Alumni Affairs

The 2012 Alumni Affairs Committee was charged with the following:

1. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
2. Review NEDAA and any new activities
3. Review duties of the Alumni Secretary/Historian
4. Discuss ways to get alumni to purchase life membership if the price increases
5. Review projects of the Alumni Secretary/Historian
6. Review alumni workshops at precincts and district convention

The Alumni Affairs Committee addressed the charges as follows:

The committee had a great discussion on how to communicate with alumni. Committee members talked about connecting to alumni through Facebook groups and listservs, hosting family dinners, engaging in Alumni pen pal programs, and having Alumni picnics and tailgates. Members of the committee agreed that this discussion was a great way to get ideas from each chapter and expressed desire in continuing this charge for next year.

In review of the NEDAA and new activities, it was discussed that the NEDAA had mostly focused on internal operations this year, such as setting up a bank account, updating their website, reviving their newsletter, and creating the smart phone app and Twitter. The committee did express gratitude in the continued activities of the NEDAA, such as the keynote speaker contest, providing flags to newly installed chapters, and providing workshops at conventions. The platform workshop that occurred this year was thought to be very beneficial. There was discussion about having the NEDAA expand their flag-providing program to provide more regalia to chapters in need. The main idea was for chapters to write to the NEDAA for their intent for new regalia, and the NEDAA would decide upon and provide funds for one chapter each year. The committee also expressed interest in having the NEDAA provide a networking database for both actives and alumni.

In review of the Alumni Secretary/Historian, the committee decided upon continuing some charges for the office from last year, such providing the fun fact trivia and information about the NEDAA on the district website. The committee appreciated the NED yearbook and would like to see it continue next year as a joint NED yearbook. This would promote the Alumni Secretary/Historian to work with KKPsi counterpart. In addition, in order to improve the joint relations, the committee suggested having a workshop about working with a joint counterpart. Committee members also expressed interest in seeing the Alumni Secretary/Historian provide more history workshops at conventions. As for digitizing and restoring NED documents and materials, it was discussed that perhaps other chapters should be asked to see if they would be able to help, since this is a rather large task.

In discussion of life membership, there was talk of a scholarship in a chapter that helps pay for life membership. This brought discussion that perhaps chapters should find a way to incorporate life membership for graduating seniors in their budget. Committee members also brought up the idea of implanting a payment program so graduated sisters wouldn't have to pay the total amount at once. However, this could bring about logistical problems in deciding how long the program would be and when the sister would have obtained life membership. Overall, it was decided that there needs to be more incentive for life membership, such as

through establishing stronger relations between actives and alumni and providing more opportunities for alumni during conventions, like beneficial workshops and alumni bonding events (i.e. scrapbooking).

In review of alumni workshops, the committee decided that they would like to see alumni workshops continued as they provide great resources and incentive for remaining involved. Possible workshop ideas included information about life membership and alumni associations, how to create an alumni association in your district, and resume building.

The Alumni Affairs committee charged the next NED Alumni Secretary/Historian with the following:

1. Work with Webmaster to provide easily accessible information about NEDAA and TBΣAA on district website
2. Work with alumni associations to create and send survey for alumni to evaluate respective workshops at conventions
3. Work with KKPsi counterpart to create a joint NED yearbook
4. Continue to provide fun fact trivia and other district history activities
5. Continue to award and pass on NED History/Award
6. Correspond with other chapters to see if they are willing to help digitize and restore NED documents and materials
7. Promote/provide more history workshops at conventions
8. Work with TBΣAA to create a database for NED alumni, graduating seniors, and students looking for internships
9. Work with NEDAA to provide a scholarship for chapters in need of regalia

The 2013 Alumni Affairs Committee is charged with the following:

6. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
7. Review NEDAA and any new activities
8. Review projects of the Alumni Secretary/Historian
9. Promotion/education/increase incentives of life membership, NEDAA, TBΣAA, and other alumni associations
10. Review alumni and history workshops at precincts and district convention

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Costello – Committee Chair, Beta Eta

Javonni McGlaurin – Committee Advisor, NED Alumni Secretary/Historian, Theta Phi

Katie Sclafani - Zeta Upsilon

Morgan Voth - Zeta Upsilon

Jennifer Batta - Zeta Upsilon

Katie Brown - Zeta Upsilon

Charlene Boone - Epsilon Omega

Gameela Henricks - Epsilon Omega

Mike Gorzelsky – Delegate for Gamma Chi

Abby Kulenguskey - Delta Omega

Amy Romaine - Delta Omega

Jazne Bembry – Delegate for Theta Pi

Anani Haskins - Iota Pi

Jennifer Houston - Iota Pi

Kevin Behrens - Gamma Kappa

Ariana Walker – Proxy for Eta Alpha

Katie Geiger - Delta Delta

Devin Drohan - Delta Delta
Kayla Payne - Eta Rho
Sharae Sharp - Theta Pi
Brianna Doziar - Theta Pi
Ijah Wilson - Theta Pi
Carman Mcginais - Theta Pi
Emily Dalton - Eta Sigma
Kristen Heverloy - Eta Sigma
Daniel Koob - Eta Sigma
Bentsy Burnett - Eta Sigma
Stephanie Devaneo - Eta Sigma

Special Committees: Vision and Direction

Chaired by Alana Leeti – Zeta Upsilon

Advised by Kristen Ulloa – Eta Sigma, NED President '11-'12

The 2012 Vision and Direction Committee was charged to:

1. Review the NED Council's proposed vision.
2. Discuss any changes to the vision.
3. Finalize the NED Vision Statement.
4. Review the goals set forth by the 2011-2012 Council for the 2012-2013 Council.
5. Propose any changes or additions to the goals for the 2012-2013 Council.
6. Discuss any suggestions for future ad hoc committees.

1. The NED Council proposed the following Vision Statement; "The Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma is a growing Band organization that celebrates diversity within our chapters across our district. Sustainability and expansion are continuous due to our welcoming bond, strength of education process, and lifelong support of one another. We are elite. Our work within Tau Beta Sigma as a district and as individual chapters fosters excellence in band programs and upholds the initiatives of the national chapter. The sisters of the northeast district work in full cooperation with our brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi as well as all other musical organizations. We pride ourselves on our stability, independence, and resourcefulness."

Overall, the committee felt that this was a good start. It hit the main points that we feel encompass the direction the Northeast District should be headed.

2. The committee felt that the line, "We are elite" seemed out of place. As a whole, the committee liked the line but felt that the placement broke up the vision statement too much and did not have a strong enough effect. After trying it in multiple locations the committee decided that the line would flow best at the end of the vision statement.

The sentence, "Sustainability and expansion are continuous due to our welcoming bond, strength of education process, and lifelong support of one another." was rearranged so that it begins with, "Our welcoming bond," the committee felt this gave the statement a better flow.

The sentence, "Our work within Tau Beta Sigma as a district and as individual chapters fosters excellence in band programs and upholds the initiatives of the national chapter." was altered so that it reads, "As individual chapters and as a district, we work within Tau Beta Sigma to foster excellence in band programs, to provide service to our communities, and to uphold the initiatives of the National Chapter." The committee also reversed the order of these two sentences.

After comparing with the national vision statement, the committee decided to work in lines about communities and leadership. The line "to provide service to our communities" was added in. The committee added the word "leadership" to the sentence, "We pride ourselves on our stability, independence, *leadership*, and resourcefulness." The committee also considered and replaced a number of words with synonyms that seemed to have more of an impact.

3. The committee voted and agreed on the following as the new Vision Statement for the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma; "The Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma is a growing band organization that celebrates diversity within chapters across our district. As individual chapters and as a district, we work within Tau Beta Sigma to foster excellence in band programs, to provide service to our communities, and to uphold the initiatives of the National Chapter. Our welcoming bond, strength of membership education, and lifelong support of one another allow us to maintain and expand our Sisterhood. The Sisters of the Northeast District work in full cooperation with our Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi, as well as all other musical organizations. We pride ourselves on our stability, independence, leadership, and resourcefulness. We are elite."

4. The 2011-2012 NED Council proposed the following goals for the 2012-2013 NED Council;

- National Intercollegiate Band
- Women in Music Speakers
- Band Service, efficiency/expansion of current projects
- Pen pals

- Educate council on different cultures
- Workshops
- Push chapter accountability
- MEP Reviews
- NEDAA Involvement/Retention
- Chapter visit non chartered schools
- More joint council early intervention
- District Daze
- Find free money/ Corporate Sponsorship

5. The committee discussed each goal on the list and determined how significant each was to the future of our District.

The committee suggests that the 2012-2013 Council focuses on the following goals;

- **Push National Projects**
 - NIB
 - WIM
 - Girl Scouts
- **Band service**
- **Chapter Interaction**
 - Pen Pals
 - Visits/Traveling
 - District Daze
- **Push chapter accountability**
- **Chapter visit non chartered schools**
 - Attend band concerts
- **Find Free Money/Corporate Sponsorship**

The committee felt that pushing National projects as a whole should be a goal rather than the individual projects. This encompasses National Intercollegiate band, Women in Music speakers and working with Girl Scouts.

Being that we are a band service organization we feel as though we can never have enough band service. The council as well as the chapters are to continue providing exceptional service to bands and always be pushing for ways to improve these projects.

Chapter interaction is another big goal. Talking to one another is a great way to get new ideas and problem solve as well as bringing us closer as a district. This interaction can take place in a few forms such as visits and District Daze. Pen pals are another effect way of interacting with another for times we are not able to meet up in person.

Along with visiting other chapters, the committee would like to see visits with non chartered schools continue. It was suggested that we began by simply attending their band concerts and show them how we support the band.

The council is to be on a lookout for way that we as a District can raise money from outside sources. The fundraisers should not all come from the Sisters of the NED. Instead we should find alternatives such as corporate sponsorship.

6. The committee does not feel a need for any new ad hoc committees at this time. However, this committee proved to be very beneficial. The committee decided that the Vision and Direction should meet again at the 2013 District Convention. Being that a new Vision Statement has been implemented, it is important to review this one year from now and determined its effectiveness.

Charges for the 2013 NED President

1. President to Advise the Vision and Direction Committee
2. President will select the committee based on a diverse pool of the District

- a. Including a minimum of two chapters from each precinct
- b. There will be only one Sister from each chapter present

Charges for the 2013 Vision and Direction Committee

- 7. Review the NED Vision Statement
- 8. Discuss any possible changes to the Vision Statement
- 9. Evaluate the progress of the 2012-2013 Council goals set forth by the 2012 Vision and Direction Committee
- 10. Review the goals set forth by the 2012-2013 Council for the 2013-2014 Council
- 11. Propose any changes or additions to the goals for the 2013-2014 Council
- 12. Discuss any suggestions for future ad hoc committees

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair - Alana Leeti, Zeta Upsilon

Advisor - Kristen Ulloa, Eta Sigma, NED President '11-'12

Committee Members:

Sarah Hines, Beta Eta

Kerry Joy, Epsilon Epsilon

Sara Amell, Delta Delta

Ashley Furman, Delta Omega

Emily McCosby, Gamma Omega

Brittany Preston, Epsilon Omega

Cain Hanke, Gamma Kappa

Katie Sabol, Gamma Chi

Artesia McPhail, Iota Pi

Christian Plasse, Eta Chi

April Osgood, Zeta Omicron

Roslyn White, Theta Phi

Kristin Hoverly, Eta Sigma

SECTION NINE: JOINT COMMITTEES

In accordance with the district Constitution Section 2.801, the following joint committee was active and submitted an oral report to the joint delegation along with their written statements below: Convention Site and Publications. Note, no special committees were called into existence by either the or the District Presidents.

Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee

The Nominations and Publications Committee had one bid packet submitted for Northeast Notes publication. That publication was incomplete; therefore, no complete bids were submitted for either convention site or publications. The committee voted to defer the selection for convention host chapter and publication of Northeast Notes to the 2012-2013 Joint Northeast District Councils. We decided against allowing chapters run from the floor to allow for thorough and complete packets.

Additionally, the issue of a change in convention schedule was brought to the committee. It was decided that this was not an issue for the committee. Instead the decision lies with the Joint Councils with the advisement of the host chapters.

Due to the lack of complete bids we recommend to the councils and jurisdiction committees to move the deadline for bid submission to one week before opening gavel of District Convention. We encourage chapters to submit bids at the precinct meetings to allow more time for review of bids.

In the Bond,

Mike Wisniewski
Ezra Papincak

**SECTION
TEN: 2012-
2013 BUDGET**

2012-2013 Budget

1		Beginning Balance	\$4,000.00	\$4,408.33	\$3,859.08
2		Income		Rationale	
2.1	Fall Allocations	From Nationals	\$1,200.00	\$1,279.84	\$1,200.00
2.11	Spring Allocations	From Nationals	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
2.12	NEDAA Donation	Donation from NEDAA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.13	Fundraising	Any money made from district fundraisers	\$1,000.00	\$610.00	\$500.00
2.14	Convention Income	Any extra money made from conventions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.15	Delegate Fee	Money from the District Convention Delegate fees	\$810.00	\$0.00	\$810.00
2.16	Project Protect Music Collection	Any monetary donations made to PPM (Just to keep track of it)	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
2.17	Misc.		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	Total Income		\$3,210.00	\$2,489.84	\$2,710.00
4	Total Assets		\$7,210.00	\$6,898.17	6569.08
5			Expenses		
5.1	Summer Meeting	Travel, Food, & Lodging expenses for council for summer meeting	\$500.00	\$325.98	\$500.00
5.11	Winter Meeting	Travel, Food, & Lodging expenses for council for winter meeting	\$500.00	\$140.81	\$500.00
5.12	Delegate Travel Grant	Travel Grant Award	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
5.13	Mediation	In case a member of council needs to travel to a chapter	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
5.14	NE Notes Reimbursement	Just in case (NEN is all online now)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.15	Life Membership	Awarded Annually by the	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00

5.16	Scholarship Fundraising	VPSP Any expenses for fundraising activities (Sweatshirts, Pie in the Face,	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
5.17	New Projects	Any new projects that come up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.18	NED Convention Activities	Activities for the District Convention that need to be paid for (paying	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
5.19	Project Protect Music Donation	Outgoing PPM Donations to keep track (should match PPM collection	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
5.2	Save Our Rep Contribution	Contribution to the National Save Our Rep initiative	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
5.21	National Convention/D LC	Travel, Food, & Lodging expenses for council for National Convention	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
5.22	Honorary Member Dues	Paying the dues of any Honoraries from Districts	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
5.23	Website Material	Hosting, Domain Name, Etc.	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
5.24	Misc.		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
6	Total Project Expenses		\$3,725.00	\$2,366.79	\$2,875.00
7				Officer Budgets	
7.1	President	Misc. Expenses of the President (Stamps, materials for office like jump	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
7.11	VP of Membership	Misc. Expenses of the VPM (Stamps, materials for office like jump drives,	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
7.12	VP of Special Projects	Misc. Expenses of the VPSP (Stamps, materials for office like jump drives,	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$30.00

7.13	Secretary	Misc. Expenses of the Secretary (Stamps, materials for office like jump	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
7.14	Treasurer	Misc. Expenses of the Treasurer (Stamps, materials for office like jump	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
7.15	Alumni Secretary	Misc. Expenses of the Alumni Secretary (Stamps, materials for office	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
7.16	Officer Travel	Council Travel, Lodging, and Food expenses from Precinct and District	\$1,300.00	\$672.30	\$1,500.00
8	Total Officer Expenses		\$1,505.00	\$672.30	\$1,660.00
9	Total Expenses		\$5,230.00	\$3,039.09	\$4,535.00
10	Remaining Available Funds		\$1,980.00	\$3,859.08	2034.08

Reasons for changes (in Red):

We altered this to fit what we actually made

Based on what was spent this year

We upped this is to give the District some money in case they want to do a project

We do not expect

no convention this year

All that are lowered are lowered because of actual spending

SECTION ELEVEN: CHAPTER REPORTS

Each chapter is asked to submit a one-page review of their activities from the past year. The following reports were received by the opening gavel of separates session.

Beta Eta

University of Maryland

Actives: 22

Conditional: 2

Membership Candidates: 4

Service:

Beta Eta starts our year of service by doing many things to help the marching bands early week run smoothly. On the first day we help with member sign in and give out early week survival kits to the members. Halfway through the week we put on the Hump day Dance which is a fun time for everyone and includes the sisters and the brothers stepping and the first time the band trucks. After early week we continue to help the band throughout the semester by helping to set up and strike the field before and after practices as well as racking and stacking during any indoor practice. During the fall we also hold penny wars where each section in the band donates money and tries to be the section with the most points. All of the money raised goes to a high school in the area that we have decided to support for the year. This year we decided to split our support by sending the money to North Caroline High School on the eastern shore while visiting and playing in the stands with North Carroll High School. This was a great way for us to influence several band programs this year. To conclude the fall semester we put on a male beauty pageant, Mr. MSOM during this event we collect cans that are then donated to charity. This semester we plan on trying to host a girl scout event and possible a women in music day with SAI. Also we took water to the pep-band for both a women's game as well as a men's game.

Membership:

Each year Beta Eta puts two classes through, one in the fall and one in the spring. Our fall class was 4 people last semester and we currently have 4 mcs. For rush we do a game/ movie night where sisters and the prospective play board games. Our second rush event was girls night which was a new event we added in the fall and has been a lot of fun. The sisters and prospective get together and do each other's hair, nails, and makeup which watching a chick flick. Our final event is our most popular, Chocolate Fantasy Night. We also do a joint bbq with the brothers and their prospective.

Fundraising:

This year our main fundraising has been done jointly and has generally gone to joint as we have been preparing for districts. We work for FMI at Ravens and sell merchandise. We have also done several restaurant fundraisers and a Date Auction.

Gamma Chi

This past year we have fundraised money for the Marching Band. The Marching Band has been invited to play in the 2012 Summer Olympic games in London. One of the fundraisers we had was selling bracelets for the trip.

This past year in service we have done a few things around our music building. Steadman Theatre, where we have all of our concerts and recitals, is a stadium style theatre with raised seating. On each of the steps there are strips of yellow caution tape but because of normal wear, it became hard to see the tape. We took the time to re-tape each of the stairs in the theatre.

We have done the normal things we do around the building when it comes to cleaning. We clean the banisters, door knobs, windows in all of the practice rooms and professor's offices, and take down all old posters. Recently we've picked up a new job which is watering the pianos. Mansfield is in the process of switching over to an all Steinway school. The newer pianos have to stay hydrated and we go around and make sure that is done.

For a local school, Southern Tioga in Blossburg, PA, we bought a baritone for the marching band. The school has a small budget and some of their marching instruments are in poor shape. We weren't allowed to donate money directly to the marching band, so we decided to put the money we raised towards something they needed, which was that instrument.

We have had major improvements this year when it comes to membership. Our Vice-President of Membership, Rochelle Carlisle, is putting on quite a membership process this year. She has taken the time to completely change the way we run our membership process. It used to be that we had to memorize everything in our books such as the 8 and 5, Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Preamble and 5 Purposes to the Constitution, Our Mansfield Band History, National Address, National Phone Numbers, etc. The only things we want to see memorized now out of that entire list is the 8 and 5 and the Mission Statement. It makes it sound like there's less to do during the process but she added a lot more content. Our Membership Candidates seem so eager to learn all that they can. She also has a lot of the other info for post-membership sessions.

Besides putting on the Membership Candidate process for the MC's, she is also putting on another separate process for the rest of the sisters. We were debating on not taking a class this year but we decided that it would be beneficial to take a class for membership sake. We realized that our chapter is small enough where we can take the time to put MC's through the process and help them become great sisters while also working on our bond and strengthening ourselves as sisters. It has been going very well so far!!

As for activities, we've done some pretty fun things. We just had a 25th Birthday Party for the Northeast District! We've also had letter making parties, we made valentines, and we even made our own ice cream and watched a movie for our senior send-off. Each meeting we take the time and do mad-libs where each sister fills in a different blank and then it's read to us to see what we came up with. We also do a secret sister exchange for the whole semester. We get a sister's name in the beginning of the semester and for the rest of the semester, we surprise them with random things like inspirational notes or nice gifts.

Gamma Kappa

The Gamma Kappa chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Connecticut has had quite the year so far. Coming into the fall semester at 33 active members, Gamma Kappa didn't take long to make a decisive and altering change. We discussed with just our chapter and also with our brother chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and decided to forgo taking a class for the Fall '11 semester and instead evaluate our process, service, and what it means to be a sister. This proved incredibly successful as we were able to refocus, rededicate ourselves to service, and it brought every sister closer in the bond.

As the fall semester came to a close, and we began looking at taking a class, Gamma Kappa decided upon another shattering change: we decided to hold a letter getter meeting for our incoming class. This had been employed by our brother chapter, though we had never heard of any of chapters of TBΣ taking this approach. As this had already been a highly experimental year for us, we decided to try it out. Upon receiving letters, our potential MC's were told there would be a meeting they could choose to attend with the whole chapter to clear up any questions they had, all before they had to make their final decision. We had our whole chapter sit in a circle with everyone who had received letters intermingled, and asked if they had any questions. If the potentials were shy, the sisters would ask questions that might relevant, such as "Will this process affect my grades?" Our chapter decided this was a huge success, as the majority of the people who were given letters came, and many have since said that the letter getter meeting convinced them they wanted to join our chapter. The chapter as a whole still didn't know who had accepted their letter and would show up to 1st degree, but we were able to further interest them once the letter was given. We now have 10 wonderful M.C.'s in our Gamma Alpha class, who have swag out the roof.

Our fundraising has been just as solid this year as any. We have kept up our Rose Sales, where we sell roses before and after most of the larger music department concerts with all of the proceeds going towards a music scholarship for an incoming student. Gamma Kappa also helps set up the theater at our performing arts show before most of the major pay-to-watch shows, and in return we get payment for our organizations. These "chair set-ups" are a huge source of our income, and also offer a great deal of sisterhood bonding. Together with the brothers, we held the first ever UCMB Pie day. We set prices to pie section leaders, drum majors, graduate assistants, and even our assistant director, only after they volunteered of course. This was incredibly successful because we were able to make a good bit of income at very little cost. The best thing was, the whole band enjoyed it. Thanks to fundraising this year, we have been able to donate towards the UCMB's ALS fundraiser, fund receptions after concerts, and will soon be offering a scholarship to a future music student.

This year has also been a great year of service for our chapter. We decided to take two service chairs under our Vice President of Service to help with delegation and make sure we could take advantage of every single possibility. During our semester off from taking a class, we were able to have focus groups and discussions about how we could improve our service in various areas, such as on game-days, during rehearsal, and in the music department. We helped Manchester High School Marching Band with their marching and field awareness several times, and for one marathon session on a competition Saturday. Our music department has recently gotten more involved with the high schools around the state, and Gamma Kappa has been there to volunteer at the Eastern Regional concert, as well as the selective Honor Band concert. We have been involved in Uconn's Huskython, and 18 hour dance marathon, helped hold a coffee house, and are

currently in the process of raising money for the MS Walk. The major project we're trying to get off the ground is an a cappella benefit concert held at our campus' largest performing arts theater.

Overall, progression is the only way to describe the year so far for Gamma Kappa. We tried out several new things, and loved how they worked out. We are continuing to grow our fundraising efforts and the amount of service we do, and the UConn Marching Band as a whole has never been better. It has been one great year for our chapter, GKFTW!

Gamma Omega

The Gamma Omega Chapter of TBΣ has been hard at work all year to aid the band and the community. We had 7 MCs during this year, and they have worked extremely hard within the sorority and within the band.

There have been many exceptional service projects we have been involved in. Once again we have worked with the Pittsburgh Symphony to present Fiddlesticks to the community, a morning long workshop that teaches younger kids the value of music. In addition, we presented both Pitt Band Birthday and Pitt Band Thanksgiving to the band, which convey a feeling of family within the band and helped raise money for the local women's shelter. We will be participating in Relay for Life in a couple of weeks as well. Finally, we are currently preparing for the Pitt Band Centennial celebration, which will involve an instrument petting zoo, a concert, banquet, and a Pitt Band history museum.

Fundraisers have been very lucrative this year, allowing us to do more within the band and for the upcoming centennial celebration. Such fundraisers include hoodie sales for the Pitt Band centennial, carnation sales, plant sales and candy bar sales, and have allowed for greater financial stability.

The Gamma Omega chapter has emphasized the aspects of sisterhood throughout the year. We have been involved in many exciting socials, including visits to local museums, picnics in the park, and to many local eateries. Our current MCs even put together a laser tag event that was phenomenal! We also went to our band directors house for dinner, sisterhood, and to visit the Pitt Band basement. Finally, in a few weeks we will have our sisterhood retreat.

Delta Delta

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Chapter President 2011-2012

Membership:

25 Sisters

- 22 Active
- 3 Conditional

This past Fall, we brought in a class of 8 new sisters and this spring we chose to not take a class so that we may better focus on the quality of sisters already in our chapter.

Fall:

- Development Night
- Building Blocks
- Informational Tea
- Verbal PME Quizzing
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree

Spring:

- 5&8 Check Ins
- PME Game Nights

Service:

As always, the we have been pushing to do a significant amount of service this year. We also push to do more than the year before and this year has been no different

- George N. Parks Minuteman Marching Band Building Cleanups
- Painting/lining practice fields
- Setting up yard markers and drum major stands
- Fixing Music Stands
- Honor Band (Joint with Epsilon Nu, Kappa Kappa Psi)
- Audition Days (Joint with Epsilon Nu, Kappa Kappa Psi)
- Buddy Calls to Rookies
- Rookie Survival Kits
- Emergency Bus Kits
- Handing Water at every Football game (Joint)
- Allentown Prep Night (Joint)
- BOA Prep Night (Joint)
- Dry Cleaning Uniforms
- Folding Concert Programs
- Giving Band Building Tours for Alumni Day
- Loading and unloading the Pit Truck
- Loading and unloading buses
- Early morning Breakfasts for the Band (joint)
- Putting away equipment after marching rehearsals
- Setting up Chairs for Concert Band
- Waking up Band Members for early call times
- Bus Signs for Band Trips
- Frank Fiesta (Joint)
- Setting Up Band Banquet (Joint)

- Assisting in Running Color in the Cage
- Instrument Petting Zoo (in the works)
- Relay For Life
- Project Protect Music Donations
- Receptions for Concert Performances
- Concert Attendance
- Sewing New Color Guard Flags
- Providing Breakfast to Directors at Band Day

Fundraising:

This has been a very successful year for fundraising, we have been able to pull our working balance out of the negative and afford to do more costly service projects.

- Bake Sales
- Wrist Bands and Lanyards (Joint)
- iGive
- Selling bags at Districts 2012
- Selling Car Decals for travel Season (2012)
- Mullins Center Cleanups
- Selling Roses and Carnations at Band Banquet
- Selling Water and Food at Color in the Cage
- Selling Flowers at Color in the Cage

Social:

We have been focusing a lot on our bond and trying to do several social events.

- Destination Unknowns
- Tom Cruise/2.5
- D-Night
- Chocolate Fantasy
- Band Building Sleepover
- Spirit Week
- Game Night Rush Event
- Michael Jackson Dance Rush Event
- Cupcake Rush Event
- Brotherhood Sisterhood Day (Joint)
- Swap Night (joint)
- MC/PM Sleep over (joint)
- Ice Cream Eat off
- Sister Speed Dating
- Mary Poppins Movie Night (For The Band)
- Tie Dye Rush Event
- ΣAI/TBΣ Informational Tea

Other:

Besides the main things we do, we participate in my other activities that really keep our chapter well rounded.

- Band Banquet
- History/Membership Night
- Correspondence Night

- Groove and Funk
- Song Workshops
- Ritual Workshops
- Parliamentary Procedure Workshops
- Fine Arts Center Display Board
- District Year Book Page
- Traveling Season Digital Workshop
- Developed a chapter Vision Statement
- Social Retreat in Winter and Summer
- Delta Delta Delivers
- Submission to the Podium and Northeast Notes
- Alumni Day
- Senior Shenanigans
- Hosting Northern Precincts 2012 (Joint)

Conclusion:

The sisters of Delta Delta have been working very diligently this semester to try to better ourselves and try new things. We are looking forward to an even more successful year next year. As for this year, we are all very happy with our successes and learned from some failures and we are striving to do even better next year!

Delta Omega

Membership: Our membership currently consists of 14 active sisters, one conditional sister, and two membership candidates. We have found that holding informational nights that consist of fun activities tends to give us larger interest. Within the last year and a half, we've expanded our member numbers by 500%. On the verge of losing the charter for Delta Omega, some very wise sisters put a plan into action. This plan of encouraging membership candidates of our bands to investigate what we are truly about: service and sisterhood. Many of those who have joined or are in the process of joining are the types of university students that hold back a little and don't have many friends. If it were not for this organization and our bond we hold as sisters, most of us would not have succeeded in college as well as we have. We owe a good portion of our dedication to Tau Beta Sigma!

Service: Delta Omega has continually increased service projects within the last year. We as a chapter attempt to dedicate a new service project to every single month. For September, we helped with flood relief. In October, we donated clothes by running in "the nearly naked" mile at Penn College in Williamsport, PA, and we trick-or-treated for canned goods for a local food shelter. For November, we donated turkeys to the same shelter, and in December, we participated in the Giving Tree project. For February, we made butterflies for the Butterfly Project, remembering those who lost their lives to cancer. For March, some sisters will be participating in the Relay for Life. Our biggest project to date is gathering school supplies for Cameroonian schools. As always, we usher concerts for the music program, including the annual jazz festival and "Stringposium" for school age children. We also arrange sheet music, stands, and chairs for university concert band. We plan to participate in Project Protect music in the near future.

Fundraising: Funds are very limited within our chapter. We barely have enough to cover annual costs such as fees and dues. We try our hardest to keep the money flowing, but never seem to get ahead of the game. We sell chocolates and gift wrap almost every semester. In the past year, we've done a Lincoln for Lincoln exchange which turned out to help quite a bit. For the African project, we have put a box for coin/bill donations in every concert band practice as well as mentioned it to many fellow students in other classes. Our treasurer always has such great ideas for fundraisers, but it seems as a chapter we fail in never executing those ideas further

Epsilon Epsilon

The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Kutztown University has improved a lot over the last year with membership, fundraising and service. We were unable to take a membership class this semester so we are taking the semester to finally get ourselves up to date on everything and get our chapter back into working order. We did take one member last semester to make the total number of members in EE to 5. We are also making improvements to the Membership Education Program to further help the Membership class fully understand what Tau Beta Sigma is all about, and to have some fun along the way. We have added interactive activities for the membership class to do to get to know one another and work together to build up cooperation skills. We have also done a lot with bonding to help the membership candidates work together and communicate effectively.

The service aspect of our chapter has really improved this semester. We have started doing Nom Nom Friday. This is where we make cookies or baked goods for the people in the music department on Friday for them to have. We know that the music students and faculty are really busy and sometimes make need a sugary snack to make it through the day. We have also organized and renumbered the Concert Band music in the music library. We have also written letters to each faculty member telling them that we may be small but we are strong and that if they have any service project they need done they should not be afraid to ask.

We have also started to fundraise more this semester as well. We have planned two bake sales for February and March. Also, we have made bracelets to sell. They say Live. Laugh. Love. Music. and are Tau Beta Sigma colors. We are hoping to make a profit off of these to help raise our funds since they are low. We are working on building the chapter up and getting organized so we may hopefully flourish in the upcoming year. The Sisters we have in the sorority now are working hard to keep it together and get everything done that needs to get done on time and in good fashion. We may be small but we are mighty and we aren't going anywhere!

Epsilon Rho

Virginia State University

SERVICE: Epsilon Rho does numerous of service activities during the Spring (off season) however the service in the fall, we fully cater to our Trojan Explosion Marching Band as well as other collegiate bands. We also "clean House" after every game or performance that we have. we visit local highschools career fair to promote great bandsmen/women, we have traveled to national band competitions in DC and NC. Some new projects we plan to work on is traveling to local highschool band practices to help the kids read music or help them with drill. As well as Clean house with them!

MEMBERSHIP: This year we only had one membership class. We have 4 candidates who will have completed their task before districts. During there classes they were able to play games with Big Sisters as well as get to know them on a business and personal aspect. Especially regarding offices. They also had the pleasure of meeting some OLDER OLDER sisters and got to speak with them and let them share some of their experiences with them.

FUNDRAISERS: Epsilon Rho has completed alot of successful fundraisers this year. Such as Spirit links for homecoming, recycling cans, bake sales, donouts, pie a sister in the face etc. Our biggest fundraiser was the spirit links for homecoming. The money that we collect goes back to the band. We host band parties ie. halloween/ valentines dance ..., pizza party, goody bags for away trips, and anything that our band director needs assistance with.N

Epsilon Sigma

Norfolk State University

9 Active Sisters

Service:

In the fall semester, we provided different types of service to the band in the following forms: organizing and distributing uniforms, repairing uniforms, cleaning the band room, providing and distributing food and water to the band, and other jobs that needed to be done. We also hosted a few activities for the band to get involved in. We introduced the "Wall of Fame" which different sections became a part of when the directors voted on who did the best during the last performance of each week. One popular event we had hosted was the Turtle Talk forum we had with the ladies of the band; our advisor, along with several members of the chapter, discussed any issues that the ladies were having from band to life. Another event we hosted was the Turtle Lounge, which was an open mic night where several poets and musicians came and expressed their pieces. During Homecoming week, we had a spirit week where the band members could dress up and act goofy. At the end of the semester, we had a Ladies' Night, where the ladies could come and get a facial and makeover. We also hosted a Christmas party, where we decorated stockings and ornaments. In the spring semester, we helped organize and distribute uniforms for a performance the band had. We also are going to host a band room cleanup day where we clean up and organize the band room and uniform closet. We also helped the Virginia Symphony's Annual Children's Concert called the Lollipop Concert; we painted children's faces and gave them sticker tattoos. During the month of February, we helped distribute pamphlets to numerous students at our school for Financial Aid Awareness. Also, we volunteered with an alcohol awareness seminar. On the last Sunday in March, we plan on attending our founding mother's church and doing community service with her. We will also hold several Turtle Talk sessions discussing interview etiquette and networking. We will also be having another Mr. TBΣ pageant, and participating in the Relay for Life program with our University. Also, we helped the Lion's Club at Norfolk State University deliver eye examinations to people in the community at the Park Place Medical Center. Furthermore, we did a coat and can food drive and delivered the contents to a local charity.

Membership:

Epsilon Sigma takes 1 membership class each year, in the spring. This year's spring class consisted of 3 members, adding to our grand total of 9 active sisters. . After intake, our VPoM conducts post membership classes where we reflect on the sorority's information (mission and vision statements, 8 to 5, purposes, rituals, and sisterhood. We have tests, play charades, and jeopardy, which are also used as a bonding tool to learn more about our chapter history and each individual sister.

Fundraising:

As far as fundraisers for the band, we sold handmade paraphernalia during homecoming, and we sold wristbands. As far as fundraisers, we set up a photo booth every Friday leading to Valentine's Day; students came and were charged to get their picture taken. For Valentine's Day, we raffled off several baskets, sold homemade baskets, candy roses, and boograms. Also, we hosted an auction where different sisters were bought by the audience for a date. We plan to have a dining event at a local restaurant to also help with fundraising.

Epsilon Upsilon

Lock Haven University

Membership:

6 Active Sisters

3 Membership Candidates (Actives on March 24th)

No Conditional Members

1 Inactive

Service:

We hemmed and repaired the uniforms for Marching Band season this year during band camp. We also fit the members for their uniforms during band camp as well. We also cleaned out our instrument closet, cleaned instruments, and cataloged them jointly with our brother chapter, Eta Alpha. We also just fitted uniforms for concert band after getting them cleaned. We are also currently working on the District service project of Letters to Soldiers. The brothers and the sisters created a joint Relay For Life team opened to the band.

Membership:

We recruit during the Marching Band season. Our rushes this year included a joint service rush, spoons, letters to Santa and Thanksgiving cards, a Wal-Mart run. We only take a Spring Class each year. This year we had study hours that were open to the whole band to show that the sisters value grades.

Fundraising:

Our biggest fundraisers would be Murder Mystery. It is open to the band and we provide food and a role for those that signed up and paid a small fee. We hold one in the spring as well as the fall semesters. We also create band t-shirts for sale. It showcases the Marching Band Field Show and has every band members name on the back. We also have Penny Wars every fall. This spring we are have reverse Penny Wars to raise money for our Relay for Life team.

Epsilon Omega

The Epsilon Omega Chapter of Tau beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc. has had a very good year. We believe that this has been our year to transform. We have worked very hard to promote the 8 and 5 the best way possible and we have found that it has helped us become closer, stronger, and smarter.

Fundraising has been one of our hardest tasks this year. We sold precinct and band supporter t-shirts, candy sales, bake sales, scarf sale, and band arts and crafts. We had a rough time at first getting people to buy things, but once everyone got used to seeing all of the sisters around campus, we were on the roll. We had people looking for us to buy all of the great things we had to sell!

We are proud to say that we had a lot of service projects this year. We did a lot of events with the band, game nights, movie nights, spirit weeks, band camp events, and women in music promotion. We have received so many compliments from the band director, band members, and students around the campus. Our service projects have been recognized by everyone. Our service projects are the main reason why we think this year has been a year of transformation. We have grown so much as a chapter.

The Epsilon Omega chapter has two lovely membership candidates this year. We did a very good job at recruitment and we have a lot of freshman interested for next year. We worked hard this year ant everything and we cannot wait to continue our transformation period. We have grown closer to our alumni and we plan to continue to grow as a chapter.

Zeta Omicron**-Band Camp**

- +Set up (Clean out tower and yard markers, etc)
- + Registration and Instrument cleaning/Music organization
- +Rookie guides/greeters
- +Rookie Picnic
- +MV Field Day/ Picnic

-MV Season

- +Uniform Returns
- +Breakfast for the MVs
- +Collate Drill
- +Apples for the Highty Tightys
- +Hokies for the Hungry
- +Bandquet (Collect money and make sure everything is paid for and awards happen)
- +Band Parent's Weekend

-Pep Band

- +Cut music for flip folders and organize

-Music Department Help

- +Usher and Stage Manage
- +Honor Band (Guides and Ushering/SM)
- +MCs help the Secretary in the Music Department once a week
- +When Directors need anything done that comes up last second, we are there to help (Such as sort music, stuff envelopes, etc)

-Community Service

- +Adopt-a-Highway
- +Big Event
- +Help local band directors with sorting music, etc. (Something we hope to expand on in the future

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- +Breakfast with Santa (help a local elementary school with a fun Christmas event)

-Correspondence

- +Pen Pals
- +Chapter to Chapter Correspondence i.e meeting up at football games and exchanging gifts
- +The Loop – a way we correspond within the circle every week or two.

-Fundraising

- +Sell at events like Band-a-rama, Honor Band, Band Parents Day, etc.
- +Moe's Night!
- +Acafestapella (our annual a capella concert to raise money, always a big hit!)
- +Sell at Districts

-Other Events

- +Alumni Weekend
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Zeta Upsilon

Membership

In the fall semester, Zeta Upsilon began with a class of seven. Unfortunately, we lost two along the way. One dropped on her own because she had too much on her plate that semester and needed her free time to focus on school work. The other left the process because she was not able to meet all of the requirements necessary to become a Sister.

Our spring class began their process a few weeks ago. We are currently taking a class of eight young ladies. So far they are all doing very well with their requirements. They work well as a class and are very on top of their outside academic work as well. We have some great team building activities for the membership candidates throughout their process. These activities are open to the entire Sisterhood as well in hopes that we will all make an effort to get to know the MCs as well. There tends to be a decent turn out of Sisters at every MC activity. One of our chapter's favorite activities is an ice cream sundae building game. Sisters and MCs pair off, one makes an ice cream sundae while the other one has their back turned. Then the other Sister/MC comes forward and is instructed by the first on how to make the ice cream sundae so that it looks identical. They never get to see it and have to rely on what the other person tells them. This brings in teamwork as well as communication and listening skills.

Service

Our Vice President of Service offers a wide variety of service projects to the Sisterhood and welcomes ideas from the rest of the Sisters. One of our goals for the chapter this year has been to make our presence better known throughout our school of music. We began this by continuing our past service projects as well as adding in a few new ones. Our service starts when band camp does. Sisters of ZY can be spotted helping all around band camp. We set up, paint and tear down the field every day, this carries over into the rehearsals throughout the semester. Sisters who are not marching help distribute and hem the uniforms and serve water to the band during breaks. During the marching band season we also help out with various band shows including the Collegiate Marching Band Festival in Allentown, Pa that we co-run with our Brother chapter.

Aside from helping the marching band, we find various other ways to help out around our school of music including helping to set up and tear down for concerts, providing refreshments after band concerts, another joint project with our Brother chapter, and assisting in the school of music auditions. We help by setting up the parents' waiting room and showing auditioning students around to the practice rooms and various locations they need to be. We keep everyone on schedule and tell prospective students and their parents a little bit about West Chester and our music program. Last semester we did a similar project in which we helped run a local district band audition day. This project was completed with the help of the other Greek music organizations from WCU; Kappa Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha.

Every spring semester we have two big reoccurring service projects. The first is to help a local indoor guard, Field of View, run their home show. We do various jobs including running tapes/scores to and from judges and taking tickets. These are similar jobs that we do while running band shows in the fall. Our big non music related service project is the annual walk to fight cancer, Relay for Life. This is a cause that is very near and dear to many Sisters of Zeta Upsilon and we always participate.

Fundraising

Our most common type of fundraiser is simple bake sales in our school of music. We have them fairly often and they always go over very well. Another common fundraiser for us is our "Lincoln for Lincoln" fundraiser that we have been doing for years now. In this we send a "Lincoln" in the form of a penny to family, friends and alumni and enclosed is a short poem asking for a "Lincoln" in return, aka a \$5 bill. Most people return much more than a \$5 donation. The only cost for this fundraiser is for the postage and we actually managed to cut back on that this year. We added a donation button to our chapter's website and send out emails instead directing people to go to the website to donate. We still sent out a few via snail mail, mostly to our grandparents, but it definitely cut back on the cost.

This year we added our Applebees fundraiser. This is sometimes done as a joint fundraiser with our Brother chapter of $\text{KK}\Psi$. All we have to do is come in to Applebees on a predetermined night, eat a meal, then present a flyer and 10% of our bill goes to our organizations. We often plan these nights for the days of ceremonies or other big events.

At times this has been a trying year for Zeta Upsilon but we have come out stronger than ever. We have a very strong executive board which has in turn made for a strong Sisterhood. We have been working towards goals of professionalism, accountability and communication this year and have occasional discussions about our progress with these goals. Zeta Upsilon is in a strong, stable mode at this point and we are constantly striving to work to our fullest potential and beyond.

Eta AlphaService:

Band Camp

- Set up and cleaned up meals during band camp (With KKPsi)
- Instrument Drive
- Fundraisers – sell ‘band camp survival kits,’ SUMB mugs, white socks. Birthday Cakes (to be delivered throughout the year)
- Help move rookies into their dorms (with KKPsi)
- Organize the distribution of uniforms

Adopt-A-Street – multiple times throughout the year

Breast Cancer Walk

Helped at a local high school marching band competition (with KKPsi)

Routinely helped move equipment to the marching band’s alternate location (with KKPsi)

Adopted the Leadership and Public Service High School in NYC

Helped set up the marching band picnic

Promote University Bands concerts (flyers, etc.)

Run Receptions for University Band concerts throughout both semesters

Adopted a Platoon from Fort Drum

Clean the Band offices

Helped at Campus Music Days

Played with the Henninger High School Pep Band 1/27

Helped at a Winter Guard show

MS Walk (with KKPsi, PMA, SAI and the Setnor School of Music) 3/4

Organize the Band Library (with KKPsi) 3/31

Help at a drum circuit show

Ran a workshop to help Junior Girl Scouts achieve their “Making Music” Badge 4/14

Relay for Life 4/14-15

Fundraising:

SUMB Girls Night Out Fundraiser at Tully’s for the Breast Cancer Walk

Penny Wars Fundraiser in chapter, both semesters

Collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

Crocheted and sold Headbands; raised over \$200 for Project Protect Music

UNOs Fundraiser

Making and selling candy and a bake sale as a fundraiser; selling sunglasses

Social:

Summer Sizzler Social events – Class movie nights, Pot Luck Dessert Party, Step Workshop, Wiffle Ball, Friendshipbracelet making

Quest! – Recruitment activity. Introduction to Syracuse’s campus traditions (with KKPsi)

Traveled to the University of Pittsburgh (with KKPsi)

Apple Picking

Holiday Pot luck with Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Kappa Kappa Psi

Trivia Night – Recruitment event (with KKPsi)

Progressive Dinner and Tie dying t-shirts – Recruitment events

Pumpkin Picking

Ice Cream/Board Game Night Prospective Event

Trip to Lights on the Lake

Iron Chef and Ice Skating – Prospective Events (with KKPsi)

Potluck Dinner 2/4

Attended Northern Precincts 2/18
Wava Bowl – Sisterhood football game 2/26
Attended Districts 3/23-24
Joint Recital (with KKPsi) 4/10
Formal (with KKPsi) 5/5
End of Year Picnic (with KKPsi)

Eta Gamma

Boston University
18 Active Sisters

Service

This year Eta Gamma continued to serve the Marching Band, Pep Band, Winter Percussion Ensemble and Concert Band. For the Marching Band we provide the water coolers and first aid kits during Band Camp and for all rehearsals. Our biggest Service is measuring, hemming and assigning uniforms at the beginning of the season. At performances we oversee the transport of the uniforms, plume members and a Sister is assigned to each section to check them over in an effort to make sure that the band looks sharp. For Concert Band we provide receptions for the attendees and participants. For Winter Percussion Ensemble we use some of our funds to buy them ear plugs and mallet bags. We also hope to support them by attending one of their shows. For Pep Band we provide first aid kits and spirit packs. We also are in charge of the traditional Goalie/Sieve sign at all home hockey games. For Marching Band, Pep Band and Winter Percussion Ensemble we plan a banquet in conjunction with our Brother chapter, Theta Beta.

This year we created a Service Manual in an effort to document all the service we do. This will allow us to follow a standard operating procedure for all projects as well as pass them on for years to come. This year was also the pilot of a Service Points system. Every two weeks Sisters log what they did in an online survey and the Service Chair makes sure that everyone is trying to do roughly the same amount of Service.

Membership

This year we welcomed four new Sisters into the Bond. Our rush events included a trip to the Boston ARTS Festival and Mike's Pastries and a Joint Organization Service Day. All Four members of the Alpha Kappa Class are exemplary Sisters and we are happy to have them be a part of Eta Gamma.

Fundraising

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is Pie Day. After a Marching Band rehearsal in October we auction off the chance to pie the Staff, Drum Majors and Section leaders. It is a successful fundraiser as well as a fun social activity for the band. At the end of the semester we sell stress baskets that parents can buy for their children and we deliver them. As ongoing fundraisers we have accounts at iGive.com and Campusfundraisers.com

Sisterhood

Prior to Third Degree this past fall Eta Gamma had a Sisterhood Week. Each day was a different theme having to do with a different purpose. Each day we took a picture of ourselves and posted it on an Eta Gamma Facebook group. For example, we had dress like your big day and dress in support of another chapter day.

Eta Delta

Howard University

NED District Convention: March 23, 2012

Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority Incorporated

Greetings Sisters of the Nation's Elite District,

It truly is an honor to be selected to serve. The Eta Delta chapter has had a wonderful year full of growth in the sisterhood as well as numerous successful programs and fundraisers. We are a progressive chapter that takes pride in not being stagnant, but realizing that there is always more work to be done. Through the year, we've made it our duty to stress the Five and Eight in everything we do. We understand that we aren't perfect, but we are constantly striving to make ourselves better sisters and better business women.

We are proud to say that we initiated our Spring 2012 membership candidate class on March 6, 2012. We are confident that they will continue to uphold the ideals and purposes set before them. We have stressed to them the "bigger picture" of Tau Beta Sigma, and that so much more lies outside the realms of Howard University. There is a greater bond filled with resources and opportunities which will aid in their growth as not only sorors, but women.

The service projects we have done this year have been phenomenal. One of our goals coming into this year was to utilize all of our strengths in order to provide a greater amount of service for our community. Our most successful service project has been our mentoring program. This is a very interactive program in which members of the chapter go to various high schools in the DC/Maryland/Virginia area, and work one on one with band members. We've performed with these band members, as well as spoken to them directly about our college experience. We've also been working directly with The Musicianship, which is a new music service program for at risk youth in our area.

Our fundraising this year has also encouraged the morale of both the actives and alumni of Eta Delta. Our fundraisers have more than tripled our funds for the year, and we are finally at a place where we can more comfortably serve our band at the drop of a hat. We are all responsible for writing proposals for fundraisers so that we can keep the funds flowing in at a steady pace.

The Elegant Divas of Eta Delta are constantly pushing ourselves and finding that we are capable of more than we think. We have learned from our trials, and are well aware that more may come. Through it all we have accepted the fact that we are human, but with our sisters, we are at our best.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Incorporated

Eta Rho

This year Eta Rho has continued much of the same events as we have in previous years. In the fall, we took in two members for the Alpha Omega class, and this semester we have five wonderful membership candidates in the Beta Alpha class. We had a one week rush during the spring semester, which we discovered really is not enough time to advertise within the music programs. For fundraising, we continue to sell bagels in the music lounge. So far this semester, however, we have yet to do any other major fundraisers. The chapter is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and we have been working to plan that and keep in close contact with our alumni. There is talk among the alumni of forming a local Eta Rho alumni association to help keep up contact and plan events for the future.

Every spring semester TBΣ and KKPsi help out with the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association All-State Auditions. We usually set up for the event and, along with other ensemble members, staff the auditions as judges assistants, warm up monitors and registration assistants. We plan to do Adopt A Highway with our KKPsi chapter in April, as well as host an instrument petting zoo in coordination with Sigma Alpha Iota. We will also walk in the JMU Relay for Life in honor and remembrance of family and sisters with cancer. We continue to provide our weekly service in the band office, known as “Wampler” shifts.

Eta Sigma

We have done many membership activities in the past year including rush events, MC Service, social, and fundraising events, and events to better our membership. Our rush events include dinner nights with sisters, game nights too. During the fall, we always help set up and break down at football games and this is something we encourage our MCs to help with also. Last semester, we began our nine week process with a class of five and as we went through the process, with first, second, “building a feast” to help review for their final test, and third, we ended up with a great class of three going through. We celebrated our chapter’s third birthday with our new sisters after their third degree.

This semester, Spring, we changed our process to six weeks and our rush events, though similar to the ones in the fall, were based around our purposes. We had a social event, a leadership night, and we did a service night. As of now (three weeks into our process) we have a strong class of four and we hope they will become great sisters.

Fundraising this year has included Yankee Candle sales, Gianni’s pizza sales, restaurant night at Applebee’s, and gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. This semester, we plan on doing Yankee Candle again along with Joe Corbi’s pizza sales. Also, we are participating in Relay for Life and plan on having a fundraising event that night that will be something like an indoor carnival. Our treasurer is also planning on having many fundraising nights before the end of the year.

We have done many service events this year starting the marching band season off with breakfast every morning at band camp for the band. We also always help set up and break down on game days and show days. We have had joint service events with the brothers that included re-painting music stands. This semester we are planning on serving our community through participation in Relay for Life and helping the Girl Scouts learn about music. We have also brought water to the pep band this semester, organized folders for the concert band, and helped clean out our guard closet and put flags on poles. We will be holding a concert band reception after our concert band concert later in the semester and we will show our support with other band concerts too.

Eta Chi

Things started off a little rough this year for Eta Chi. Though we had a successful time holding Precinct's in the Spring of 2011, right after that the chapters motivation seemed to take a turn for the worse. Although people were always showing up to service projects and degrees, you could tell that there was just something missing. So one of my main goals as newly elected President in December of 2011 was to somehow help the chapter's motivation. Thankfully the majority of the work was taken care of when we attended this year's Precincts at Umass. About half of the chapter attended and once we left we were all pumped up about TBΣ! The convention really seemed to help, and I can't wait to see what districts will bring. Around nine of the sisters are attending, which is the highest number of people we have sent to districts that anyone can remember.

A second thing that we had to overcome as a chapter was the bank account. When I was first put into office I didn't realize that we only had roughly 130\$ dollars in the account. The next move I made was to set up fundraisers that ran throughout the spring and possibly summer. One in particular that is always successful for our chapter is to sell roses, and water at concert packed weekends at the Fine Arts Center. In our first rose sell of the year we made close to 150 dollars. Other things that we have planned for the future consist of Applebee's and Local restaurant fundraisers. Making "Survival Kits" for band camp in the summer. And possibly doing a cookie and or cheesecake sale in the summer.

When it comes to service Eta Chi excels. Our spring semester is the busiest semester every year. Some of these projects include: Rhode Island Music Educators Jazz Festival, Piano Extravaganza, RINATS Song Festival, Rhode Island Music Educators Middle School and High School Choral festivals. This year as well we are holding a Girl Scout day where we will help local Girl Scout troops receive their music badges. And in late April, early May we maybe doing a habitat for humanity build.

Number of Active Sisters 16

Number of Inactive Sisters 1

Number of Conditional Sisters 3

Number of Sisters who will be graduating in May 3

Current Account Balance 300\$

Billy Ray Poli

University of Rhode Island TBΣ-HX President

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Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

Report of Events for 2011-2012 School Year

I. Membership Education

- a. Preparation for Annual Mr. TBΣ Pageant
- b. Study Hall
- c. Decoration for Homecoming Week
- d. Movie Night
- e. Classroom Sessions
- f. Fall 2011 Intake of 7 Sisters (November 19th)
- g. We hosted Post-Ed Sessions in the beginning and middle of the Spring semester

II. Service

- a. Annual Force Finale
- b. Band Room Cleanup
- c. Midterms Study Sessions
- d. Freshmen Move-In Day
- e. Adopt-A-Spot
- f. Eva C. Mitchell Child Care Center
- g. Band Staff Appreciation Day

III. Fundraising

- a. Krispy Kreme donut sales
 - b. School Supply Book Bag Raffle
 - c. Hampton University Bands T-shirt and Hoodie Sale
 - d. Open Mic (Donations to Susan G. Komen Foundation)
 - e. Penny Wars
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Iota Alpha's

2011-12 Activities

Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Scouting for Music: Our chapter is going into elementary schools to help local Girl Scout troops learn about music as well as how to create their own instruments. This is a fun hands-on experience, and includes making tissue box guitars, paper plate maracas, paper towel rain sticks and Yankee Doodle mad libs. We stress the importance of recognizing the music that is all around them everyday in addition to having fun while working together. This is the second year that we have worked with these particular troops and it has been wonderful seeing the familiar faces and continuing with promoting music. In the years to come, we hope to work with these girls and more in order to always have close contact with our community.

Stuff Swap: Our chapter hosted a stuff swap at Marist College, where students and faculty could come with their old stuff and swap it for something else. All of the remaining items were donated to our local Salvation Army. It was a simply and easy way to involve everyone on our campus in a service project as well as promoting the importance of helping others.

Alumni Weekend Social: Many alumni sisters visited in the fall for our school's homecoming game. After the game, we hosted a social for all visiting and current sisters where we ate good food and had an amazing time catching up with those who had graduated. These event is extremely important to us as anyone who was a sister is always part of our family and we love having them visit.

Game Night Social: In the fall of 2011 we hosted a game night social for the entire band. Anyone could come to have a good and relaxing night, and we had a great time eating food and playing games! It was a good way to get people from the whole band together outside of any formal commitment or setting.

International Food Social: Last fall we hosted an International Food social for the band, where we made food from all over the world and had a great time eating it as well as laughing at our attempts to be exotic!

Milkshake Rush Night: This January during our spring rush, we took anyone who was interested to a nearby diner for some milkshakes and socializing. Everyone had a blast and it really helped those interested in the sorority learn more about us in a relaxed setting.

Valentine's Day: For Valentine's Day this year as well as in the past years, we made the entire band valentine's hearts to hand out at a rehearsal along with lollipops to let everyone know that we were thinking of them.

Band Crews: As Marist does not have its own music department or even rehearsal space for our ensembles, the band rehearses in the dining hall requiring us to set up our space every time we meet. Alongside the brothers of Kappa, we break down the tables and chairs in the dining hall in order to set up our rehearsal area as well as putting the table back each time. To make the transition from cafeteria to concert hall smoother, we have put together specific crews of volunteers to lead the set up and have used these dedicated crews to then prepare other spaces for our concerts. It is often very hectic to get everything set exactly the way it needs to be, but by working together we have always managed to accomplish it without a problem.

Spring Membership Class: This year for our MC class we have taken in 7 freshmen, all of whom are great fits for the sorority. They passed through first degree with flying colors and have scored very well on their regular membership education quizzes. Eagerly ready to learn more about TBΣ, the MC's can't wait until they are full sisters and can fully assist the band. At a recent basketball tournament, the entire chapter and the MC's went out to dinner together and had a wonderful time getting to know each other better.

Iota Pi

Lincoln University

5 Active Sisters

4 Membership Candidates

Service:

The Iota Pi Chapter begins its year with freshman move in. This is when we help the new band freshman get situated in their dorms rooms and ready for band camp. A new service project we did this year was Parents' Day, where we invited band parents to a football game at a discounted ticket price. They sat near the band and were offered a picture with their son or daughter. We also successfully held a Woman in Music Speaker Series forum with speaker Lynn Riley, a jazz saxophonist and teacher at Drexel University. Some of our reoccurring service events included helping with band uniforms check-out, help to load the buses for games, polish instruments, and band room clean up which is at the end of each season.

Membership:

The Iota Pi Chapter can only take membership once per-year. We usually try to have a spring membership class since it is an off season from marching band. We currently have 4 membership candidates. Our rush events this year included many social events like Spa Me Up, band spirit week, and many more. We focused on three L.I.T. session for our main rush events. L.I.T., or Ladies in Training, consisted of three programs. The first was about physical and mental beauty, the second was on communication between women, and the third was an informal interest meeting to see what ladies would be interested in the spring.

Fundraising:

The Iota Pi Chapter has done several fundraisers this year. One fundraiser was our movie night series. We held our movie nights twice a month and charged one dollar. A new fundraiser we did this year was a Walking Taco sale. It was a very successful fundraiser and we hope to make it a yearly event. This year, we also held our first party with the Mu Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. It was also a very successful event that we hope to do every year. A smaller fundraiser we do is our annual Guessing Jar. We charge \$1 per guess for people who want to guess how many pieces of candy are in a large jar. The person who guesses the closest to the actual amount wins the jar of candy. We also held two raffles this year. The first raffle was a 50-50 raffle, and we raffled off a \$25 Visa gift card in our other raffle. Another thing we did was sell DVD's of our Parent's Day performance and our performance at the football game against Bowie State University. It was a success because parents were eager and grateful to be able to get a DVD of their child's performances.

SECTION TWELVE: ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS



**NORTHEAST DISTRICT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO JOINT SESSION
2012 NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

As we reflect on the 25th Anniversary of the Northeast District, one thing I can't help but think about is the theme of "Change." And so, while I'll go over some of NEDAA's highlights over the past year, rather than give you a laundry list of activities, I thought I'd take a few moments to talk about what change has been for me as an Alumnus, and probably for Alumni and Alumni Associations.

At a KKPsi Alumni Communication workshop at Southern Precinct and at this morning's Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association roundtable, Advisory Committee Chair Ed Savoy correctly pointed out that, when I was initiated back in 1990, policies on alcohol, hazing and Alumni involvement were either nonexistent or in their infancy. Today, such policies and practices are firmly in place. Once, there was one National Alumni Association; it broke down, but today, we have the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association and Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. The NEDAA, started in 1987 as the District IX Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Psi, was originally Brothers-only and probably involved only Alumni from a few schools. Today, we are a joint organization with Alumni membership from more than a dozen schools spanning the entire District.

Things change.

Sometimes change is forced externally—by necessity, if course correction is needed. But I've found that often the most productive change is the kind that is sought out, embraced. One of the fundamental laws of nature is that those who adapt, survive. The beauty of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma is that we have often gone beyond mere adaptation, getting in front of the curve, which has allowed us to head in new directions, prosper and grow.

I am proud to say that NEDAA has been an Alumni Association that constantly seeks to get ahead of the curve. Over the years, we have added to the scope of our services, so that now we have the Keynote Speaker Contest, the Senior Luncheon, grants for National Convention delegates and performers, Fraternity and Sorority flags for newly-installed chapters, and assistance to area music schools. For this past year, I'm pleased to report we donated \$500 to the George Parks Building Fund and \$100 to the George Parks Memorial Fund.

But is there more? How do we continue to change, to evolve, to keep pace? Externally, we have added technology components—in addition to a resurrected website, we now have a smart phone app, Twitter, and a forthcoming Facebook Page to keep you informed. Internally, we are working on increasing our TBΣ membership, recruiting the next generation of Alumni, raising funds for future endeavors, and developing ways to give our members a greater sense of ownership of the work we do. And, of course, we're figuring out the best ways to continue serving you.

Speaking of continuing to serve...is someone from Clarion here? We heard about the situation where Clarion's marching band was having a tough time purchasing new uniforms. And so, this weekend, the NEDAA membership voted to help them out, and I'd like to present this check for \$300 to assist them in getting new uniforms.

What does the future hold? No one can tell, but this much is certain: Although the NEDAA membership knows, it may come as a surprise to most of you that I am stepping down as NEDAA President. Nature abhors a vacuum, and while I have cherished serving as NEDAA President for the past four years—and before that, two years as Vice President for KKPsi—it is time for a change. I'll still be around, attending District events, and of course will be a NEDAA member. But it is now time for me to take a break and take better care of myself professionally, personally, and physically, and for others to take the mantle—new faces, fresh ideas.

With that in mind, it is my pleasure to introduce the NEDAA officers for 2012-2013:

- Continuing as NEDAA Webmaster is *Jessica Smith* (Epsilon Epsilon, TBΣ, and Zeta Mu Honorary, KKΨ, Kutztown University);
- Your new Treasurer is *Kim Abokas* (Kappa Eta, KKΨ, SUNY-Buffalo);
- Continuing as Secretary is *Sarah Fitzgerald* (Iota Delta, KKΨ, Towson University);
- Continuing as Vice President for Tau Beta Sigma is *Kat Tribulski* (Zeta Upsilon, TBΣ, West Chester University, and TBΣ NED Honorary);
- Your new Vice President for Kappa Kappa Psi is *Steven Hrabak* (Eta Omicron, KKΨ, James Madison University);
- Your new NEDAA President for 2012-2013 is *Erica Abbey* (Iota Delta, KKΨ, Towson University, and TBΣ NED Honorary).

I don't want to make this last part all about me, but perhaps it's fitting that I'm stepping down at this moment, at my Alma Mater. I remember back in 1991, when I was a fresh-faced neophyte. Straight out of the gate we hosted Southern Precinct and National Convention. It was the experience of a lifetime! And although Maryland hosted Southern Precinct in 2008, here we are again—in a way, coming full circle. It has been my honor and joy to know you all, my Brothers and Sisters. I hope I and the NEDAA have served you well and done you justice.

My thanks to the District Alumni Officers for their support, to this past year's NEDAA officers for their work and assistance, and to the NEDAA membership. The NEDAA continues to serve.

Strive for the Highest. Tau Beta Sigma for Greater Bands.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcus Wyche
President, 2011-2012
Northeast District Alumni Association

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