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NEDCon 2017 at a Glance

- I. Convention Hosts
 - a. Kappa Kappa Psi - Marie Burleigh & Michael Napolitano, KKY NED Governors
 - b. Tau Beta Sigma - Anthony Barbir & Allison Leemann, TBS NED Counselors
- II. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council 2016-2017
 - a. President - Shelby Coleman (Delta Omega)
 - b. Vice-President of Membership - Maggi McGarry (Eta Gamma)
 - c. Vice-President of Special Projects - Kaitlyn Devrous (Iota Alpha)
 - d. Secretary-Treasurer - Brian Main (Iota Alpha)
- III. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Convention Parliamentarian
 - a. Virginia Kibler (Zeta Omicron)
- IV. Tau Beta Sigma Committee Chairs & Advisors
 - a. Joint Convention Site & Publications - Sarah Miller (Iota Alpha), Kathryn Kelly (TBS National President)
 - b. Jurisdiction - Peggy Banks (Epsilon Omega), Ted McCadden (TBS NED Chapter Visitation Assistant)
 - c. Membership - Maddie Gordon (Delta Delta), Jonathan Markowski (TBS National Vice-President for Colonization and Membership)
 - d. Nominations - Oriana Freeman (Epsilon Rho), Kat Howell (TBS NED Chapter Visitation Assistant)
 - e. Programs - Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon), Adrienne Rall (TBS National Vice-President for Special Projects)
 - f. Ways & Means - Jill Regner (Gamma Omega), Tyra Yiare (TBS Alumni Association Finance Committee Chair) and Lisa Croston (TBS Board of Trustees Finance Chair)
- V. Award Recipients
 - a. All Star Service - Eta Gamma (TBS)
 - b. Chapter Perseverance - Epsilon Epsilon (TBS)
 - c. Counselors' Award - Iota Alpha (TBS)
 - d. District History Project - Eta Delta (TBS)
 - e. District Spirit Award - Gamma Kappa (TBS)
 - f. District Travel Grant - Iota Kappa (TBS)
 - g. Golden Typewriter - Zeta Upsilon (TBS)
 - h. Joint Relations Award - Eta Beta (KKY)
 - i. Phenomenal Sister - Shelby Pimm (TBS - Zeta Omicron)
 - j. Unsung Hero - Lauren Carman (TBS - Gamma Omega)
- VI. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council 2017-2018
 - a. President - Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 - b. Vice-President of Membership - Jenna Woodward (Delta Delta)

- c. Vice-President of Special Projects - Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
- d. Secretary-Treasurer - Lauren Suran (Iota Alpha)

Opening Joint Session (Session 1)

- I. Call to Order at Friday 9:17 AM
- II. Introduction of Northeast District Councils
 - a. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Convention Parliamentarian - Virginia Kibler (Zeta Omicron)
 - b. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer - Brian Main (Iota Alpha)
 - c. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Vice-President of Special Projects - Kaitlyn Devrous (Iota Alpha)
 - d. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Vice-President of Membership - Maggi McGarry (Eta Gamma)
 - e. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District President - Shelby Coleman (Delta Omega)
- III. Introduction of Visiting Dignitaries
 - a. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - i. President - Dr. Kathryn Kelly (Eta Delta)
 - ii. VPCM - Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
 - iii. VPSP - Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
 - b. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
 - i. Lisa Croston (Alpha)
 - c. TBSAA Members
 - i. Executive Committee Member - Tira Yiare (Eta Delta)
 - d. Tau Beta Sigma Counselors
 - i. Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)
 - ii. Anthony Barbir (Epsilon Kappa)
 - e. Tau Beta Sigma Chapter Visitation Assistants
 - i. NED CVA - Ted McCadden (Eta Sigma)
 - ii. NED CVA - Kat Howell (Theta Theta)
 - f. Past TBS District Counselors
 - i. Past NCD Counselor - Trudy Adler (Gamma Rho)
 - ii. Epsilon Omega Sponsor, Past NED Counselor - Cathy Miles (Epsilon Omega)
 - g. TBS NEDAA Officers
 - i. NEDAA VP - Jasmine Causey (Zeta Omicron)
 - ii. NEDAA Secretary, Eta Gamma Sponsor - Emily Anstey (Eta Gamma)
 - h. Past TBS NED Council
 - i. Immediate Past NED President - Chris Lukasik (Delta Delta)
- IV. Final Call for Precinct Meeting 2018 Host Bids
 - a. Lock Haven University (KKY - Eta Alpha & TBS - Epsilon Upsilon) bids for hosting Central Precinct Meeting 2018
 - b. Towson University (KKY - Iota Delta & TBS - Eta Sigma) and Virginia Tech (KKY - Eta Beta & TBS - Zeta Omicron) bid for hosting Southern Precinct Meeting 2018
- V. Final Call for Northeast District Convention 2018 Host Bids

- a. Towson University (KKY - Iota Delta & TBS - Eta Sigma), Virginia Tech (KKY - Eta Beta & TBS - Zeta Omicron), and Clarion University (KKY - Epsilon Phi & TBS Delta Omicron) bid for hosting Northeast District Convention 2018.
- VI. Announcements from the Host Chapters (Tau Beta Sigma NED Counselors and Kappa Kappa Psi NED Governors)
- VII. Announcements from NEDAA: Sarah Fitzgerald (NEDAA President)
- VIII. Keynote Speech: Kim Cisco (KKY - Delta Omicron)
- IX. Announcements from KKY NED Governors & TBS NED Counselors
- X. Announcements from Joint NED Council
- XI. Announcements from the Floor
- XII. Call to Recess at Friday 9:51 AM until Friday 7:06 PM

Opening Separate Session (Session 2)

- I. Call to Order at 10:02 AM
- II. Seating of Delegates
 - a. Unassigned proxy seating begins with Gamma Chi
 - b. Unassigned proxy seating rotates to Gamma Omega at the 2018 Convention
- III. Appointment of Convention Parliamentarian
 - a. Reading of the Standing Rules by Virginia Kibler (Zeta Omicron)
 - i. Motion to accept by Delta Omicron
 - ii. Second by Eta Chi
 - iii. Opposed: 0
 - iv. Abstained: 0
- IV. Reading of the Minutes and Vote to Accept from Last Convention
 - a. Motion to suspend reading and accept the Minutes by Delta Delta
 - b. Second by Epsilon Omega
 - c. Opposed: 0
 - d. Abstained: 0
- V. Announce Dignitaries
 - a. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 - i. President - Dr. Kathryn Kelly (Eta Delta)
 - ii. VPCM - Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
 - iii. VPSP - Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
 - b. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
 - i. Lisa Croston (Alpha)
 - c. TBSAA Members
 - i. Executive Committee Member - Tira Yiare (Eta Delta)
 - d. Tau Beta Sigma Counselors
 - i. Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)
 - ii. Anthony Barbir (Epsilon Kappa)
 - e. Tau Beta Sigma Chapter Visitation Assistants
 - i. NED CVA - Ted McCadden (Eta Sigma)
 - ii. NED CVA - Kat Howell (Theta Theta)
 - f. Past TBS District Counselors
 - i. Past NCD Counselor - Trudy Adler (Gamma Rho)
 - g. Recognition of Life Members
 - h. Recognition of Graduating Seniors
- VI. Assigning of Committees
 - a. Joint Convention Site & Publications - Sarah Miller (Iota Alpha), Kathryn Kelly (TBS National President)
 - b. Jurisdiction - Peggy Banks (Epsilon Omega), Ted McCadden (TBS NED Chapter Visitation Assistant)
 - c. Membership - Maddie Gordon (Delta Delta), Jonathan Markowski (TBS National Vice President for Colonization and Membership)
 - d. Nominations - Oriana Freeman (Epsilon Rho), Kat Howell (TBS NED Chapter Visitation Assistant)

- e. Programs - Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon), Adrienne Rall (TBS National Vice President for Special Projects)
 - f. Ways & Means - Jill Regner (Gamma Omega), Tyra Yiare (TBS Alumni Association Finance Committee Chair) and Lisa Croston (TBS Board of Trustees Finance Chair)
- VII. Final Call for District Officer Packets
 - a. President: Virginia Kibler (Zeta Omicron), Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 - b. Vice President of Membership: Maggi McGarry (Eta Gamma)
 - c. Vice President of Special Projects: Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon), Raven Edgerton (Iota Kappa)
 - d. Sec-Treas: Lauren Suran (Iota Alpha)
- VIII. Review of Election Process
- IX. Call to Recess at Friday 10:32 AM until Friday 8:15 PM

Second Joint Session (Session 3)

- I. Call to Order at Friday 7:06 PM
- II. Seating of Delegates
- III. Announcements from Joint Convention Site and Publication Chairs, Sarah Miller (TBS - Iota Alpha) & Bridget (KKY)
 - a. All three (3) submitted bids are eligible
 - b. All bids are given eight (8) minutes for presentation and five (5) minutes for questions from the floor
- IV. Presentation of Bids and Questions
 - a. Virginia Tech (Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Beta & Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Omicron) presented by Virginia Kibler (TBS - Zeta Omicron) & Tanner Savidge (KKY - Eta Beta)
 - b. Clarion University (Kappa Kappa Psi - Epsilon Phi & Tau Beta Sigma Delta Omicron) presented by Jordan and Someone from KKY & Tyler Bradley (TBS - Delta Omicron)
 - c. Towson University (Kappa Kappa Psi - Iota Delta & Tau Beta Sigma - Eta Sigma) presented by Allison & Sarah TBS, Kilia from KKY
- V. Call to Recess at Friday 8:06 PM until Saturday 4:03 PM

Second Separate Session (Session 4)

- I. Call to order at Friday 8:15 PM
- II. Seating of Delegates
- III. National Council Town Hall
 - a. Feature video regarding National Convention 2017
 - b. Call for National Council Announcements
 - i. President: Jonathan Markowski (TBS National Vice-President for Colonization and Membership)
 - ii. Vice-President for Colonization and Membership: Adrienne Rall (TBS National Vice-President for Special Projects)
 - iii. Vice-President for Communication and Recognition: Emily Anstey (TBS - Eta Gamma) and Zara Augusta (TBS - Beta Eta)
 - iv. TBS Alumni Association Finance Committee Chair: Tyra Yiare (TBS Alumni Association Finance Committee Chair)
- IV. Nominations Chair Oriana Freeman (Epsilon Rho) announces eligible people
 - a. President: Virginia Kibler (Zeta Omicron), Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 - b. Vice President of Membership: Maggi McGarry (Eta Gamma)
 - c. Vice President of Special Projects: Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon), Raven Edgerton (Iota Kappa)
 - d. Sec-Treas: Lauren Suran (Iota Alpha)
- V. Recess at Friday 9:53 PM until Saturday 10:05 AM

Third Separate Session (Session 5)

- I. Call to order at Saturday 10:05 AM
- II. Seating of Delegates
 - a. Missing: Eta Delta
- III. Women In Music Speaker: Heidi Sarver
 - a. Heidi I. Sarver is a Professor of Music and Director of Athletic Bands at the University of Delaware. She was appointed to the faculty of the Department of Music in 1995. Professor Sarver is Director of the 300+ member Fightin' Blue Hen Marching Band, co-conductor of the Symphonic Band and instructor of the Marching Band Techniques course. She is also the supervisor for student teachers pursuing an undergraduate degree in music education. Professor Sarver attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst where she received a Bachelors Degree in Music Education and a Master of Music Degree in Trumpet Performance. Her teachers include George N. Parks, Walter M. Chesnut, Malcolm W. Rowell and Seymour Rosenfeld. Active as a national and international adjudicator, clinician and guest conductor, Professor Sarver is best known for her work with the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy. Her contributions to DMA have spanned over 30 years and include that of educational director and lead clinician. In the past she has also served as an adjudicator and production assistant for the Sugar and Orange Bowls through Heritage Festivals and Bowl Games of America. In 2005 Ms. Sarver was the Assistant Director for the Bands of America Honor Band's inaugural performance in the Tournament of Roses Parade and again in their second appearance in 2009. She is an avid show designer and has written for many high schools in New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Arizona, as well as being the former primary show designer for the University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band, recipient of the Louis C. Sudler Trophy in 1998. Her show designs are also available for purchase through Marching Show Concepts. In the past, Professor Sarver has performed with the Reading Buccaneers Senior Drum and Bugle Corps as a soprano soloist, music instructor and drum major. Prior to her appointment at the University of Delaware, she was a high school band director in New York, and the Assistant Director of Bands at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a member of DMEA, MENC, CBDNA, and the National Band Association.
- IV. Reseating of Delegates
 - a. Missing: Eta Delta
- V. Nominations Chair Oriana Freeman (Epsilon Rho) announces slate
 - a. President - Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 - b. Vice-President of Membership - Maggi McGarry (Eta Gamma)
 - c. Vice-President of Special Projects - Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
 - d. Secretary-Treasurer - Lauren Suran (Iota Alpha)
 - e. Motion to accept by Eta Rho
 - f. Second by Delta Nu
 - g. Opposed: 0

- h. Abstained: 0
- VI. Recess at Saturday 11:02 AM until Saturday 1:06 PM

Fourth Separate Session (Session 6)

- I. Call to order at Saturday 1:06 PM
- II. Seating of Delegates
- III. Presentation of Final Reports
 - a. Secretary-Treasurer Final Report presented by Brian Main (Iota Alpha)
 - b. Ways & Means Committee Final Report and Final Budget presented by the Chair, Jill Regner (Gamma Omega)
 - i. Motion to accept report and final budget by Gamma Omega
 - ii. Second by Theta Pi
 - iii. Opposed: Delta Omicron
 - iv. Abstained: 0
 - c. Programs Committee Final Report presented by the Chair, Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
 - d. Vice President of Special Projects Final Report presented by Kaitlyn Devrous (Iota Alpha)
 - e. Membership Committee Final Report presented by the Chair, Maggie Gordon (Delta Delta)
 - f. Vice President of Membership Final Report presented by Maggi McGarry (Eta Gamma)
- IV. Recess at Saturday 2:01 PM until Saturday 5:00 PM

Final Joint Session (Session 7)

- I. Call to Order at Saturday 4:03 PM
- II. Seating of Delegates
- III. NEDAA Final Report presented by Sarah Fitzgerald (NED Alumni Association President)
- IV. Joint Relations Awards presented by Kaitlyn Devrous (TBS - Iota Alpha) and Emily McPeake (KKY - Alpha Omega)
 - a. Recipients: Eta Beta (KKY) & Eta Rho (TBS)
- V. Joint Convention Site and Publication Final Report presented by Chairs, Sarah Miller (TBS - Iota Alpha) & Bridget (KKY)
 - a. Slated: Virginia Tech (Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Beta & Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Omicron)
 - b. Motion to accept by Theta Upsilon (KKY)
 - c. Second by Gamma Kappa (TBS)
 - d. Opposed (KKY): 2
 - e. Abstained (KKY): 1
 - f. Opposed (TBS): 0
 - g. Abstained (TBS): Delta Omicron
- VI. Northeast District Convention 2018 Host Elections
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Virginia Tech (Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Beta & Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Omicron) is nominated by slate
 - ii. Eta Chi (TBS) nominates Towson University (KKY - Iota Delta & Tau Beta Sigma - Eta Sigma) with Epsilon Phi (KKY) seconding
 - iii. Nu Theta (KKY) nominates Clarion University (KKY - Epsilon Phi & Tau Beta Sigma Delta Omicron) with Eta Alpha (TBS) seconding
 - b. Election Results: Majority to Virginia Tech (Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Beta & Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Omicron)
- VII. Announcement on Precinct Meetings
 - a. Northern Precinct hosted at Syracuse University on Feb 3rd, 2018
 - b. Central Precinct hosted at Lehigh University on Jan 27th, 2018
 - c. Southern Precinct hosted at Towson University on Feb 10th, 2018
- VIII. Joint Presidents Final Report presented by Shelby Coleman (TBS) and Kylie Wolfe (KKY)
 - a. Motion to accept by Alpha Omega (KKY)
 - a. Second by Delta Omega (TBS)
 - b. Opposed (KKY): 0
 - c. Abstained (KKY): 0
 - d. Opposed (TBS): 0
 - e. Abstained (TBS): 0
- IX. Announcements from the Host Chapters
- X. Announcements from Floor
- XI. Adjourn the 2017 Northeast District Convention

Final Separate Session (Session 8)

- V. Call to order at Saturday 5:00 PM
- VI. Seating of Delegates
- VII. Jurisdiction Committee Final Report presented by Chair, Peggy Banks (Epsilon Omega)
 - a. Constitution changes
 - i. Motion to accept as a whole by Zeta Upsilon
 - ii. Second by Iota Pi
 - iii. Opposed: 0
 - iv. Abstained: 0
- VIII. Election for President
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Virginia Kibler (Zeta Upsilon)
 - 1. Motion by Zeta Upsilon
 - 2. Second by Eta Chi
 - ii. Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 - 1. Nominated by Slate
 - b. Elections
 - i. Result is Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
- IX. Election for Vice President of Membership
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Jenna Woodward (Delta Delta)
 - 1. Motion by Zeta Upsilon
 - 2. Second by Delta Omega
 - ii. Maggi McGarry (Eta Gamma)
 - 1. Nominated by Slate
 - b. Elections
 - i. Result is Jenna Woodward (Delta Delta)
- X. Election for Vice President of Special Project
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Raven Edgerton (Iota Kappa)
 - 1. Motion by Eta Chi
 - 2. Second by ____
 - ii. Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
 - 1. Nominated by Slate
 - b. Elections
 - i. Result is Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
- XI. Election for Secretary-Treasurer
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Lauren Suran (Iota Alpha)
 - 1. Nominated by Slate
 - b. Elections
 - i. Result is Lauren Suran (Iota Alpha)
- XII. Presentation of Awards (Throughout Elections VIII-XI)

- a. Spirit Award awarded to Gamma Kappa
 - b. District History Award awarded to Eta Delta
 - c. All Star Service Award awarded to Eta Gamma
 - d. District Travel Grant awarded to Iota Kappa
 - e. Golden Typewriter Award awarded to Zeta Upsilon
 - f. Unsung Hero Award awarded to Lauren Carman (Gamma Omega)
 - g. Phenomenal Sister Award awarded to Shelby Pimm (Zeta Omicron)
 - h. Kat Tribulski's Life Membership Scholarship Award awarded to Raven Edgerton (Iota Kappa)
 - i. Kat Tribulski's TBSAA Gold Star Club Membership Award awarded to Deanna Dunstane
- XIII. Counselors' Final Report
- XIV. President's Final Report presented by Shelby Coleman (Delta Omega)
- XV. Adjourn the 2017 Northeast District Convention Tau Beta Sigma Separate Meeting on Saturday 7:16 PM
- a. Motion by Delta Omega
 - b. Second by Gamma Kappa
 - c. Opposed: Delta Omicron
 - d. Abstained: 0

Final Reports

I. Joint President's Final Report

Kylie: Brothers and Sisters of the Northeast District,

Kylie: This year has been very unique to say the least. We left District Convention last year without a host site, and neither of us really knew what that meant moving forward. Once the Governors and Counselors decided that we would do something new this year, we both came to the table with a billion ideas, but didn't know quite where to start.

Shelby: Kylie and I had the opportunity to travel to the National District Leadership Conference in Stillwater, Oklahoma in July. While there, we met with the National Leadership as well as other District Officers and exchanged ideas about how we were going to structure our terms in office. That is when we had the great idea to begin holding Joint Council Calls.

Kylie: Although it was difficult to coordinate the schedules of 13 people, we made it work. It was noted that there was a lack of communication between the District Councils in previous years, and we wanted this to be the year that we bridged that gap. We formed our relationships with our counterparts early on, and because of this we began planning for Precinct Meetings and District Convention in early Fall, which was much earlier than usual. Aside from the success of convention, keeping the line of communication open between the councils was a great accomplishment this year.

Shelby: We worked hard to establish good joint relations between our Councils and convey their importance to the District. It was important to both Kylie and I to present our Councils as a united front in every District event, and in that regard I think we succeeded due to the collaborative preparation that took place prior to every single in-person meeting we had.

Kylie: To our Councils - Thank you for working so hard throughout our term. The success of District Convention (and especially everything that happened in the past two and a half months) would not have been possible without all of us working together.

Shelby: To the Governors and Counselors - Thank you for not yelling at us *too much* when we sent you 30 emails in an hour, each of which was dealing with a different aspect of Convention. We couldn't have made it this far without you.

Kylie: To the Dignitaries - Thank you for providing feedback on our Convention schedules from day one and working with us to pull off such an amazing event. We couldn't have done this without you!

Shelby: To the Brothers and Sisters - Thank you for trusting us to lead you throughout the 2016-2017 term. It has been a pleasure to serve you for the past year, and we hope we have lived up to your expectations.

Kylie: To our Chapters, Alpha Omega and Delta Omega - Thank you for encouraging us to run for District Office last year and supporting us throughout the ups and downs of our term. Your support means the world to us.

Shelby: To Adam - Thank you for always providing a shoulder to cry on and an ear to talk off whenever I needed it. You've been my rock. Thank you for believing in me.

Kylie: To Taylor, honestly I can say the same to you. You've been there when I needed to vent, bounce ideas, or sometimes just stress cry. Thank you for everything! And to Jess and Emily, I always appreciated your listening ears and willingness to help me through anything!

Shelby: As we close this year's District Convention, take some time to reflect upon what you have learned these past few days and how you can use this new information to improve the workings of your own Chapter. When we stand together, we will never fail.

Kylie: Thank you all again for braving the snowstorm and joining us for Northeast District Convention 2017. It has been a pleasure to serve as your District Presidents this year.

Both: Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,
Kylie Wolfe & Shelby Coleman
Joint NED Presidents 2016-2017

II. President

Sisters of the Northeast District,

One year ago, almost to the day, I stood before you giving my final report as the TBS NED Secretary. Where has the time gone?

As I was presenting my platform for District President at last year's District Convention, I talked about my goals for this year - increased communication, unity throughout the district, and to move us forward to a better place than the place we began.

Let me tell you, it's been a year. This was the year we transitioned from six to four District Officers. We redistributed the duties of these six Officers to the final four positions to ensure we did not lose anything in the switch. We held biweekly council calls to make sure we were all staying on top of our duties. We laughed, we cried, and we got a few concussions... But in the end, we were successful.

Increasing communication was imperative for this year's District Council. Since we were restructuring the very basis of our District Leadership, it was important that we as a Council maintained open and honest lines of communication at all times. We worked with our wiggio email listserv, our social media accounts, and our Council Connections to keep a line of communication open with the Chapters of the NED. Comparing this year to years past, I believe we have improved our social media presence, which has become one of our most important lines of communication recently. Overall, I believe our Council was successful at providing Chapters with the most up-to-date information in a timely manner - mostly because we're so aggressive.

A personal goal I had for the position was to establish a sense of trust with all the Chapter Presidents so they felt comfortable coming to me with any questions or issues they may have had throughout the year. This open communication is essential to the success of the District and of the individual Chapters. Because I live on my phone and I love to chat, Presidents quickly realized that they could call me at any hour and I would probably answer the phone to listen to them talk through their Chapter's issues (I'm looking at you, Dwayne). This was honestly one of the most rewarding parts of the job. Most of the time I didn't even have to give advice; by the time the Presidents were done talking to me, they had figured out how to solve their own issues. To all of you who have given me a call in the past year, whether it was just to chat or to talk about some really difficult stuff - you are all rockstars. I am so proud of your accomplishments this year.

My second goal of further unifying the district was adopted from last year's District Council. My hope was that unity would evolve from better communication. I wanted Chapters to talk, to visit each other, and to share ideas of projects they were working on. This was a huge push in the NED Photo Page, and I believe we have been successful in encouraging Chapters to post about their successes so they can celebrate with other Chapters through the District. We worked on Project Good Member, a District-wide service day, and pen pals. We hosted three Precinct Meetings this year, where we had ice breakers and roundtables to get Chapters interacting with each other to talk about their similarities and differences. Presidents of the Southern Precinct - you all showed me that the District really can become united in times of great trial during our President roundtable this year. I was so proud of you all leaving that meeting because I literally couldn't get a word in. You all had such a great discussion for a full hour and a half about everything under the sun, and that is what TBS should be like all the time.

These two goals of increasing both communication and unity led us to the point where we are today, in Lancaster, PA, for our 2017 District Convention, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Northeast District. We have made so much progress in the past year, and I would like to share with you some of the stepping stones that have gone into the preparation for this Convention, which is the culmination of all our hard work.

In July, I traveled to Washington, D.C. with Kaitlyn, Brian, and the Counselors for our Summer Meeting. This was our first in-person meeting of the term, and we accomplished so much great work. During this meeting we set our vision for the year, came up with a timeline for the rest of the term (literally through today), and came up with a lot of really great ideas to make this year the best year to be on NED Council.

Two weeks later, the five of us traveled to National Headquarters in Stillwater, Oklahoma and met with the National Leadership as well as the other District Councils. Since we were already so far ahead of the game, our experience at this meeting was very fulfilling and we solidified our plans for the year using SMART goals. Sidenote, if you ever need some hints about time management, hit Allison up.

Kaitlyn, Brian, and I established friendships with Officers from the other Districts. The Presidents have served as a support network for me throughout this entire term, and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have met these amazing human beings.

Since we left District Convention last year without a Host Chapter for this year's Convention, the Fall semester was a blur. It was difficult to get ahead on Convention planning because we had no idea where we would be. Instead, we brought Joanna Hull on board and focused our energy on pushing Chapters to complete Project Good Member, Focus on Five, and their national paperwork on time.

Fast forward through marching band season, a bunch of Google Hangouts, and a whole lot of coffee, and we arrive at Winter Meeting. We were finally in Lancaster with a Convention site, and everything was beginning to fall into place. Kylie and I spent many nights sending email after email to Chapters and other participants to promote this event and iron out all the details. I am sure at this point more than one person groans in annoyance when they see my name in their inbox asking them for more help or information, but that's just part of the job.

At the three Precinct Meetings, the District Council worked hard to promote District Convention and the goals we hoped to achieve. We talked with Chapter Officers and general members alike, getting feedback and sharing ideas to improve the daily happenings of the NED. Our goal from this point was to give everyone some new information to take back to their Chapters and make at least one improvement, and I sincerely believe we have succeeded in that regard.

Now, it's the last day of District Convention 2017. This is the last formal address I will give to you as the District President. In the past two months, I have organized the schedule, workshops, and committees for this weekend with Kylie. I've laughed in hysteria, I've cried in frustration, and I've certainly whined quite a bit. My time on District Council has come to an end.

Keeping the eighth Essential Factor in mind, "Fortitude and courage to see an ideal, to seize upon it, and follow it wherever it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma," I would like to reflect upon my time in Office and give you all some advice.

First, don't ever give up. I cannot express to you the amount of times I have thought, "I don't know why I'm putting up with this, it's time for me to step aside" from the time I became an MC to today. Especially as the District President, it is easy to lose sight of why we became a part of this organization in the first place. We all love music, and we all enjoy the bond it creates between us. When things get tough, reach out to those you trust and ask for guidance. Persistence is key.

Second, don't be afraid to be annoying. I quickly lost sight of when I was being too pushy when I came into this position, and I honestly think it was one of the best decisions I made. When you are truly passionate about something, it shows, and you shouldn't be afraid to pursue your ideas.

Third, remember to take some time for yourself. This is what I struggled with most throughout my term. Since we were so pressed for time this year, Kylie and I had A LOT to get done in a very short amount of time. At times it became so stressful that I wasn't sure what to do with myself, and it added even more stress onto an already stressful position. Taking a break (especially if you are running away with someone for the summer to go upstate) is completely understandable, and even encouraged. Council isn't meant to be stressful; it should be fun and rewarding.

Finally, keep in mind that you're never in this alone. Whether you are an MC, a Chapter member, a Chapter Officer, a District Officer, or a National Officer, there is always someone who is willing to lend an ear to listen or lend a hand to help out if you're struggling. I would like to take a moment to recognize those who have been instrumental to my success as District President this year.

To Delta Omega - I know things have been rough this year, but I am so grateful for the group of you who came to Convention. The group of you who are present today have been the shining stars throughout my time as an Active member of this Chapter, and I am so proud of the work you guys are still doing and your positive influence on the Chapter.

To Chris Lukasik - The first time I met you was during Winter Meeting in Jess's house (sidenote: I'm still not Maura), and you hugged me. I remember back then all I could think about was what a weirdo you were, but you have been one of the most important people in my life ever since. I cannot thank you enough for your willingness to answer your phone at any hour of the day to help me talk through issues.

To Sarah Fitzgerald, Emily Anstey, Ted McCadden, and Kat Howell - Y'all are amazing. Thank you for texting me at odd hours to answer my questions and talk through action plans for the past few months. You have been more helpful than you know.

To my Council (Maggi, Kaitlyn, and Brian) - It's been real, it's been fun, but it hasn't been real fun. You've been with me in that group chat with the upside down smiley face since day one, and I'm grateful for your help and support.

To Allison Leemann - You are amazing. Thank you for being such a positive role model and helpful figure throughout my term as District President. You have answered every question and not laughed at me, even when I was being stupid, and you laugh at my jokes most of the time. Your guidance was instrumental to the success of this Convention.

To Anthony Barbir - Your sass has gotten me through this year. Last year Chris said he thought you didn't like him when the two of you first met. I must say I agree, but I know it comes from a place of love. You have worked so hard this year and given me so much helpful advice; I can't thank you enough.

To the Chapter Presidents - You all are amazing. Every time you have started a message with, "I'm sorry to bother you, but..." please know that you were not bothering me one bit. The greatest pleasure of this job is talking to all of you and helping you succeed in every way

possible. I am so proud of the work you have done this year, and I hope you will pass everything you have learned onto your successors to continue pushing your Chapters in the right direction.

To all of the Sisters - Thank you for choosing me to be your District President this year. This job has caused me to grow so much as a Sister and as a professional, both from the good and bad times. I have worked hard every day of my term to live up to your expectations, and I hope I have succeeded. You all have so much to be proud of, and it's been an honor to work with you all, harness your potential, and work to bring it out in your daily activities.

To Jess Gamble - When I was a freshman at BU and hated life, you are the one who gave me the strength and courage to pursue my dreams, and ultimately helped me make the decision to return to Tau Beta Sigma. You have stood by me throughout every triumph and obstacle ever since. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Because I wanted to end this final report with a bang, I thought about leaving you with my infamous electron joke. But instead, I would like to share with you a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, which was stated to me by my Big on the night of my First Degree.

“Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.”

This is definitely a bittersweet moment. Tau Beta Sigma has brought many wonderful people into my life, and I hope to stay in contact with them for years to come. I will be beginning graduate school in the Fall semester (probably in the Syracuse area, holla), so it is time to move on to the next chapter in my life.

Thank you again for everything you have given me. It's been an honor.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,

Shelby Coleman

Northeast District President 2016-2017

III. Vice-President of Membership

When I was appointed to be District Vice President of Membership this winter I was so excited to be able to serve the District. Coming in right before travel season meant that most of the projects for this year had already been set up. While she was in office Joanna was able to create some amazing projects that I feel are important to highlight. This year Project Good Member was revamped so Chapters would be able to recreate the pins they wore as Membership Candidates through a series of activities within the categories of: Integrating the Five Qualities and Eight Essential Factors into Chapter Life, Recognition of your Sisters, Improving Chapter Bonding, Improving Chapter Business, and Continuing Personal Growth. By doing one activity in each category the Membership Candidate pin would be built. Project Good Member also became for flexible as Chapters could change a listed activity or submit an activity for approval

that was not listed, but fit in the category. The entire NED was able able to see all of the activities that Chapters did through a new social media requirement. I am happy to announce that 15 Chapters participated in Project Good Member this year! Joanna also established an email system with all of the Chapter Vice Presidents of Membership. Every few months the VPMs received an email check in to see if they needed any help, had any questions, updates on District projects, and to see how things were going. After taking this office I continued to reach out to each Chapter. This really helped me get to know each Chapter and what they struggle with along with what they do amazingly. This also helped establish an easy line of communication when a VPM had a question or issue.

Becoming a District Officer right before travel season meant that I needed to pick and choose what goals I felt were the most important. My first goal was to continue with the projects the office already had and help Chapters participate in Project Good Member. I was able to accomplish this through reaching out personally to many VPMs to help them realize activities that their Chapter already does counted as well as hosting a webinar that explained the program more in depth. Secondly, I wanted to make connections with as much of the NED that I could, and I'm happy to say that I now have friends in Chapters 700 miles away from where I go to school from going to Precinct meetings. Lastly, my main goal was to help Chapters create new Continuing Education activities that active members would find fun, educational, and meaningful. I'm excited to say that several Chapters have told me about new activities that they tried, and I am so happy to see them stepping outside of their box.

Lastly, I want to thank people that helped me so that I would be able to be the best District Vice President of Membership I could be for the NED. First I would like to thank my fellow council mates and the counselors for fitting me into the council so late into the year. Secondly, thank you to Joanna for creating an amazing foundation while she was in office for me to be able to grow on. Next I would like to thank Emily Anstey for being my rock and giving some amazing advice these past few months. Thank you to my very own Chapter-Eta Gamma-for full heartedly supporting me in this crazy journey, keep being so productive and good looking, proud and aggressive. Lastly, thank you to the entire NED for accepting me with open arms, you guys are the true reason we do what we do.

LITB,

Maggi McGarry

IV. Vice-President of Special Projects

This year has been a wild ride in a lot of ways. I graduated college, started graduate program for Mental Health Counseling, I moved to a new state, and ran off the floor and won this position at my own school while simultaneously running a convention and being chapter president.

At the start of my term, some of the council's main goals were to efficiently plan District Convention, learn how to operate with 4 people on council, and probably a million other things.

My major responsibilities during the year were to oversee service projects planned and executed at the chapter level, oversee participation in National Programs, assist with any needs for district convention such as workshops, track each chapter's Focus on Five participation, attend all meetings and calls, and keep in touch with our National VPSP. Some projects and individual goals that I had were the creation of the Service Trio and the making of the "How to be a VPSP" Packet, personally reaching out to each chapter VPSP and the Focus on Five program, which encompassed many national programs.

In the beginning of the year, I reached out to each VPSP by phone or Skype. While I wish I had an opportunity to do it again halfway through the year, I hope you all found that useful. For me, it gave me a better sense of what the district wanted and what each chapter individually wanted. Through this, I was better able to track chapter's progress throughout the year (whether you all realized it or not).

I began the "Service Trio" in order to begin our first service initiative in many years. For those who may not be fully acquainted with it, the service initiative asks chapters to do 3 service projects throughout the year, one in each of three categories – preservation (something that has to do with upkeep of material items of your chapter or band), performance (self explanatory), and education. Two of these had to be new, and one could be old. I did this to encourage two things – different kinds of service, and trying new things.

We often think of service as simply helping set up the band room or passing out goodie bags, which are great and you should keep doing them, but it is so much more than that. For those who participated, I hope this project gave you some new insight into service and got you thinking in a new way about service. I've seen such a change in this District's service projects over the last year, and for that I feel extremely happy and satisfied.

One project that I did not complete was a District Wide Service Day. Despite trying to plan several times, the timing just never worked out. Though I'm disappointed, I hope that whoever takes my place also sees this as a priority. Planning early is in your best interest, whoever you are out there.

Though I did not complete all of my goals, I am extremely thankful for the time I got on district council. It was stressful at times, but also very rewarding. I have learned a lot about my sisters, my sorority, and myself that I'm extremely grateful for.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the girl who sat next to me and nominated me from the floor, Brianne from Iota Kappa. I turned, asked her to nominate me, and she said "ok." I'm pretty sure she graduated, but Iota Kappa, pass my thanks. It literally would not have been possible without her.

Second, I'd like to thank my home chapter, Iota Alpha. Thank you for standing behind me in my decision to run. It was not an easy decision for me, and I would never have done it without you all. You've been there for me as friends and sisters from the beginning. While District Council has been fun, I will always think of you and everything you've given me first when I think of Tau Beta Sigma.

To Shelby, Brian, and Maggi. Thanks for being amazing and using the upside-down smiling emoji so frequently. It's been stressful, not gonna lie. But at least we got through it together and I'm thankful to have you all as sisters and friends.

I'd also like to thank Anthony and Allison for their support and perseverance through this time of transition and, to be honest, chaos. You've helped me with both personal challenges, and TBS challenges and I hope you know how much I appreciate all your guidance.

I first got into service at a very young age, and it has been ingrained in me ever since. I hope that some of you have felt that, particularly all the amazing VPS(P)s that I had the pleasure of working with this year. Through much of my life, I've followed Buddhism. For those who aren't familiar, much of Buddhism is about service and helping others and showing compassion. So I'd like to leave you with a quote from the Dalai Lama – it's short and simple but something that I always carry with me, particularly when thinking about service, and it goes like this, "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito."

Respectfully submitted with much love in the bond,

Kaitlyn Devrous

Northeast District Vice-President of Special Projects 2016-2017

V. Secretary-Treasurer

To the Sisters of the Northeast District,

In order to keep this report flowing well, I have included some of the 268 hashtags the Council and Counselors have contributed throughout our meetings. (*#NotEnoughHashtags*)

One year ago, we were joined together at my alma mater, Marist College. (*#ArtHimmelberger*) The Convention was a blur of nervousness and excitement for me, mostly because I had no idea what was in store for me in the upcoming year. I was graduating with a job offer from IBM in Poughkeepsie and would continue playing in the band as an alum. I thought about running for Office but would be unable to make the Convention if I was selected to participate in our NCAA Band. Following the loss of our Women's Basketball team in the

MAAC tournament and with only one week left to submit packets for Office, I rushed to put all of the pieces together so I could run for District Secretary-Treasurer.

The transition from Chapter responsibilities to District ones was interesting. I was able to see how the District Council operated and knew that I would be challenged with handling both Secretary and Treasurer duties. This was a major concern when combining the role, but I would like to think that I handled the position well. Since Shelby was still on Council (*#LetShelbyGraduate*), I could ask her how she performed Secretary tasks and I reached out to Kyle and Erin a few times to make sure I was doing everything correctly.

In addition to typing minutes (*#BrianWriteThisDown*), I worked on goals from my packet. I kept an up-to-date Chapter Officer contact spreadsheet for the Council to be able to reach those specific Sisters easily. I held a few virtual workshops and chatted with Treasurers about their Chapter fundraising. I revamped the District website and updated it consistently throughout the year. Ultimately, I worked on tasks as they came up and was able to get a lot done with my time on Council.

One goal that I am very proud of is District Pen Pals. I loved the concept ever since I was a Membership Candidate and I decided to take it to the next level. I wrote code that paired over 300 Brothers and Sisters together based on their preferred interests, such as major, instrument, graduation year, and highest position held in the Chapter. This program covered all six Districts of both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and I have heard many great stories from participants. Some conversations dwindled but some turned into great relationships demonstrated in the History Projects and Golden Typewriter Awards. These interactions were solely based on preference, so participants could communicate to a Brother MC, a Chapter President Sister, or even a Life Member from across the country. An improvement many suggested for the program next year would be more responsibility for communication. Implementing a monthly newsletter with a prompt written by the District Secretary-Treasurer would be a good way for people to stay involved with the program. My favorite part of this project was incorporating different methods of communication. I covered typical snail mail, email, Facebook Messenger, and phone numbers for calling or texting. I think this allowed for people to stay more involved than being forced into one method of communication that they might not typically use.

I also did many tasks that I would not have imagined prior to being elected Secretary-Treasurer. I would become a meme expert (*#CreativeCouncil*), provide a solution to our email distribution list, and support the rest of the Northeast District Council through personal matters and deciding what food they should eat. (*#EverythingBagel*, *#Poptarts*, or *#ToasterStrudel*) I defaulted to being the team's go-to person for computer problems (*#BrianTheTechGuy*), and ran the social media accounts for a few months out of the year. (*#DangThatsEfficient*)

One important piece of information that I wanted to bring up in my report is that the Secretary and Treasurer positions were separated since 1994 and only became combined this past year. Personally, I was able to organize the duties of both positions well. One problem I did

encounter was falling behind during Travel Season since budgeting and fundraising became much more involved than just planning it all out so my Secretary duties started to slip. (*#TBStbh*) I support the continuation of the combined position but suggest the next person work on planning out more across the year so that Travel Season will be lighter. (*#TauBetaWisdom*)

Onward to my shoutouts:

- **Iota Alpha:** Thank you for being an amazing group of people. I'm so glad to see how great the Chapter is doing even after I graduated! (*#KathrynKellyPlease*)
- **Ted McCadden & Kat Howell:** Thank you for supporting the Chapters in the District and for being such good role models and friends. (*#WelcomeToTheNED*)
- **Kaitlyn Devrous:** Thank you for joining the Marist Band with me and ending up on Council together. (*#RunningManChallenge*)
- **Maggi McGarry:** Thank you for continuing PGM and putting all of your aggressive pride from Eta Gamma back into the District. (*#CrushedIt*)
- **Shelby Coleman:** Thank you for being "gr8", "dabomb.com", and everything in between. I enjoyed our upside-down smiley face emoji conversations (*#NoMoreElectrons*)
- **Allison Leemann:** Thank you for all of the hard work you have put into the District and for always supporting the Council's life outside of Council work. (*#AlwaysBringABathingSuit*)
- **Anthony Barbir:** Thank you for supporting me even while I was only a Membership Candidate. I appreciated your commitment to the Council being our Council and allowing us to do things our own, unique way. (*#WhereAreTheCounselors*)
- **National Council:** Thank you for supporting the Northeast District. I loved meeting you all at DLC! Special shoutout to Erika Pope for working so well with me! (*#NationalCouncilProbablyShouldntReadThat*)
- **Sisters of the Northeast District:** Thank you for all being so supportive and individually amazing. I know the District is doing well by seeing all of the progress your Chapters have made this past year! (*#KickassConvention*)

I am hopeful for the continued growth of the Northeast District and I am very grateful for my time on Council. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavours.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love In The Bond,

Brian Main

TBS NED Secretary-Treasurer 2016-2017

VI. Counselors

ANTHONY

Once upon a time, there were two knights...

ALLISON

(interjecting) Hold up!

ANTHONY

You're right - we did that last year!

ALLISON

Let's mix it up.. Hamilton style! You are the AN-TH-ON-Y

ANTHONY

(interjecting) Maybe we leave that to Lin Manuel?

ALLISON

Fine, fine..

ANTHONY

Okay. So. For some strange reason, the counselors and governors decided it was a good time to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the NED by hosting a hotel convention.

ALLISON

WHAT WERE WE THINKING???

ANTHONY

I know, right? But it's been fun, right? (try to get some audience affirmation)

ALLISON

Yeah - it's actually ended up to be totally worth it. It's an amazing gathering place for our students, and we are happy to put in the work for the Northeast District! You know something that really stuck out to me during our planning process?

ANTHONY

The fact that the hotel sales manager's name is Allison Anthony?

ALLISON

That is true, but I'm talking about the Gold Keys for Success that we provided to the hotel staff!

ANTHONY

That's right! The hotel asked us for our most important keys to success for Convention weekend. Do you want to know what we came up with? (encouraging audience affirmation)

1. (ANTHONY) The first most important key to the success of this event is providing leadership and professional development opportunities to our students through workshops, committee meetings, and more. Leadership is one of the key pillars of our organizations.

2. (ALLISON) The second most important key to the success of this event is providing a safe space where students from across the district can gather to network, learn from each other, and form lifelong friendships. This plays into the social aspect of our organizations.

3. (ANTHONY) The third most important key to the success of this event is the musical opportunities we provide - in reading band, auxiliary clinic, and various workshops. Music is what brings us together.

ALLISON

Spot on, Anthony. Putting together these keys to success for the hotel convention made me think - what are the keys to success for our Chapters of TBS?

ANTHONY

Every Chapter has their keys to success to function at a high level to support their band and the mission and vision of Tau Beta Sigma. What do you think the NED Chapter's keys to success are?

ALLISON

Let's find out! Everyone turn to the Sisters sitting by your side and take a few minutes to talk about a key to success for your Chapter this year. You have 1 minute... go!

Anddddd STOP!

ANTHONY

Perfect timing. Let's here from a few Chapters about their key to success. [Iota Alpha, Gamma Omega]

ALLISON

So we all love to hear about the gold keys to success - that is the fun stuff to talk about. But you know what? Things don't always go the way we expect. Our success is then dependent on the response to these challenges. I like to think of these as the not-so-shiny or "Not Facebook Shiny" keys to success.

ANTHONY

Since we've heard the gold keys, now Allison and I want to hear your Chapter's not-so-shiny keys to success. Take a minute to talk with the Sisters around you about something your Chapter has overcome this year - or something that you are in the process of working through. How did your Chapter turn the negative into a positive? Go!

ALLISON

Time's up! Who would like to share their not-so-shiny key to success? Remember this isn't about the problem, it is about the solution! [Select Delta Delta, Eta Gamma, and Eta Delta.]

ANTHONY

Those are great examples that demonstrate the tenacity it takes to overcome a challenge within a Chapter.

ALLISON

You know? I heard a two themes in our gold key and not-so-shiny key discussions:

1. Communication - Being open and forward with communication between officers, the Chapter, and individual members is a key to success across the board. Whether golden or not, our communication as Sisters should be truthful, respectful, and contribute constructively to an idea or a proposed solution to a challenge.
2. Engagement - We are at our best when we come together and unify toward a common goal or a solution. Whether it is taking on a new task or overcoming a challenge, all Sisters should feel empowered to contribute their ideas and time toward the success of the Chapter.

ANTHONY

We often don't hear about the challenges Chapters overcome - they aren't the "Facebook" or "Instagram" shiny updates we want to share, but they are a very important part of a Chapter's business and existence within the band program - knowing how to face adversity is just as important as being successful on the first attempt.

ALLISON

So what are we going to do the next time we feel itchy about a conversation or issue that pops up in a chapter meeting? Or on the practice field? Or at work? Or even at home?

ANTHONY

Are we going to ignore it? (let the audience answer)

Are we going to let it simmer and fester until it becomes a hot bubbly mess? (let the audience answer)

Are we going to have a productive, adult conversation with our peers to identify the issue, separate business from personal, and create a plan with specific action steps that takes us to where we want to be? (let the audience answer)

ALLISON

HUZZAH! Yes! Eureka! We've found it!

ANTHONY

It's okay to be itchy, isn't it?

ALLISON

It totally is. (dramatic pause) Maybe get some cortisone for that.

ANTHONY

Respectfully submitted,,

BOTH

The future Michaels Bay of Motivational Screenplays

VII. Joint Convention Site & Publications - No report submitted.

VIII. Jurisdiction - No report submitted.

IX. Membership

Membership Committee - March 17th and 18th, 2017

The charges for the 2017 Membership Committee are as follows:

Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:

- 2016 Membership Committee Charges
- 2016 Membership Committee Report
- 2015-2017 TBS National Constitution

- 2016-2017 TBS NED Constitution
- Project Good Member 2016/2017
- Northeast District CMEP
- Spirit Days Fall 2016
- MEP Resources
- Exchange phone numbers, email addresses, and hotel room numbers at the first committee meeting.
- Review the 2016 Membership Committee Report and Charges.
- Review any National or District requirements related to membership, including the new process for having an approved MEP on file in order to conduct intake.
- Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
- Review District programs related to membership, including Project Good Member, NED CMEP and Spirit Days.
 - Review programs for effectiveness and brainstorm new ideas.
 - Explore additional opportunities for chapters to improve joint relations, and consider creating a program.
 - Create a section in Project Good Member for PME retention.
 - Discuss an adaptation of Project Good Member for membership candidates.
- Create a set of charges for the 2018 Membership Committee, to be included in the 2017 Membership Committee Report.

Description of discussion points as well as conclusions and suggestions for each charge. This can be done in either list or paragraph form in whatever method is most clear. Each of your charges should be touched upon in this section.

Membership Education Program (MEP) Outline:

- This was the first year that there was an MEP outline from nationals that VPMs needed to follow
- The committee reviewed all the criteria in the MEP outline and cleared up any points of confusion. Key talking points included:
 - The Branding Policy is very similar to the Hazing Policy
 - Cleared up points of confusion regarding sorority pin policies
 - New requirement that a chapter has to have their MEP approved by the District Counselors before they can have any membership intake events (Dates/descriptions of recruitment events must be included but dates can be tentative and updated after approval)
 - Policies should be explained to Membership Candidates, and brought up to potential candidates before their first degree
 - Recognizing that chapters should seek out members of their band who embody the ideals of the sorority during recruitment and not let personal afflictions impede judgement on their worthiness of membership
 - Clarifying Candidate Early Termination Procedures
 - Whether self-dropped or chapter-dropped, all materials pertaining to the sorority must be collected

- Before a chapter terminates the process for an MC, there should be a remediation process so as to try to resolve the problem first
 - The purpose of providing a calendar is to give the district counselors and VPM an idea of the time commitment for an active member / MC
- Future Considerations:
 - Review ritual/songs - national convention
 - Next Membership Committee should review the outline with the advisors

Continuing Membership Education Program:

- Some items/overview, but not explicitly stated
- Committee members discussed different ways that their chapters conducted Post Membership Education - each chapter has something that works for them
- Active Members should be held to the same standards as Membership Candidates in regards to assessing retention of information
- There is a list from nationals that every active member should know (i.e. Affirmation, 5 and 8, etc.) - will be updated at national convention
- Committee members shared feedback with Jonathan Markowski in regards to the MEP/CMEP
 - Most members agreed that although the MEP is lengthy, it is necessary
 - Members agreed that they wish they knew more about the components of an MEP
 - MEP is recorded over the years (it gets created when the chapter is a colony), so chapters can review it over time
- Next membership committee should offer feedback to committee advisors and discuss effective CMEP strategies

Project Good Member (PGM):

- Brief overview of what Project Good Member is and what its purpose is
- New Activity Idea: Numbers Activity (Delta Delta): In today's world, numbers tend to represent people in a negative way (weight, low GPA, student ID number, etc.) so each member of the chapter writes down a number that represents them in a positive way. The possibilities for what this number could be are endless. Examples include an important date, age, achievement, etc. Have each chapter member share what their number is and why they chose it
- The committee reviewed each PGM activity and expressed any concerns or suggestions they had about the activity (in minutes)
- Some activities in PGM can really help with CMEP

Spirit Days:

- There is an NED spirit week in the Fall where each day focuses on one of the five qualities
- In the Spring, there is a national spirit initiative called the 13 Days of Wava that focuses on the 5 and 8
- The committee agreed that doing a spirit week in the Fall focusing on the five qualities was redundant, so the district spirit week could have a different focus

- The committee suggested that the NED VPM could focus on the five qualities instead

The charges for the 2018 Membership Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2017 Membership Committee notes and charges
2. Review any national membership programs, protocol, and initiatives including the MEP outline with committee advisor(s) and clear up any points of confusion
3. Discuss effective means of facilitating CMEP
4. Offer feedback to the membership advisor(s) on how to improve the MEP
5. Review district membership programs and initiatives, including Project Good Member:
 - a. Discuss new ideas for PGM activities
 - b. Review PGM protocol and activities for effectiveness
 - c. Offer suggestions for how to incorporate Membership Candidates into PGM activities
 - d. Explore more PGM opportunities for joint relations and CMEP
6. Create a set of charges for the 2019 Membership Committee to be included in the 2018 Membership Committee final report
7. Submit any proposed changes to the NED constitution or Chapter Operations Manual pertaining to membership by the end of the first committee meeting

The charges for the 2017-2018 District Vice President of Membership are as follows:

1. Work with the 2018 Membership Committee to discuss national and district membership programs and initiatives
2. Update the Project Good Member program to reflect suggestions made during the committee meetings
3. Send relevant membership policies to all chapter VPMs to be shared with their chapters
4. Change the focus of the Fall spirit days to reflect something other than the five qualities, potentially the five purposes
5. Work with chapter VPMs to develop their MEPs

Respectfully submitted,
 Madeline Gordon, Delta Delta (Chair)
 Maggi McGarry, Eta Gamma (NED VPM)
 Jonathan Markowski, Delta Delta (Advisor)

Scott Travers (Eta Chi)
 Nathan Mehalick (Delta Omega)
 Corey Shore (Delta Delta)
 Hannah Grossman (Gamma Omega)
 Nikko Paserba (Gamma Omega)
 Kendall Seeley (Zeta Omicron)
 Diana Green (Eta Rho)
 Brittany Mabry (Iota Kappa)

Cornesha Elliott (Epsilon Rho)
Annie Robbins (Gamma Kappa)

X. Nominations

2017 Nominations Committee Report

Nominations Committee - March 17th & 18th, 2017

Oriana Freeman, Epsilon Rho (Chair)
Kat Howell (Advisor)

Hello to the Sisters of the Northeast District,

My name is Oriana Freeman, and it was an honor to serve as your 2017 Northeast District Nominations Committee Chair! I am truly grateful and thankful of this opportunity, and on the behalf of the Nominations Committee, we would like to thank the District Council for allowing such an opportunity to occur within our lovely sorority. They have trusted us to make the best judgement on suggesting a slate we feel will serve our Northeast District best.

For those who are not fully aware of this process, the nominations committee charges are as follows:

1. Review the district and national constitution.
2. Review the list of eligible candidates based on the packets that were submitted electronically a week prior to the start of Convention (per 2016-2017 Constitution).
3. Review/create questions to interview candidates (specific to Officer & General).
4. Conduct the meet the candidate's panel.
5. Interview all candidates found eligible, being sure to ask the same questions if there are multiple candidates running for the same office.
6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.

With that being said, the nominations committee has carefully considered all requirements for candidacy as well as expected tasks, past experiences, GPA, letters of recommendation and many other important indicators that would determine *fit* council members for our beloved Northeast District.

On that note we hope that you would respect our strongly recommended slate as well as those candidates who have taken the time to fore think both this painstaking process and the future of

the Northeast District. We especially ask that you keep in mind should anyone choose to run from the floor.

Without further ado we recommend the following slate with great confidence:

Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa) for President

Maggy McGarry (Eta Gamma) for Vice President of Membership

Lauren Suran (Iota Alpha) for Secretary-Treasurer

Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon) for Vice President of Special Projects

Respectfully Submitted,

Oriana Freeman, Epsilon Rho (Chair)

Kat Howell (Advisor)

Jenna Woodard, Delta Delta

Hayleigh Kelley, Eta Chi

Jordan Washington, Eta Delta

Lindsey Woods, Delta Omega

Zoe Humphreys, Beta Eta

Kelsi Good, Gamma Chi

XI. Programs

Programs Committee - March 17th and 18th, 2017

Steph Taboada, Zeta Upsilon (Chair)

Adrienne Rall, Theta Mu, National VPSP (Advisor)

The Charges for the 2017 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. To make sure that both National and District Programs are being implemented and explained to all chapters, while identifying ways to build interest and involvement in these programs.
2. To review National and District Programs and their requirements.
3. To submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
4. To review the effectiveness of the "Service Trio" initiative and make suggestions for any changes.
5. To brainstorm a plan or general ideas for a District-wide Service Day.

The Charges for the 2018 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. To make sure that both National and District Programs are being implemented and explained to all chapters.
2. To review all National and District Programs, and propose any ideas or changes.

The Charges for the 2017-2018 Vice President of Special Projects are as follows:

1. To update the How To Be a VPS(P) manual in insure the success of the district.
2. To create and promote a District-wide Service Day, including a document with possible Service project ideas.
3. To create a section of the TBS NED webpage, prior to the beginning of the academic school year, specifically for the National programs, including a short description and link to the National Website.
4. To collaborate with the Vice President of Membership on District Spirit Days by adding a meaningful aspect to each theme, and to promote these themes with ample time through various social media platforms.
5. To keep the Service Trio Project and update as needed.

The Charges for the 2017-2018 Vice President of Membership are as follows:

1. To update and promote the existence of Project Good Member.

The Charges for the 2017-2018 Secretary-Treasurer are as follows:

1. To update the Pen Pals Program with different ways to communicate with our pen pal.
2. To promote the existence of District and National Awards.

The Charges for the 2017-2018 District Council are as follows:

1. To clarify the purposes of each social media platform.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amanda Bresnahan- Delta Delta (proxy for Eta Alpha)

Adam Lynch- Eta Sigma

XII. Ways & Means

Ways and Means Committee – March 17th and 18th, 2017

Jill Regner, Gamma Omega (Chair)

Lisa Croston (Advisor)

Tyra Yiare (Advisor)

The charges of the 2017 Ways And Means Committee are as follows:

1. Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:
 - a. 2016 Ways and Means Committee Charges
 - b. 2016 Ways and Means Committee Report
 - c. 2015-2017 TBS National Constitution
 - d. 2016-2017 TBS NED Constitution
 - e. 2016-2017 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
 - f. 2016-2017 Budget & 2017-2018 Proposed Budget
2. Exchange phone numbers, email addresses, and hotel room numbers at the first committee meeting.
3. Review the 2016 Ways and Means Committee Report and Charges.
4. Review the National and District requirements related to the budget.
5. Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
6. Review the proposed and actual expenses and income from the 2016-2017 budget.
7. Review the proposed expenses and income for the 2017-2018 budget.
8. Create a recommendation for a final proposed 2017-2018 budget.
9. Brainstorm fundraiser ideas that could work at the district level throughout the year, both TBS-only and with Kappa Kappa Psi.
10. Explore ways to increase income or decrease expenses if the donation line item is removed (formerly known as delegate fees).
11. Evaluate the effect of combining the previous two Treasurer and Secretary positions into one District Secretary-Treasurer position has on fundraising.
12. Create a set of charges for the 2018 Ways and Means Committee, to be included in the 2017 Ways and Means Committee Report.
13. Review and discuss any improvements to overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.

Charge 1. Committee members present were emailed a copy of all the listed documents. From there we moved into Charges 3 and 4. We decided to only exchange information in Charge 2, other than email addresses, if we needed more time than was set aside for committee meetings.

Charges 3-5. After reviewing the charges and requirements, we used the first committee meeting to submit proposed changes to the NED Constitution and Standard Operating Procedure to the Jurisdiction committee.

Charges 6-7. We reviewed the provided Proposed and Actual Expenses and Income from the 2016-2017 budget, as well as the Proposed Expenses and Income for the 2017-2018 budget.

Charge 8. After reviewing the proposal, the committee made changes as seen necessary for the coming year.

2016-2017 Budget

Expenses Proposed

Expenses Actual

Summer Meeting \$250.00	\$250.00
Off Season Officer Travel \$175.00	\$59.06
Winter Meeting \$250.00	\$249.63
Fundraising \$250.00	\$250.00
Officer Materials \$50.00	\$35.00
Honorary Budget \$150.00	\$150.00
Precinct Meetings \$500.00	\$508.23
Life Member Scholarship \$350.00	\$350.00
Officer Travel for Districts \$250.00	\$250.00

Officer Housing for Districts \$300.00	\$429.57
Total Expense \$2630.00	\$2531.49

Income Proposed

Income Actual

Fall Allocations \$1200.00	\$1348.83
Spring Allocations \$250.00	\$250.00
Fundraising \$400.00	\$461.50
Donations \$780.00	\$0.00 (as of 03/17/17)*
Total Income \$2630.00	\$2060.33

Total income-expenses proposed: \$0.00 Actual income-expenses: -\$471.16

*Note: Because donations, a line item that replaced the delegate fee, are being collected at 2017 NED Convention, this number is not currently reported

Proposed 2017-2018 Budget by NED Secretary-Treasurer Brian Main

Expenses

Summer Meeting	\$200.00
Off Season Officer Travel	\$75.00
Winter Meeting	\$200.00
Fundraising	\$300.00

Officer Materials	\$25.00
Honoraries	\$150.00
Precinct Meeting Travel	\$600.00
Life Membership Scholarship	\$350.00
NEDCon 2018 Travel	\$200.00
NEDCon 2018 Lodging	\$0.00
Open Allocations	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$2100.00

Income

Fall Allocations	\$1350.00
Spring Allocations	\$250.00
Fundraising	\$500.00
Total Income	\$2100.00

Total income-expenses \$0.00

Changes to proposed expenses:

Our goal was to trim expenses, while increasing income to account for a new line item. We added a \$500 dollar NatCon Travel line item, to cover some of the lodging expenses for the council. To make this more manageable, we cut Off Season Officer Travel, and Officer Materials. This is because since it is a National Convention year, more resources should be devoted to traveling there, while Officer Materials and Off Season Travel are less essential. District Officers can carpool and try to stay with the host chapter for NEDCon, just like for Precinct meetings. We then increased the Fundraising expense by \$100. In income, we increased proposed fundraising by \$500, and split it into two subcategories, Ongoing Fundraisers and One Time Fundraisers. We removed the donation line item in favor of more reliable, concrete sources of income.

Proposed Budget by the Ways and Means Committee

Expenses

Summer Meeting	\$200.00
Off Season Officer Travel	\$0.00
Winter Meeting	\$200.00
Fundraising	\$400.00
Officer Materials	\$0.00
Honoraries	\$150.00
Precinct Meeting Travel	\$600.00
Life Membership Scholarship	\$350.00
NEDCon 2018 Travel	\$200.00
NEDCon 2018 Lodging	\$0.00
NATCon 2017	\$500.00
Open Allocations	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$2600.00

Income

Fall Allocations	\$1350.00
Spring Allocations	\$250.00
Fundraising	\$1000.00
Ongoing Fundraisers	\$600.00
One Time Fundraisers	\$400.00

Total Income	\$2600.00
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Total income-expenses \$0.00

Charges 9-10. While our proposed Fundraising line item is higher than past years, we believe it is very attainable by starting immediately. The goal was to create a list of fundraisers that provide a more reliable source of income than the donation line item. Many of our proposed fundraisers are ongoing, lasting through the year, while others can be set up as soon as possible to have them ready for NATCon. The Secretary-Treasurer would have a marketplace on the NED website as soon as possible, as well as posting links on the District Facebook pages and Email Listserv.

- One time fundraisers
 - Online raffles. What to raffle? We thought specifically of things that could be raffled for use at NATCon
 - NED and Joint specific things
 - Chapters donate a basket, etc. for a percentage of the profit
 - An NED scrapbook featuring every chapter
 - Universal Studios tickets
 - A gift card to a restaurant near the hotel, Disney gift card
 - Uber gift card
 - Set up fundraisers at restaurants near chapters
- Ongoing Fundraisers
 - NED apparel, specifically sporting NED pride, rather than one specific event
 - This can be incorporated into a joint fundraiser
 - An NED specific set of letters?
 - Photo booth at conventions/meetings

Charge 11. We evaluated the effectiveness of combining the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Primarily, duties were Secretary and correspondence heavy, while the two positions' responsibilities did not overlap as much as expected. Because of circumstances outside the Secretary-Treasurer's control, many responsibilities that would have been more evenly distributed between the four Council positions fell on him. However, we determined that after this transition year, combining the two positions is more beneficial than otherwise. By combining the positions, corresponding Treasurer projects to the District and the Joint Council was much easier. While between Secretary and Treasurer, there are twice as many people to correspond with, combining the two smaller positions into one, also made the Secretary-Treasurer more involved in the Council and Council affairs as a whole.

Charge 13. We evaluated the committee meeting structure and determined that it would be beneficial to give delegates assigned to the committee access to the proposed budget, and other documents ahead of time. One suggestion is to provide the committee head with the email addresses of the committee members, so the materials can be distributed before convention.

Charges for the 2017-2018 WAYS AND MEANS Committee:

1. Review the proposed and actual income and expenditure from the 2017-2018 budget with the District Secretary-Treasurer and President
2. Review the proposed budget for 2018-2019
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of a more fundraising-dependent source of income than a donations line item
4. Evaluate the effect of combining the Secretary and Treasurer positions into one now that we are past the transition year

Charges for the 2017-2018 Secretary-Treasurer:

1. Begin fundraising as soon as possible for NATCon
2. Anticipate NATCon fundraising for the next biennium. Create a line item in the budget to allow income during both years.

Respectfully Submitted, with Much Love in the Bond,

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