

2022 Northeast District Convention Minutes:

Opening Joint Session

- I. Call to Order at 8:27 AM
- II. Welcome
- III. Introduction of Joint District Councils
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Council
 1. President- Deena Ereifej (Alpha Omega)
 2. VPM- Will LaTorre (Alpha Omega)
 3. VPP- Mia Harvey (Nu Zeta)
 4. MAL- Kristen Davis (Nu Gamma)
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council
 1. President- Ameenah Muhammad (Iota Pi)
 2. VP for Membership- Matthew Badia (Iota Alpha)
 3. VP for Special Projects- Hannah Beegle (Gamma Omega)
 4. Secretary / Treasurer - Kayla Lennon (Eta Delta)
- IV. Introduction of Visiting Dignitaries
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
 1. President- Jessica Lee (Eta Alpha)
 2. VPCM- Bang Co (Alpha Zeta)
 3. VPP- Ed Savoy (Eta Alpha)
 4. VPSA- Tar-Shae' Odom (Zeta Eta)
 5. IPP - Marco Kreatovich (Nu)
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 1. President- Erika Pope (Theta Theta)
 2. National VP for Special Projects- Leslie Gartin (Zeta Nu)
 3. National VP for Communication and Recognition- Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)
 - C. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees

1. Eric Morson (Delta Omicron)
 2. Dr. Jack Lee (Delta Sigma)
 3. Adam Cantley (Omicron)
- D. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
1. Jonathan Markowski - Past National President (Delta Delta)
- E. KKPsiAA Members
1. Greg Boike (Kappa Mu)
 2. Kadeem Sabari (Theta Chi)
 3. Miranda Cook (Omicron)
- F. TBSAA Members
1. Tyra Yiare (Eta Delta)
 2. Jessica Smith (Epsilon Epsilon)
- G. Kappa Kappa Psi Governors
1. Rassii Elliott (Eta Omega)
 2. Marci Jones (KKPsi Northeast Honorary, TBSigma Life Member)
 3. Matthew Parent (Epsilon Nu)
- H. Tau Beta Sigma Past National President
1. Dr. Kathryn Garrett Kelly (Eta Delta)
 2. Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
- I. Tau Beta Sigma Counselors/CVAs
1. Dr. Ted McCadden - Counselor (Eta Sigma)
 2. Dr. Bridgette Bell - Counselor (Epsilon Omega)
 3. Kat Howell - Counselor (Theta Theta)
 4. Christopher Lukasik - CVA (Delta Delta)
 5. Indya Hairston - CVA (Theta Phi)
 6. Olivia DeFilippo - CVA and NEDAA President (Gamma Kappa)
 7. Emily Donovan - CVA (Eta Gamma)
 8. Monika Monk - CVA (Epsilon Sigma)
 9. Zara Simpson - CVA (Beta Eta)
 10. Brian Main - CVA (Iota Alpha)
- J. National Headquarters Staff

1. Nicole Brooks (KKPsi National Chapter Support Coordinator)
 2. Jake January (KKPsi Chapter Field Representative)
 3. Lisa Croston (National Events Coordinator) (Alpha)
- V. Recognition of Graduating Seniors in Attendance
- VI. Introduction of NEDAA President - Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
- A. Introduction NEDAA Council
 1. Keelia Decker (Vice President – Kappa Kappa Psi) (Kappa Kappa Psi – Iota Delta)
- VII. NEDAA Keynote Speaker - LaShaun Ruffin (Kappa Kappa Psi - Iota Xi)
- VIII. NEDAA Announcements
- IX. Counselor/Governor Announcements
- X. Host Chapter Recognition
- A. University of Pittsburgh
 1. Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha Omega
 2. Tau Beta Sigma - Gamma Omega
 - B. Morgan State University
 1. Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Gamma
 2. Tau Beta Sigma - Epsilon Omega
 - C. Norfolk State University
 1. Kappa Kappa Psi - Iota Xi
 2. Tau Beta Sigma - Epsilon Sigma
 - D. Westchester University
 1. Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Upsilon
- XI. Call for Precinct Bids
- XII. Introduction of Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Honoraries
- A. Rassii Elliott - NED Governor (Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Omega)
 - B. Dr. Bridgette Bell - NED Counselor (Epsilon Omega)
- XIII. Introduction of Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Honoraries
- A. Mr. Melvin Mikes, Sponsor and Director of Bands (Eta Gamma)
 - B. Rebekah Franolich, National Communications Team (Alpha Omega)
 - C. Dan Miller (Omicron)

D. Kelly Miller (Omicron)

XIV. Recess called at 9:03 AM until March 19, 2022 at 8:00 PM.

First Separate Session

- I. Called to Order at 9:17 AM
- II. Acknowledgement of Dignitaries
 - A. National Council
 1. President- Erika Pope (Theta Theta)
 2. VPSP- Leslie Gartin (Zeta Nu)
 3. VPCR- Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)
 - B. Board of Trustees
 1. Jonathan Markowski (Past National President)
 - C. TBSAA
 1. Tyra Yiare (Eta Delta)
 2. Jessica Smith (Epsilon Epsilon)
 - D. Chapter Visitation Assistants
 1. Christopher Lukasik (Delta Delta)
 2. Monika Monk (Epsilon Sigma)
 3. Indya Hairston (Theta Phi)
 4. Olivia Defilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 5. Brian Main (Iota Alpha)
 6. Emily Donovan (Eta Gamma)
 7. Zara Simpson (Beta Eta)
 - E. NED Counselors
 1. Dr. Ted McCadden - (Eta Sigma)
 2. Dr. Bridgette Bell - (Epsilon Omega)
 3. Kat Howell - (Theta Theta)
 - F. Past NED Presidents
 1. Oliver Kochol (Gamma Kappa) 2018-2019
 - G. Past District Counselors
 1. Cathy Miles (Epsilon Omega)
- III. Recognition of Life Members
- IV. Recognition of Convention Attendance Milestone
 - A. 10th or more convention
 - B. 5th or more.
 - C. 4th Convention
 - D. 3rd Convention

- E. 2nd Convention
- F. First as an active member, Life Member, or Alumni.
- G. Membership Candidates
- V. Overview of Weekend Activities & Schedule
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Sisterhood activity
- VIII. Seating of Delegates - Delegates and Proxies
 - A. First Delegates from Home Chapters
 - B. Proxy - Seating began with Delta Omicron
 - C. Roll Call
 - D. 2023 seating by rotation begins with Eta Alpha
- IX. Assigning of Committees
 - A. Nominations
 - 1. Chair: Cassie Anderson (Gamma Omega)
 - 2. Advisors: Erika Pope (National President) and Jonathan Markowski (Past National President)
 - B. Programs
 - 1. Chairs: Alex Birger (Eta Gamma) and Kyarha Meadows-Russell (Eta Delta)
 - 2. Advisor: Leslie Gartin (National Vice President for Special Projects)
 - C. Membership
 - 1. Chairs: Imani St. Jean (Epsilon Omega) and Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - 2. Advisors: Christopher Lukasik (Chapter Visitation Assistant) and Indya Hairston (Chapter Visitation Assistant)
 - D. Ways & Means
 - 1. Chairs: Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma) and Nasyah Oxner (Eta Delta)
 - 2. Advisors: Allison Leemann (National Vice President for Communication and Recognition) & Brian Main (Chapter Visitation Assistant)
- X. Unsung Hero Award by Ameenah Muhammad (Iota Pi)
 - A. Tamia Futrell (Epsilon Sigma)
- XI. Recess called at 10:02 AM until Friday at 11:30 AM

Second Separate Session

- I. Call to Order at 11:38 AM.
- II. Delegate Roll call
- III. Practice Vote
- IV. Appointment of Convention Parliamentarian
 - a. Omya Goodwin (Eta Delta)
- V. Standing Rules of Convention

- a. *Appendix A*
- VI. Reading of the Minutes from 2021 Convention
 - a. Ameenah entertains a motion to bypass the reading of Last Convention's Minutes
 - b. Motion carried by Zeta Omicron
 - c. Seconded by Zeta Upsilon
 - d. Gamma Omega Abstains
 - e. The motion is accepted
- VII. Vote to Accept the Minutes From Last Convention
 - a. Ameenah entertains a motion to accept the Minutes from Last Convention
 - b. Motion carried by Gamma Chi
 - c. Seconded by Eta Sigma
 - d. No opposition
- VIII. SisTAUhooD Presentation
 - a. Gamma Omega
 - b. Eta Delta
- IX. Kayla: NOTE- tification award
 - a. Delta Omicron Chapter at Clarion University
- X. Commemoration of Northeast District Service of Allison Leemann
- XI. Song Changes - Leslie Gartin (National Vice President for Special Projects)
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Recess called at 12:29 PM until Friday at 3:00 PM

Third Separate Session

- I. Call to Order at 3:11 PM
- II. Delegate Roll Call
- III. National Leadership Presentation
 - A. Ritual Information
- IV. Announcements/Awards
 - A. Quick Overview of Ritual info, and Rest of Schedule
- V. Recess called at 4:16 PM until Saturday March 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Fourth Separate Session

- I. Call to Order at 9:06 AM
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Eta Delta ,Eta Rho, Iota Kappa
- III. Women In Music Speaker Introduction - Hannah Beegle (Gamma Omega)

- IV. Women In Music Speaker Presentation - Dr. Brooke Stevenss (Sergeant First Class Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps)
- V. Women In Music Speaker Question and Answer
- VI. National Council Presentation to the Women In Music Speaker
- VII. Recess called at 10:14 AM until Saturday March 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Fifth Separate Session

- I. Call to Order at 10:41 AM
- II. Delegate Roll Call
- III. Final Report of the Secretary/Treasurer Kayla Lennon (Eta Delta)
 - A. *Appendix B*
- IV. Final Report of the Programs Committee
 - A. Alex Birger (Eta Gamma) and Kyarha Meadows-Russell (Eta Delta)
 - B. *Appendix C*
- V. Present the SisTAUhood Award - Hannah Beegle (Gamma Omega)
 - A. Eta Delta
- VI. Present the All-Star Service Award - Hannah Beegle (Gamma Omega)
 - A. Eta Gamma
- VII. Final Report of the Vice President for Special Projects - Hannah Beegle (Gamma Omega)
 - A. *Appendix D*
- VIII. Final Report of the Membership Committee
 - A. Imani St. Jean (Epsilon Omega) and Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - B. *Appendix E*
- IX. Present District Travel Grant - Matthew Badia (Iota Alpha)
 - A. Eta Psi
- X. Final Report of the Vice President for Membership - Matthew Badia (Iota Alpha)
 - A. *Appendix F*
- XI. Final Report of the Ways & Means Committee
 - A. Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma) and Nasyah Oxner (Eta Delta)
 - B. *Appendix G*
 - C. Vote on Changes to the Budget
 - 1. Nasyah Oxner (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to accept the budget.
 - 2. Motion carried Delta Delta
 - 3. Second by Zeta Upsilon
 - 4. No opposition
 - D. Vote on Changes to the Constitution NED Constitution
 - 1. Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma) entertains a motion to accept the NED Constitution

2. Motion carried by Eta Chi
3. Seconded by Iota Kappa
4. No opposition
- E. Vote on Changes to the NED Standard Operating Procedures
 1. Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma) entertains a motion to accept the NED Standard Operating Procedures
 2. Motion carried by Eta Psi
 3. Seconded by Epsilon Sigma
 4. No opposition
- XII. Final Report of the Nominations Committee
 - A. Cassie Anderson (Gamma Omega)
 - B. *Appendix H*
 - C. Presentation of the Slate
 1. President: Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 2. VPM: Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma)
 3. VPSP :Alex Birger (Eta Gamma)
 4. Sec/Treas: Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)
 - D. Accept the Slate
 1. Cassie Anderson (Gamma Omega) entertains a motion to accept the slate
 2. Motion carried by Gamma Kappa
 3. Seconded by Delta Nu
 4. No opposition
- XIII. Recess called at 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM

Separate Closing Session

- I. Call to Order at 1:54 PM.
- II. Delegate Roll Call
- III. Banquet Reminder
- IV. Elections for TBS NED 2022-2023 Council
 - A. The procedure for this election will be by an electronic ballot known as Election Runner. At this time, please ensure you have access to your Chapter tbsigma.org accounts. For proxies, please use the personal email given earlier for the practice vote. The slated candidates were automatically nominated in the last separate session. Nominations for each office will occur prior to the election for each office, given that we elect top-down.
 - B. Test Nomination and Election
 - C. Explanation of the Election Procedure
 - D. Explanation of Nominations Slate Process and Interviewed Candidates - Cassie Anderson (Gamma Omega)
 - E. Floor for elections is opened
 1. President

- a) Floor for Nominations is opened
 - b) Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) is automatically nominated for President by the Slate
 - c) Other nominations are:
 - (1) N/A
 - d) Floor closed for nominations
 - e) Floor for elections of President are opened
 - f) Eta Delta moves to elect Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) by acclamation
 - g) Motion seconded Epsilon Sigma
 - h) Congratulations to the 2022-2023 President Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
2. Vice President of Membership
- a) Floor for Nominations is opened
 - b) Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma) is automatically nominated for Vice President of Membership by the Slate
 - c) Other nominations are:
 - (1) Eliza James (Iota Pi) (Accepts)
 - (2) Imani St. Jean (Epsilon Omega) (Accepts)
 - d) Floor closed for nominations
 - e) Floor for elections of Vice President of Membership are opened
 - f) Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Vice President of Membership Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma)
3. Vice President for Special Projects
- a) Floor for Nominations is opened
 - b) Alex Birger (Eta Gamma) is automatically nominated for Vice President of Special Projects by the Slate
 - c) Other nominations are:
 - (1) Eliza James (Iota Pi) (Accepts)
 - (2) Valon Henry (Theta Phi) (Accepts)
 - d) Floor closed for nominations
 - e) Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Vice President of Special Projects Eliza James (Iota Pi)
4. Secretary-Treasurer
- a) Floor for Nominations is opened
 - b) Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta) is automatically nominated for Secretary-Treasurer by the Slate
 - c) Other nominations are:
 - (1) Imani St. Jean (Epsilon Omega) (Accepts)
 - (2) Michael Manchini (Gamma Omega) (Accepts)

- (3) Alex Birger (Eta Gamma) (Accepts)
- d) Floor closed for nominations
 - Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Secretary-Treasurer Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)
- V. Presentation of Awards
 - A. Chapter Perseverance Award
 - 1. Epsilon Sigma
 - B. District Spirit Award presented by Kayla Lennon (Eta Delta)
 - 1. Zeta Upsilon
 - C. Phenomenal Sister Award presented by Ameenah Muhammad (Iota Pi)
 - 1. Tia Morton (Epsilon Sigma)
- II. NED Counselors' Final Report
 - A. *Appendix I*
- III. Final Report of the President - Ameenah Muhammad (Iota Pi)
 - A. *Appendix J*
- IV. Installation of Officers
 - A. Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion adjourn the 2022 Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Separates Meetings.
 - B. Motion carried by Iota Pi
 - C. Seconded by Eta Delta
 - D. No opposition
 - E. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Joint Closing Session

- I. Call to Order at 3:55 PM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Joint Relations Award Presented by Mia Harvey (Nu Zeta) and Kayla Lennon (Eta Delta)
 - A. Theta Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Boston University
 - B. Eta Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Boston University.
- IV. NEDAA Ritual Grant Announcement - Keelia Decker (Newly Elected NEDAA President) (Kappa Kappa Psi – Iota Delta)
- V. Announcement of the 2022-2023 Joint District Councils
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Council
 - 1. Vice President for Membership - Aly Santos-Silva (Nu Gamma)
 - 2. Member at Large - Erika Goss (Nu Zeta)
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council
 - 1. President- Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - 2. VP of Membership- Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma)
 - 3. VP of Special Projects- Eliza James (Iota Pi)

4. Secretary / Treasurer - Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)

- VI. Announcement of the 2023 District Convention Site
 - A. Marriott College Park, MD March 17-18, 2023
- VII. Announcements
 - A. Banquet Start time
 - B. NEDAA Flower Fundraiser
- VIII. Joint Presidents' Report - Deena Ereifej (Alpha Omega) and Ameenah Muhammad (Iota Pi)
 - A. *Appendix K*
- IX. Joint National Presidents Announcement
- X. Meeting Adjourned at
 - A. Deena Ereifej (Alpha Omega) and Ameenah Muhammad (Iota Pi) entertain a motion to adjourn the Joint Closing Session
 - B. Motion carried by Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha Omega
 - C. Motion carried by Tau Beta Sigma - Gamma omega
 - D. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Appendices

Appendix A - Standing Rules

Standing Rules for TBSigma Northeast District Convention (Updated for the 2022 Northeast District Convention)

1. All business sessions shall begin promptly at the place and hour specified in the Convention schedule.
2. All reports shall be submitted electronically to the NED President prior to Separate Closing Session unless otherwise specified by the NED President.
3. Any member desiring the floor shall raise their placard to indicate interest in speaking, wait to be recognized by the NED President, then clearly state their business.
4. Any Tau Beta Sigma member attending may speak to or discuss the question on the floor, but only Delegates are entitled to vote on the question.
5. Committee reports that would change the Constitution must be referred to the Ways and Means Committee for review and approval before presentation to the floor.
6. No member, other than a member of the Northeast District Council, shall speak more than twice during the same session to the same question, and not longer than three minutes at one time without permission of the Convention. The question of granting permission shall be decided by a two-thirds vote without debate.
7. During elections, no candidate may run for election from the floor unless she or he has been vetted through the Nominations Committee before the presentation of the slate during the Nominations Committee Report.
8. As the delegation has had ample opportunity to review the candidate interviews carried out by the Nominations Committee, there will be no additional time allotted for a Question and Answer period, or candidate panel. Motions for caucus during elections will not be recognized by the Chair.

Appendix B - Final Report of the Secretary/Treasurer Kayla Lennon (Eta Delta)

Sisters of the Northeast District,

What a bittersweet moment it is to stand here today and have the privilege to address the delegation. As we come together to celebrate the first gathering of our District in three years, I would like everyone to take a moment to be proud of all we have worked for to get here. Every Zoom meeting, bell cover, or virtual degree that we preserved through to get the chance to gather with those who share our greatest values. I know all I've wished for on every shooting star and eyelash since 2 years ago is preceded times again, but if becoming a member of Tau Beta Sigma has taught me anything, it is that you can face anything if you have fortitude and courage with your sisters by your side.

Coming from a small chapter and having only attending one in person precinct meeting before running for council, I was excited for the prospect of making connections across the district, but I would be lying if I didn't say that I was terrified to not live up to the example set by previous officers and thought that I would somehow accidentally burn the whole district down from my laptop. But at our transition meeting almost a year ago today then Counselor, now Vice President for Communication and Recognition Allison Leeman said something that has guided my experience of serving as your Secretary-Treasurer: you are a person first, a sister second, and a district officer third.

Anyone who knows Allison knows she wasn't telling us to blow off our obligation to serve the district. What I internalized from this saying was that everything that we do is in service to the values and ideals of the sorority, but especially during these times, we must leave room for grace in the realm of human mistakes that makes life so interesting. Nothing ever goes perfectly, but there is still so much beauty and love in every imperfection. I believe it is our job

as district officers to not berate chapters for these imperfections but to help them grow through them. As this was the first year many chapters were returning to campus and to their band programs you were faced with many unique challenges, but as always our members have prevailed and I am proud of our accomplishments:

In planning for National Convention our social media and website were filled with resources for all those who could and could not attend. Our chapters through social media and an energetic in-person presence won the District Spirit Award at this past National Convention. After adding two new Counselors to the Northeast District team they were formally introduced and integrated into our website. We were also able to showcase chapters interacting with their band programs and communities during Social Media Takeovers, and several chapters continued the practice of having successful virtual fundraisers for their chapters and band programs. I am amazed everyday by the work ethic of this District and look forward to service and fellowship for many years to come.

Thank you to my home chapter Eta Delta for indoctrinating me into the sisterhood. A special shoutout to Destiny Moore, Simone Lawrence, Erica Crawley, Debra Samuel, and Jordan Washington for teaching me how to be a sister. My linesisters Kylah, Cortney, and Wynter for being my constant inspiration and ride or dies, and the current active chapter for all of your support. I am very proud to have served on this council as a sister from an HBCU. Thank you to Kathryn Garret Kelly and Monika Monk for showing me our service is needed far beyond the boundaries of our own campuses. Thank you to the National Council for your guidance and example as leaders in Tau Beta Sigma.

Thank you to Bridgette and Kat for building this plane as we fly it together and to Ted for carrying the NED on his back while teaching us all. Thank you for letting us make mistakes and

allowing us to learn how to work together. Thank you to Hannah for being my friend and the most passionate person about service I've known. Thank you to Matt for telling it like it is and helping our new members through this transitional era of membership education. And Ameenah. I never knew when we met a Blue and White two years ago that we would serve on Council together. Thank you for being my sister since the first day we met and all of the sacrifices you made for the district this year. To the council, I hope you guys have enjoyed our time together because now you're stuck with me forever. Most of all thank you to the Sisters of the Northeast District for the opportunity to serve as your secretary treasurer. The most magical thing to me about Tau Beta Sigma is that we all get to translate our love for music into a bond with each other and serving on this council has given me the chance to do that on a greater scale than I could have ever before. Wherever I may go in Tau Beta Sigma, I know the Northeast District will always be my home. It has been an honor to have been selected to serve.

Respectfully submitted with generosity of mind, heart, and hand,

Kayla Lennon

Sweet Sorrow

Emerald City

1-HΔ-2019

Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer

2021-2022

Appendix C - Final Report of the Programs Committee

Programs Committee - March 18 and 19, 2022

The charges for the 2022 Programs Committee were as follows:

1. Review the 2021 Programs Committee Report and Charges
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving programs and awards.
 - a. Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Ways and Means Committee by the end of the first committee meeting
3. Review National Programs (Crescendo, Coda, WIMS, Focus on Five Campaign, For Greater Practice, etc.) and District Programs and their requirements
 - a. Discuss any suggested improvement to existing District programs, as well as proposals for new programs
 - i. Discuss and evaluate Service Week (end of February/beginning of March 2022)
 - ii. Discuss and evaluate the changes made to the SisTauHood Project
 - b. If time allows, discuss any suggested improvements to existing National programs
4. Discuss any potential District-wide socials - both virtual and in-person
5. Discuss ways to encourage attendance and participation for District-run events and programs

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.

Document Review:

National Constitution: None

District Constitution: None

District SOP: "The District Vice President for Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing District programs, and ~~historical~~ chapter projects, as determined by the District Council."

Focus on Five Review

- **Red Stripe (Chapter Documents and Risk Managements)**
 - Charge next VPSP with updating the website with both National and District wide due dates
 - It would be beneficial to avoid any confusion on dates for when chapter constitutions and budgets are due and must be submitted.

- **White Stripe: Coda Project (White Stripe)**
 - Encourage chapters to start the years with brainstorming sessions and create a going list of potential Coda Project events every year
 - Create a district a district Coda project Idea bank
 - Next VPSP mine the facebook group, and brainstorming sessions for lessons for the Idea Bank.
 - District wide communication for both Service Chairs, VPS's, VPSP's and any one else working on projects and for Fo5 Liaisons.
 - Lesson Plan Templates made available to the district.
 - Example Lesson made available for the district.
- **Blue Stripe: Women in Music Speaker Series**
 - Chapters are having trouble with attendance at Women in Music Speaker series events.
 - Create resources that chapters can use to advertise their events.
 - Encourage chapters not to worry that you will insult a speaker with turn out and to be honest and try your best.
 - Hybrid Events should be encouraged as it better connects us as a district.
 - Help Chapters Branch out to new speakers!
 - For a list of potential speakers and contacts for the district.
 - Better publicize resources
 - Create and handbook or guide to connect with speakers
 - Better advertise model communications in the national programs guide
 - Ideas for getting beyond your school
 - Create a form on the district website to get info about chapters WIM events to other chapters.
 - Encourage chapters to combine and put on larger WIM events
- **Green Stripe: Crescendo Project**
 - Create a guide to getting clearance to go into schools
 - Compile frequently used background check and clearance forms and post to the district website.
 - Encourage chapters to move beyond just working with schools (ie. Working with Girl Scouts, Libraries, Community Center)
 - Create a district a district Crescendo project Idea bank
 - Next VPSP mine the facebook group, and brainstorming sessions for lessons for the Idea Bank.
 - District wide communication for both Service Chairs, VPS's, VPSP's and any one else working on projects and for Fo5 Liaisons.
 - Lesson Plan Templates made available to the district.
 - Example Lesson made available for the district.
- **Black Stripe: For Greater Practice Challenge**

- More incentive to practice
- District Practicing awards
 - Splitting between music majors and non music majors
- FGP Coordinator facebook group
- Encourage chapters to make chapter awards to celebrate practicing
- Relate practicing to our ideals
- Encouraging practicing to be a social
- Talking about things in ways that include our non instrument playing friends
- Emphasize that practicing looks different for everyone
- **Service in Unison**
 - It would be helpful if the lyre piece was a little bit more specific and had more detailed guidelines
 - We kept the district website up to date with all Focus on 5 challenges and details

Project Peace of Mind

- District wide goals that relate to project peace of mind and encourage specific activities and goals that we could do every month.
- Add an academics section to project peace of mind.
- Encourage the prioritization of Person, Academics, and Band over chapter.
- Project Peace of Mind NED Social Media Features.

SisTAUhood Project

- The open ended prompt was nice and leaves room to create.
 - The videos produced were really cool and a nice change from the more traditional history projects.
- Give more chapters the opportunity to present and have their work seen.
- Give a little more detail in the project descriptions.
- Nice that it changed from the history project
- Get the information for the project out to the chapters earlier
- incentivize/motivate people by expressing the sisterhood as a way of expressing your chapter

District Engagement

- District can shoutout what chapters are doing
- Chapter level: make it president that at least one person from each rush class goes to a district event
- Make zoom events fun:
 - Scribblio
 - Kahoot (game element)
 - Jacks boxes games

- Mentimeter (educational)
- Chapter who have not interacted with each other
- The chapter that corresponds with the furthest away chapter
- Pinpal
- Social events/ game

NED Socials

- Encourage interchapter get togethers and visits and feature them through the NED Social Media
- Virtual interchapter get togethers
- Planning online socials and really promote it.
- Organize a district wide pen pal program.
 - It can be a google form and the VPSP just pairs folks together
 - It could even go nationwide
- Summer Sisterhood Activities

The charges for the 2022-2023 District Council were as follows

1. To participate in Focus on 5 as a NED Council and do district versions of all of the 4o5 stripes
2. Create a District practice award that directly relates to FGP
3. Keep the district website updated with all of the current years Fo5 information

The Charges for the 2022-2023 VPSP

1. Create group chats for both all Service Chairs, VPSPs VPS's ect. and Focus on Five Liaisons
2. Update the NED website with both National and District wide due dates for Red Stripe in order to avoid confusion
3. Send out a Weekly or every other week newsletter about District Programs and also updates on what other chapters are doing.
4. Create a guide to getting clearance to go into schools
 - a. Compile frequently used background check and clearance forms and post to the district website.
5. Create a district a district Crescendo and Coda project idea bank
6. Create year around virtual social experience in the district

The charges for the 2023 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2022 Programs Committee Report and Charges
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving programs and awards.
 - a. Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Ways and Means Committee by the end of the first committee meeting
3. Review National Programs (Crescendo, Coda, WIMS, Focus on Five Campaign, For Greater Practice, etc.) and District Programs and their requirements
4. Review SisTauHood Project and suggested changes
5. Review Project Peace of Mind and its implementation
6. Review Service week and how it can be more than just a social media project.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Birger, Eta Gamma (Chair)
Kyarha Meadows-Russell, Eta Delta (Chair)
Leslie Gartin, Zeta Nu (Advisor)
Rebekah Doucette, Delta Delta, Gamma Kappa Proxy
Josephine Loving-Moore, Delta Nu, (Delegate)
Camryn Colon, Zeta Omicron (Delegate)
Victoria Lewis, Kappa Alpha (Delegate)
Lauren Bunch, Eta Psi (Delegate)
Quiara Jackson, Epsilon Sigma, Eta Alpha Proxy

Appendix D - Final Report of the Vice President for Special Projects - Hannah Beegle

To The Northeast District,

To say y'all make me proud to be a Sister of the Northeast District is a major understatement. Many of you came back to an in-person school year with little to no experience being an in-person Sister. Despite this, you continue to take on leadership roles, participate in District and National Programs, continue to strengthen the bonds between you and your fellow Sisters both inside and outside of your Chapter, and most importantly, serve your campuses, communities, and band programs. Here is a recap of what we've accomplished so far:

- Not to brag, but we were the only District to have 100% completion of the Red Stripe, and with over 2 months remaining in this year's Focus on Five Campaign, we already

have more participation this year with the ForGreaterPractice initiative and the District Lyre Piece. Through participating in the District Lyre Piece you were able to engage your entire band program in meaningful service that also created an alternative way to recruit for your Chapter.

- Furthermore, by moving the Joint Service Project to District Convention instead of Precinct Meetings, not only were we able to finally serve together as a District in person for the first time, but we were also able to give Chapters the opportunity open the instrument and auxiliary supply drive to their entire band program, allowing them to complete their District Lyre Piece while also giving back to the Wilmington area.
- This year, we were able to bring the SisTauHood Project one step further by having live presentations with a committee made up of National Leadership to give out a creative prize to an equally creative project.
- A living breathing spreadsheet and document was created of Sisterhood bonding activities for Chapters to do whether it'd be one per Chapter Meeting or at a full blown retreat.
- We continued our usual NED Sister Socials and joint socials with the brothers of the Northeast District, but also expanded upon them. This year all of the District VPSPs teamed up to connect Sisters across the country to get hype for NatCon, and we created informative District Programs outside of Precincts to help Chapters prepare for in person travel.
- Finally, we brought back Service Week, but this time with both social media challenges and action items for Chapters to complete throughout the week to get hype for NEDCon.

There were so many more things we've been able to accomplish. And I am so proud to be part of the North Extra District.

I thank you all for entrusting me with the position of Vice President of Special Projects. It has been truly the most fulfilling experience during my time in Tau Beta Sigma thus far. To my Focus on Five Besties, this is going to sound so corny, but it truly breaks my heart that I won't be finishing out this campaign with you. Please know that I'll be cheering you on from the side lines to finish strong, and cheering you on in life and your personal journey in Tau Beta Sigma. To all my Sisters, I hope you see the impact of your service the way I do. I have become so close with so many of you, and you all truly embody generosity of mind, heart, and hand.

To my Chapter, when I was an MC I thought that I would never hold leadership because everyone around me was so hardworking, dedicated, smart, and just #girlbosses. Clearly, that did not pan out, but it's because you are also uplifting, welcoming, encouraging, and most importantly, extra. So many of you have left a lasting impression on my life, thank you for being my support bra.

To all of my offspring, Sam K, Madi, Josh, Sam B, Lilli, and Emily, you all lead with a servant's heart. Whether you are Pitt or Slippery Rock, Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi, or Mu Kappa Upsilon, you all have a strong passion for service and your respective band programs. You are all patient, kind, and natural born leaders. The job of a big or a grandbig is to be a role model and someone that your littles and grand littles can look up to. But the truth is that I look up to all of you each and every day.

To my Big, Lara, you constantly say things like "I'm not as perfect as my precious little, I didn't have any "leadership" when I was Active." Meanwhile, at one point you had more service hours than anyone else in the Chapter, made it your mission to get as many people as possible from your section to attend recruitment, and you advocated for auxiliary representation in every aspect of this organization. I grew up an only child and during my time in undergrad you showed me what it was like to have a Big Sister. You never held an official position in our Chapter and that's why you are my Unsung Hero.

To the National Council and CVAs, you have all been such a huge part of my journey in Tau Beta Sigma. Whether it was being my Chapter's CVA, my Counselor, my NVSP, or just humoring the idea of our organization's mascot one day being a Sewer Rat, you have all motivated me to do more and to keep going. Our Chapters are so incredibly lucky to have you.

And Finally, to my council. I knew from the beginning that we would get along, work hard, and achieve great things. But what I didn't know was that we would also become the best of friends. I now understand why everyone cries during these reports because of you. I constantly wish I could relive our first power point party, NLC, and our first (keyword here is first) NatCon together. I loved when we played TKO as a council on jackbox and then got to play TKO again in real life. And although I know we won't be sending insanely long audio messages trying to figure out t-shirts or name tags, I know we'll now be sending long audio messages on what time we should wake up for TBSAA Zumba at NatCon or what we are going to wear to future banquets. You are my confidants, my paid actors, my Sewer Rats, and most importantly my Sisters. I love you all so so much.

I love you Northeast District, it truly is an honor to be selected to serve.

Respectfully submitted with much love in the bond

Hannah Beegle
2021-2022 Northeast District VPSP

Appendix E - Final Report of the Membership Committee

March 18th - 19th, 2022

The charges for the 2022 Membership Committee were as follows:

1. Review the charges for the 2021 Membership Committee
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving membership or member education.
 - a. Provide any proposed changes to the 2022 Jurisdiction Committee.
3. Continue to review Overture and propose new activities.
4. Review Project Peace of Mind and brainstorm new activities for the program.

Discussion from the 2022 Membership Committee:

1. Membership Committee reviewed the 2021 Membership Committee Report and Charges
2. The Committee reviewed the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, and proposed the following changes:
 - a. National Constitution 6.603: The committee recommends that the language be changed to be less redundant.
 - b. National Constitution 6.604: The committee recommends that we change the sentence “The request shall be approved by the Sponsor and Director of Bands.” to, “The request shall be approved **or denied** by the Sponsor and Director of Bands.”
 - c. National Constitution 6.604: The committee discussed that the sentence “Conditional status may not be imposed upon Actives to meet obligations.” is a bit vague. It is recommended that this wording be changed to specify that “conditional status cannot be used as a threat to active members”.
 - d. National Constitution 6.605: It is recommended to remove a comma after the word therefore in the last sentence.
 - e. National Constitution 6.608: There is a grammatical error in the sentence that reads, “If a member’s collegiate education continues past four years, and they is unable to meet Active, Associate, or Conditional requirements, they may elect to have Alumni status,with Chapter and Sponsor approval.” It is requested that the grammar be fixed by changing the word is changed to the word are.
 - f. NED SOP: It is recommended that “NVPCM” under “recurrent responsibilities” be updated to “Vice President for Membership and Expansion”.
1. Reviewed Overture and discussed the following:
 - a. It is recommended that more service and application based activities are incorporated into the Membership Education Process instead of solely receiving information and being quizzed.

- b. It is recommended that the form allowing chapters to edit the learning activities to fit their personal chapters should be broadcasted and advertised on both a district and national level
- c. It is recommended that a short curriculum promoting active members continuing their education be implemented into all members post education.

4. The Committee reviewed Project Peace of Mind (POM) and had the following discussion points:

- a. Were you aware that this is a program and if so how did your chapter implement this project?
The majority of the committee members were not aware that this was a program and this was the first time that many of them had reviewed the project. Nobody's chapter on the committee has implemented this program.
- b. Are there any activities that could be added to POM and how can we improve on it?
The committee members feel that this project stands very well on its own and had no critiques for the project. It was discussed that the committee wishes that this program was promoted more.
- c. As requested by the previous committee, POM was created during the 2019-2020 school year and it began being implemented during the 2020-2021 school year. The committee would like that this information be included in the project because of its significance to historical context.

The charges for the 2023 Membership Committee are as follows:

- 1. Review the charges for the 2023 Membership Committee
- 2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving membership or member education.
 - a. Provide any proposed changes to the 2023 Jurisdiction Committee.
- 3. Continue to review Overture and propose new activities.
- 4. Review Project Peace of Mind and suggest new activities for the program.

The charges for the 2022-2023 District Council are as follows:

- 1. To the next District Vice President for Membership, we ask that you explore new ways to be directly involved with Membership Candidates. An example may be to create updated videos every year on your specific position, and what it is that you do.
- 2. Review the Project Peace of Mind guidelines and create initiatives to increase participation for the program. It is requested that there be more promotion for this project due to the lack of awareness of the program.
- 3. We ask that the website be updated to provide the correct and current District Vice President for Membership contact information.
- 4. In Overture, consider adding an extension to the program by adding a post membership education program for active members to promote Continued Membership Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Imani St. Jean (She/Her), Epsilon Omega (Co-Chair)
Joanna Ramirez (She/Her), Eta Delta (Co-Chair)
Christopher Lukasik, (He/Him), Delta Delta (Advisor)
Indya Hairston (She/Her), Theta Phi (Advisor)
Olivia Morgan (She/Her), Beta Eta
Michael Manchini (He/Him), Gamma Chi
Enyshia Downey (She/Her), Epsilon Sigma
Ava Fisher (They/Them), Eta Gamma
Martinique Shaw (They/Them), Eta Chi
Madison Grant (She/Her), Theta Phi
Eliza James (She/Her), Iota Pi

Appendix F: Final Report of the Vice President for Membership - Matthew Badia

To the Sisters of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma,

This year has been one of transition. We all left the last Northeast District Convention with uncertainty about the future staring into our computer screen from across the District. When I decided to run for Council, I knew there would be challenges, but we can not grow without difficulty. I have learned so much about myself and this organization this last year. I have learned from my Council members, the Counselors, and most importantly, from all of you in the Northeast District.

You all are a fantastic group of individuals, and I was inspired and encouraged by you all. Your perseverance and dedication to your fellow sister are inspiring. I was able to watch as chapters transition from spring 2021 to the fall as Pandemic related restrictions finally eased. To think that just a little over a year ago, we were all staring at each other through a screen. Just look how far we have come in just 12 short months. We are the FIRST in-person District Convention since the start of the pandemic, and it was amazing to watch chapters grow despite having few if any pre-pandemic members.

As the end of the 2020-2021 Convention Cycle came to an end, we saw the light at the end of the tunnel. That there was hope, there was a return to normal. But with a return to normal, we knew there would be a lot of work to do. My biggest goal for the year was to help chapters transition back to normal membership operations. A major part of this was assisting chapters in their membership process. I had the honor of assisting our wonderful Chapter Visitation Assistance Monika Monk in helping the New Sisters of the Epsilon Rho Chapter go through their

membership process. I also had the honor of taking the MCs of Iota Pi through their Second Degree and a membership lesson. Part of this goal was to help grow in membership in our smaller chapters. To watch not only our smaller chapters but all the chapters in the District successfully take Membership Classes and grow their numbers is enough to bring tears to my eye.

Another related goal of mine was to act as a resource for chapters. I made efforts to ensure all chapters in the District had the resources they needed, from helping chapters submit a successful MEP, to chapters navigating *gulp* OMRS, to submitting virtual signatures. I provided my chapters with access to resources such as the MEP Template, the MEP Checklist, and others. These documents are designed to aid Chapter VPMs and Membership Educators in the completion of their paperwork and scheduling during the semester. I provided access to and guidance for the submission of MEPs to the National Council. I helped chapters navigate the OVERTURE guidebook and the new resources available on the OVERTURE landing page. Lastly, I strove to act as a general resource for all VPMs and Membership Educators to bounce ideas off and ask questions big or small.

As a part of my goal to help chapters in their membership process, I decided it was appropriate to make upgrades to the MEP Template. Previously, the template consisted only of the required headers. I determined that a more comprehensive template would be more helpful to the VPMs and Membership Educators. Many of the sections within the MEP are consistent between chapters (National Policies, the Organizational History, Policies regarding quizzes, MC Class Fundraiser, MC Class Service Projects, and others). I provided detailed instructions and justifications for all of the required sections of the MEP. While this document was unfortunately not ready in time for the December 1st Spring MEP deadline, it is ready for the Fall 2022 MEP submission deadline.

In addition to my goals, I was able to serve my Sisters in other ways. Way back in June and July, the other District VPMs and I assisted Erika in preparing for National Convention. Each District VPM reviewed a section of OVERTURE for clarity and accuracy. The District VPMs also assisted our wonderful Chapter Visitation Assistant Christopher Lukasik in implementing the newest addition to OVERTURE, Module 0 What is Hazing. The District VPMs read over the new module and provided feedback and suggestions before the presentation of the addition to the National Delegation.

To work towards our goals, the Council knew it needed to be as flexible and responsive as possible to help make the transition from pandemic restrictions to where we are now. It was a true honor to be able to serve the District during these very important times.

The Northeast District is a wild and wonderful place, filled with chapters both large and small. We are unique and diverse yet united by our shared ideals. It has been both an honor and an experience of a lifetime to work with my fellow Council Members, the Councilors, and all of the members of the Northeast District.

To the Alumni of Iota Alpha: If it weren't for your mentorship, I do not know if I would have had the courage to put myself out there and run for District Council.

To the Active Sisters of Iota Alpha: Your support for me during my time at Marist can not be overstated. Your support helped convince me that I had what it takes to serve others. Thank you for showing me what it means to have Sisters.

To the Council and Counselors: My Besties. Thank you for encouraging me to grow and to better myself not only as a Sister, but as a human. Thank you for reminding me to take care of myself and for being there for me when I needed help. You exemplify what it means to be a Sister. I am not great with words, so I will keep it brief. You are the strongest, most passionate, and exceptional Sisters and people I've had the pleasure of working with. Thank you, Thank you, thank you.

As always, it is truly an honor to be selective to serve. I can honestly and happily say that the experiences gained during my time on District Council have changed me for the better. Being able to serve all of you has been a great honor, and I thank you for being chosen to discharge the duties of Vice President for Membership.

Respectfully submitted with Much Love in the Bond,
Matthew Badia

2021-2022 Northeast District Vice President for Membership

Appendix G - Final Report of the Ways & Means Committee

The Ways and Means Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2022

The charges for the 2022 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2021 Ways and Means Committee Reports and Charges.
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving constitutions and budgeting.
3. Collect any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures from other committees by the end of the first committee meeting.
4. Review the proposed changes to the 2021-2022 TBSigma NED Constitution.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council and other Committees.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes, including rationale, for the Chair to present to the delegation for voting a Separate business session.
5. Review the proposed changes to the 2021-2022 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council and other Committees.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes including rationale for the Chair to present to the delegation for voting a Separate business session.

6. Review the tentative NED 2022-2023 Budget and approve projected revenue and expenses.
7. Propose virtual and in person fundraising options for the District.
8. Evaluate fundraising efforts for the 2021-2022 year.

Introductions

- All delegates present
- Reviewed charges and report from the 2021 Ways and Means Committee

Budget Review

- Reviewed 2021-2022 budget

Proposed Budget

- Reviewed 2022-2023 budget

Fundraising Discussion

- Brainstormed potential fundraising ideas for 2022-2023
 - Plants (succulents, cacti, offer options to customize pots)
 - Shirt fundraiser, not linked to convention, but an NED spirit shirt
 - Could also go in a direction of hats or mugs
 - Stickers
 - Redbubble, Society Six
 - NED virtual concert/showcase/talent show. Charge entry fee for submitting video and ask for donations
- Discussed that if soliciting designs from chapters for things like stickers or shirts, how do we encourage them to participate?

Jurisdiction

- Reviewed National Constitution, District Constitution, and District Standard Operating Procedures
- Reviewed changes to the District Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures suggested by the current District Council
- Reviewed all changes suggested by Nominations, Programs, and Membership Committees

All proposed changes to the District Constitution and the Standard Operating Procedures are reflected below. Original passages to be changed will be **highlighted**, suggested changes are shown in **red**, and explanations or rationale will be shown in **blue**.

Proposed Changes to the Northeast District Constitution

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FROM COUNCIL

- 4.5 There shall be an annual Precinct Meeting within each Precinct of the District. The location of the next Precinct Meeting shall be determined at each preceding Precinct Meeting by the Joint District Councils with approval by the District Counselors and

Governors. In the absence of a selection at that Precinct Meeting, the District Counselors and Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Governors shall determine the next meeting site.

Add: In the absence of an approved bid by the District Counselors and Governors for each Precinct, there shall be one virtual Precinct Meeting prior to District Convention.

In the event that one Precinct is unable to host an in person meeting the Joint District Councils would need to hold an online Precinct Meeting to meet their needs. At the point where there is one online Precinct Meeting, it is within the best interest of the Joint District Councils and Chapters who would not travel to their own Precinct Meetings to consolidate all of the Precinct Meetings into one in a virtual format.

- 4.503 In the absence of a selection of Precinct Meeting hosts by District Convention, the selection process of the following year's Precinct Meeting will be left to the District Counselors and Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Governors. The District Counselors and District Governors will consider the following four (4) items, and are obligated to select a host with ninety (90) days of the District Convention:

- a) Timely completion of the Chapter's District and National paperwork
- b) Their impressions of the potential host chapters
- c) Pursuing at least two (2) potential host chapters
- d) Chapter's willingness to host

[Removed]

Unnecessary due to above change (4.5).

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- 4.504 Each Chapter selected to host a Precinct Meeting shall publish, in writing, the date of the meeting, as well as the preliminary housing and registration information at minimum to all Chapters and colonies within the District, all Nationally recognized Alumni Associations, all District Council members, the District Counselors, and all National Officers by November 1 of the year preceding the Precinct Meeting. Said chapters will also publish, in writing, the final housing and registration fee information, as well as detailed directions and maps by January 15 of the year of the Precinct Meeting and distribute as above.

Petitioning groups

Updated to make language consistent with changes at national level.

While consolidating this final report, it was brought to our attention that the timeline as dictated by the Constitution does not align with this year's practice for collecting Precinct bids. The Constitution dictates that bids to host Precincts must be submitted by the respective Precinct Meeting's Joint Opening session.

Proposed Changes to the Northeast District SOP

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FROM COUNCIL

- Transition to New Officers - Outgoing Officers relinquish all material connected with their respective offices to the proper incoming Officers during the Council Transition Meeting, following the close of District Convention, typically the Sunday morning of Convention weekend, **but ultimately up to the discretion of the outgoing Officers, Incoming Officers, and the District Counselors.**

Clarification

- Related to VPSP description in SOP:
 - **SUGGESTED AMENDMENT FROM COUNCIL:**
The District Vice President for Special Projects role is outlined in the District Constitution, section 2.4: “The District Vice President for Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing District programs, and **historical projects**, as determined by the District Council.”

sisterhood projects

The History Project is now known as the SisTAUhood Project; sisterhood for formality

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT FROM COMMITTEE:

The District Vice President for Special Projects role is outlined in the District Constitution, section 2.4: “The District Vice President for Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing District programs, and historical projects, as determined by the District Council.”

“The District Vice President for Special Projects shall be responsible for supporting national programs and initiatives, as well as designing and implementing District programs and projects.”

Updated to be accurate to the NED Constitution Section 2.4

- Related to NED VPSP Recurrent Responsibilities
NED VPSP RECURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES
 - National Programs
 - Promote the implementation of programs created by the National Vice President for Special Projects at the Chapter level, **including Focus on Five**
Addition to explicitly state participation in national programs created by NVSP
 - Implement district-wide programs related to service, awards, history, and other special projects

Added to make more explicit programs typically promoted by the District VPSP

- Related to Nominations Committee and District Office Candidate Procedures
SUGGESTED AMENDMENT FROM COUNCIL:
 - This committee shall interview and investigate the eligibility of all candidates for election to the District Council according to the requirements set forth by National and District Constitutions. It’s the committee’s responsibility to find the best candidate for each office. This is done in the form of a slate, which is provided in the Nominations Committee report. When the nominations committee report is accepted by the delegation, slated candidates are automatically nominated. **Eligible candidates for office will submit a virtual interview to be made available to all Sisters in the District and will be an imperative tool in the decision of the slate by the committee.**
Including the practice of virtual candidate interviews.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT FROM COMMITTEE:

- Eligible candidates for office will complete a virtual interview with the Nominations Committee Chair to be made available to all Sisters in the District, and will be an imperative tool in the decision of the slate by the committee.
Clarify what the practice of virtual interviews for candidates look like

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Listed under recurrent responsibilities for District VPM:

- Membership Education Program
 - Promote the implementation of programs developed by the National Vice President for Colonization and Membership at the Chapter level.
 - Develop, maintain, and implement district-wide programs related to initiate and post-Membership Education
National Vice President for Membership and Expansion
Updated to reflect new name of position at national level

The charges for the 2023 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2022 Ways and Means Committee Reports and Charges.
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving constitutions and budgeting.
3. Collect any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures from other committees by the end of the first committee meeting.
4. Review the proposed changes to the 2022-2023 TBSigma NED Constitution.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council and other Committees.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes, including rationale, for the Chair to present to the delegation for voting a Separate business session.
5. Review the proposed changes to the 2022-2023 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council and other Committees.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes including rationale for the Chair to present to the delegation for voting a Separate business session.
6. Review the tentative NED 2023-2024 Budget and approve projected revenue and expenses.
7. Propose virtual and in person fundraising options for the District.
8. Evaluate fundraising efforts for the 2022-2023 year.

The charges for the 2022-2023 District Council are as follows:

- Secretary-Treasurer
 - Review and implement suggestions for virtual fundraisers suggested by the committee
- President

- Provide the committee with a copy of Kappa Kappa Psi NED's Constitution to ensure that any suggested changes do not cause inconsistencies between the two organizations
- Counselors
 - Communicate with Kappa Kappa Psi District Governors to ensure matters in the Constitution related to both organizations are consistent across both organizations
 - Communicate with Kappa Kappa Psi District Governors regarding the purpose and operations of Precinct Meetings

Respectfully submitted,
 Nasyah Oxner, Eta Delta (Co-Chair)
 Kaitlyn Riggio, Eta Gamma (Co-Chair)
 Allison Leemann, Eta Gamma (Advisor)
 Brian Main, Iota Alpha (Advisor)
 Nadia Palafox, Delta Delta (Delegate)
 Angelica Formica, Zeta Upsilon (Proxy for Iota Kappa)
 Ciara Walton, Epsilon Rho (Delegate)
 Sam Babitsky, Gamma Omega (Delegate)
 Emily Rossi, Kappa Alpha (Proxy for Delta Omicron)
 Amaya Thomas, Epsilon Omega (Proxy for Eta Sigma)

Appendix H: Final Report of the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2022

The charges for the 2022 Nominations Committee were as follows:

1. Review the 2021 Nominations Committee Report and Charges.
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, focusing on candidacy and voting procedure.
3. Review the list of candidates for District Office based on the packets that were submitted electronically 1 week prior to the start of the Convention.
4. Review the list of suggested questions for candidates and develop new questions (General and Office-specific).
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.
7. If necessary, evaluate the number of packets submitted and discuss recruitment strategies for future District Officer candidates
 - a. If necessary, brainstorm strategies if there is a gap in number of candidate announcements vs number of packet submissions

Description of and conclusion for discussion points

1. We reviewed the 2021 Nominations Committee Report and Charges together at our first meeting prior to convention weekend. We also made a checklist for each of the charges listed above to ensure we covered each of them during our discussions this weekend.
2. We reviewed the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District SOP, focusing on candidacy and voting procedures.
3. We interviewed any potential floor nominees who approached the committee prior to the presentation of the slate.
4. We reviewed each of the candidates based on their interviews and packets if submitted, while focusing on determining which candidates we feel can best fulfill the responsibilities of each of the district offices.
5. We reviewed the list of interview questions and made recommendations to the district counselors for modifications and additions.
6. The committee chair interviewed all candidates prior to district convention, using the interview questions, and all delegates were asked to watch the interviews prior to the first committee block.
7. We created the following slate of recommended candidates based on our discussion surrounding the third charge: **[SEE ADJOINING DOCUMENT]**

President:

Vice President for Membership:

Vice President for Special Projects:

Secretary/Treasurer:

We evaluated the number of packets and noted that it was only slightly under the number of available positions, so we brainstormed multiple ways to encourage and maintain interest in running for district office. We include these ideas in our charges for the 2022-2023 District Council.

The charges for the 2023 Nominations Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2022 Nominations Committee Report and Charges.
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District SOP, focusing on candidacy, district offices, and voting procedure.
3. Submit any recommendations for modifications to the District Constitution or SOP to the Jurisdiction/Ways & Means Committee before the beginning of the second committee block.
4. Interview all candidates found eligible for candidacy, being sure to ask the same questions if there are multiple candidates running for the same office.
5. Review the list of candidates for District Office based on the packets that were submitted electronically 1 week prior to the start of the Convention.
6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.
7. Review the list of suggested questions for candidates and provide feedback to the district counselors as needed.
8. If necessary, evaluate the number of packets submitted and discuss strategies for recruiting and maintaining interest for future District Officer candidates.

9. Create the 2023 Nominations Committee Report and Charges for the 2024 Nominations Committee.

The charges for the 2022-2023 District Council are as follows:

Emphasize to all parties interested in District Council the importance of submitting packets for consideration.

Review the Secretary/Treasurer interview questions, namely the question regarding recurring tasks, and consider revising for clarity.

Review the following suggestions for recruitment, and create an implementation plan if applicable:

- Create a presentation to introduce officer positions prior to precinct meetings
- Make members aware of delegate positions and responsibilities, and encourage members to be delegates for their chapters
- Create shadowing group chats for each office
- Make detailed officer reports outlining duties completed throughout the year
- Implement nation-wide zoom calls with all of those who hold the same position and members who are interested in learning more about that position
- Create 'hype videos' for office positions and share them on social media

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Anderson, Gamma Omega (Chair)

Advisors:

Erika Pope, Theta Theta

Jonathan Markowski, Delta Delta

Delegates:

Brenna Visby, Zeta Upsilon

Eboni Singletary, Epsilon Omega

Michael Wise, Iota Alpha

Valon Henry, Theta Phi

*Appendix I: **Northeast District Counselors' Final Report***

Appendix J: Final Report of the President - Ameenah Muhammad (Iota Pi)

Greetings Sisters of the Northeast District,

I want to start off by asking everyone to take a deep breath in and exhale it out. What a year it has been! When I attended my first Northeast District Convention, in 2019 as a MC, I was in awe of what I saw. The Northeast District was full of life, spirit, love, and tenacity. As we have seen throughout this past year, and especially this weekend, this is still true and has grown even stronger. When I was elected as your Northeast District President a year ago, I was honored for even be considered for the position. As sisters of the Northeast District, you have all shown your ability to adapt to literally any and every situation thrown at you.

I want to get straight to the point, you all have been through so much and our main priority as a council this year has been to support you through it all. You all have greatly inspired our council by the different ways that you have continued to serve through a global pandemic. Many of your Chapters and band programs are all doing different things, whether it's virtual, completely in person, or hybrid. Regardless of the circumstance, you all still show up and get the job done. What is even more inspiring is that, as if the pandemic wasn't enough, we all still had to deal with the trials and tribulations of life that have existed way before COVID. One of our goals for this year was to focus on the fact we all have been dealing with something one way or the other, so we wanted to personalize our interactions with the District.

One of the initiatives that allowed us to do that, were our Chapter Check-Ins. We really wanted checkins this year to come from a place of mutual benefit. We wanted chapters to know they are not here to get you in trouble and yell at you, but for us to truly get a glimpse of what you all have been going through and how we can best support, and be a resource to you, just as much you all are a resource to us. We actually took the data from Chapter Checkins to curate our convention workshops based off of the needs you all have expressed to us, because relevant programming is imperative during the times we are in. We extended not only our direct office responsibilities, but also our minds and hearts, as that is our first responsibility as sisters.

Another one of our goals for this year was to start the process of normalizing whilst celebrating diversity within our district. It was extremely humbling for me to realize that by holding this office, I have been writing history everyday. It has been 14 years since there has been a Northeast District President that has been black, and from an HBCU. I consider myself a dreamer, because once I see potential, I dream of all the possibilities that could be. During my time as an active sister, I noticed the disconnect between Predominantly White Institutions and Hbcus, as well as the non intentional lack of understanding from district and national leadership. This inspired me to run for District President, because I felt that more voices at the table would help us understand each other more. But honestly, I was very discouraged at times because I was confident that I wouldn't get the position because of the color of my skin. Now, the fact that I was elected, shows growth in not only the Northeast District but society. However, to be frank, that is not enough, and we have to do more, and do better. The first step is acknowledging that. Do not let this be a one time thing! I would like to charge the NED and future councils to keep equity and representation at the forefront. How can we best serve if our leadership is not a true reflection of our district? How can our nation and district be sisters in harmony if we don't celebrate not only

our similarities but our differences as well? Simply put, You can't understand or consider something you aren't aware of. Change definitely does not happen overnight, and it is a process that takes an open mind and heart from all parties involved. And as sisters, we owe it to ourselves and each other to give just that. We can never progress without having these tough conversations.

With that being said, serving as your President has been one of the best things that I have experienced in my life. Every email, text, phone call, zoom call, groupme text that I have shared with you all has meant the world to me. I have loved getting to know your Chapter Presidents' and hearing the different experiences of your Chapters. I want you to give yourselves a hand for how you advocated for yourselves and Chapters, and recognized when to reach out for help. That is an attribute of a true leader. You all have helped me become a better leader, and for that I am forever grateful

To the National Council,

Thank you for your constant support and resources that you have offered us since we got elected to council. Thank you Erika Pope for believing in me since we met when I was a MC.

Thank you Allison Leemann and Ted McCadden, for always supporting me and my very ambitious thoughts, and encouraging me that I am more than capable.

To my home chapter, Iota Pi, thank you for teaching me how to become a woman of Tau Beta Sigma, if it wasn't for your guidance and unwavering sisterhood, and seeing the potential in me before I saw it in myself, I would have never even dreamed to be in this position.

To Eliza, I am beyond proud of you. Keep learning and growing, and I will always be a shoulder for you to lean on. Our membership candidates are in great hands.

To my council and counselors, the besties! I am not even sure I have the words to describe the love that I have for you all. Our countless late nights, voice messages, email threads, powerpoint parties, and just plain laughter and fellowship, I am honored to have worked with such amazing human beings. You have made me a better and happier person.

Thank you Kayla, for keeping us structured and classy. Thank you for keeping us the best looking district in the nation. I remember in 2019 when we met, and we discussed wanting to be on district council, and look at us now. I am beyond proud of you and honored to have served beside my fellow hbcu sister

TO Hannah, thank you for being the life of the party, and always making sure we laugh even in tense moments. I am so grateful to have gained our friendship.

To Matt, thank you for always asking about MEP, and keeping us on our feet. Thank you for dealing with the craziness that comes with Hannah Kayla and I.

This year our council has been tasked with the unique responsibility of helping chapters bounce back, and I would personally like to charge the next district council to build upon the structures that have been reimagined this year. It is now time to go above and beyond.

You all have pivoted and now it's time to March forth.

Respectfully submitted,

Ameenah Muhammad

2021 - 2022, Northeast District President

Appendix K: Joint Presidents' Report - Deena Ereifej and Ameenah Muhammad

Deena: The best part of being in a joint organization is the ability to collaborate and freely exchange ideas. From our first official in-person meeting in July at our National Leadership Conference, Ameenah and I's most important goal was to focus on the willingness to work as a unit for our chapters of the Northeast District and pull off a great convention! But during that planning block, we never realized what kind of mess we would be in today.

Ameenah: One of the many amazing things about this experience is the chance to meet the joint councils and create those bonds with people from across the District. We are so thankful to have developed those friendships, be able to create amazing programs, and work together to continue our mission of strong joint relations as a District. The support and feedback from our councils is something we thrive on and inspire us to be better leaders

Deena: We charge the 2022-2023 Northeast District Presidents with the following:

- **Ameenah:** Continue to improve lines of communication between the Joint Council, Governors, and Counselor
- **Deena:** Encourage joint relations at precinct meetings and District Convention

Ameenah: Thank you to all of you for your feedback, participation, and support this year. We could not be more proud of you as a District and know that you will all continue to work towards

the betterment of One NED.

Deena: Respectfully submitted,

Brother President, Deena Ereifej
Sister President Ameenah Muhammad