

Northeast District Convention



Minutes from the 2016 Meetings

Held March 18-19, 2016

Hosted by Marist College

Minutes Prepared by Shelby Coleman
2015-2016 Northeast District Secretary

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2016 NED Convention At a Glance

Convention Hosts

Kappa Upsilon (KKPsi) and Iota Alpha (TBS) at Marist College

2015-2016 District Council

Christopher Lukasik, President

Shannon Mackey, Vice-President of Special Projects

Shelby Coleman, Secretary

Kyle Donelan, Treasurer

Erin Kreeger, Alumni Secretary and Historian

Committee Chairs & Advisors

Nominations: Cristin Mayes, Dollie O'Neill

Jurisdiction: Jessica LaDuke, Jenny Fletcher, Erika Pope

Membership: Brittany Davenport, Jonathan Markowski

Programs: Aliyah Hoyer, Adrienne Rall

Sisterhood and Spirit: Brooke Groff, Carolyn McCambridge

Ways and Means: Bree Hurley, Tyra Yiare

Joint Convention Site and Publication: Paula Batoon, Sonya Osei, Kathryn Kelly

Award Recipients

Phenomenal Sister: Lauren Wojtowicz

Travel Grant: Zeta Omicron

Golden Typewriter: Delta Nu

Unsung Hero: Teri McMillon and Spencer Weinstein

All Star Service: Theta Phi

Chapter Perseverance: Beta Eta

District History Project: Eta Gamma

District Spirit Award: Iota Pi

Counselors' Award: Delta Nu

NEDAA Ritual Scholarship: Eta Gamma

Alumni Communication: Iota Pi

2016-2017 District Council

President: Shelby Coleman

Vice President of Membership: Evelyn White

Vice President of Special Projects: Kaitlyn Devrous

Secretary-Treasurer: Brian Main

SECTION ONE: JOINT AND SEPARATE MINUTES

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

Friday, March 18th

Joint Session #1

Separate Session #1

Separate Session #2

Joint Session #2

Saturday, March 19th

Separate Session #3

Separate Session #4

Joint Session #3

Separate Session #5

Joint Session #1

Friday, March 18, 2016
McCann Arena, Marist College

The 2015 Northeast District Convention was called to order at 9:26 AM on Friday, March 18, 2016 at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York with Alex Thompson, KKPsi NED President, and Christopher Lukasik, TBS NED President, as presiding officers.

Welcome from District Presidents

Alex Thompson & Christopher Lukasik

Introduction of District Councils

Kappa Kappa Psi

President: Alex Thompson

Vice President: Emily Quinlisk

Secretary-Treasurer: Victoria Kraft

Member at Large: Shanon Rubin

Historian and Alumni Liaison: Alex Finkel

Tau Beta Sigma

President: Christopher Lukasik

Vice President of Special Projects: Shannon Mackey

Secretary: Shelby Coleman

Treasurer: Kyle Donelan

Alumni Secretary and Historian: Erin Kreeger

Introduction of Governors and Counselors

Governors: Marie Burleigh & John Leonard

Counselors: Anthony Barbir & Allison Leemann

Recognition of Dignitaries by District Presidents

National Headquarters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma

Di Spiva, National Accountant

Robert Bratcher, National Publications Manager

Andy Melvin, KKPsi Chapter Field Representative

Chris Young, KKPsi Chapter Field Representative

Kappa Kappa Psi

Marco Krcatovich, National Vice President of Programs
Zac Humphrey, National Vice President Student Affairs
Adam Cantley, Board of Trustees Vice Chair
Eric Morson, Board of Trustees
Danny George, Board of Trustees
Mike Napolitano, Alumni Association Board of Directors Chair
Alison Beidler, Alumni Association Board of Directors Vice Chair
Daniel Miller, Alumni Association Board of Directors Member
Anthony Walker, Immediate Past Northeast District President
Ed Savoy, Past Northeast District Officer
Chris Carpenter, Past Northeast District Officer
Ben Friedman, Past Northeast District Officer
Janet Leese, Past Northeast District Officer
Sarah Fitzgerald, NEDAA President
Andrew Eden, NEDAA Vice President for Kappa Kappa Psi
Chris Pratt, NEDAA Treasurer

Tau Beta Sigma

Kathryn Kelly, National President
Jonathan Markowski, National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
Adrienne Rall, National Vice President for Special Projects
Erika Pope, National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
Beth Bronk, National Vice President for Professional Relations & Women in Music
Speaker
Dollie O'Neill, Board of Trustees Chair
Carolyn McCambridge, Board of Trustees Member
Dawn Farmer, Board of Trustees Member & Past National President
Justin Brady, TBSAA Executive Council Chair
Tyra Yiare, TBSAA Finance Chair
Anthony Barbir, NED Counselor
Allison Leemann, NED Counselor
Trudy Adler, NCD Counselor
Ted McCadden, Chapter Visitation Assistant
Terri White, Chapter Visitation Assistant
Amy Dauphinais, Past National Vice President for Communication and Recognition
Sue Carr, Past Northeast District Counselor, Past Board of Trustees Member
Jessica Gamble, Immediate Past Northeast District President

Kristen Collins, Past Northeast District President
Monika Monk, Past Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects
Megan Miranda, Past Northeast District Alumni Secretary and Historian
Jasmine Johnson, NEDAA Vice President for Tau Beta Sigma
Emily Anstey, NEDAA Secretary & Past Northeast District President
Kathryn Howell, Past Southwest District President

Introduction & message from Marist College History Professor, Colonel James Johnson

Call for 2017 Northern Precinct Meeting Bids
None

Call for 2017 Southern Precinct Meeting Bids
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University submits a bid, Eta Beta (KKPsi) & Zeta Omicron (TBS)
George Mason University submits a bid, Mu Omicron (KKPsi)
Hampton University submits a bid, Theta Phi (TBS)

Call for 2017 Northeast District Convention Host Bids
Syracuse University submits a bid, Eta Phi (KKPsi) & Eta Alpha (TBS)

Host Chapter Announcement presented by host chapter co-chairs
Alyssa Tripi (KKPsi) and Brian Moran (TBS)

Joint Council Announcements

The first Joint Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 9:52 AM on Friday, March 18, 2016.

Separate Session #1

Friday, March 18, 2016

Nelly Goletti Theater, Marist College

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was called to order at 10:12 AM on Friday, March 18, 2016 at Marist College.

Welcome from District President & District Council delivered by Christopher Lukasik

Recognition of Dignitaries

Call for Past Awards

Roll Call and Seating of the Delegates

Absent: Gamma Chi

Proxy to: Gamma Kappa

Absent: Epsilon Sigma

Proxy to: Eta Rho

Absent: Eta Delta

Proxy to: Iota Pi

Note: Epsilon Sigma and Eta Delta arrived later to take their seats.

* At the end of roll call and delegate seating of the 2016 NED Convention, the seating rotation ended with the Gamma Kappa chapter. The next chapter on the seating rotation will be Gamma Chi for the 2017 NED Convention.

Motion to Accept the 2015 Northeast District Convention Minutes as Written

First: Delta Nu

Second: Eta Chi

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

The 2015 NED Convention Minutes will be archived on the district website.

Introduction of the Nominations Chair

Cristin Mayes, Theta Phi

Call for Officer Candidate Packets, *given to Nominations Committee*

Submitted Packets:

Shelby Coleman, President

Evelyn White, President

Jillian Regner, Vice President of Special Projects

Brian Main, Secretary-Treasurer

Lisa Cross, Secretary-Treasurer

Introduction of the Candidates and Overview of Election Process

Announcement about Committees/Workshops

Council Announcements

The first Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 10:50 AM on Friday, March 18.

Joint Meeting, Session #2

Friday, March 18, 2016
McCann Arena, Marist College

The Joint Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 7:18 PM on Friday March 18, 2016 at Marist College.

Preliminary Report of the Joint Committee for Convention Site and Publication
delivered by Paula Batoon (KKPsi - Kappa Upsilon) & Sonya Osei (TBS - Theta Pi)
Syracuse University is eligible for slating.
Syracuse University presented their bid.

NEDAA Announcements

General Announcements from the Presidents

Host Chapter Announcements

The Joint Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 7:42 PM on Friday March 18, 2016.

Separate Session #2

Friday, March 18, 2016

Nelly Goletti Theater, Marist College

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 8:00 PM on Friday March 18, 2016 at Marist College.

Discussion of Restructure of District Council

National Leadership Team Presentation

Nominations Preliminary Report *by Cristin Mayes, Theta Phi*

The following people were found to be eligible to run for District Council:

Shelby Coleman, Evelyn White, Jillian Regner, Lisa Cross, and Brian Main

District Council Candidate Question and Answer Panel

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 10:20 PM on Friday, March 18.

Separate Session #3

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Nelly Goletti Theater, Marist College

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 11:20 AM on Saturday March 19, 2016 at Marist College.

Women in Music Speaker Beth Bronk, presented by the National Council

Beth Bronk, Associate Professor, is in her tenth year as Director of Bands at Texas Lutheran University, where she teaches conducting, instrumental music education courses, and directs the TLU Bands. Professor Bronk earned her Bachelor's degree, Performance Certificate, and teaching certification at the University of Texas at Austin, and Masters degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of North Texas. She is nearing completion of her doctoral work at Teachers College, Columbia University. Her dissertation is titled, "Director Expertise in Teaching Intonation." Before joining the faculty at TLU, she completed eighteen years of public school teaching and administration, primarily in the New Braunfels Independent School District. She continues to serve the Texas Music Educators Association as the president of Region 12 and is currently the Vice-President for Professional Relations on the National Council of Tau Beta Sigma. Her in-service presentations and clinics focus on continuing professional growth and education for band directors at all levels of experience. In December, Prof. Bronk was given TLUs 2015-2016 Distinguished Faculty Award for Service and Leadership. Ms. Bronk is an active clinician, adjudicator, and performer.

Beth Bronk was presented with a crown pearl badge by the National Council.

Nominations Committee Final Report by Cristin Mayes, Theta Phi

The slate was released.

President: Shelby Coleman

Vice President of Membership: Evelyn White

Vice President of Special Projects: Jillian Regner

Secretary-Treasurer: Brian Main

Motion to accept the Nominations Report as read.

First: Theta Phi

Second: Zeta Omicron

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 11:23 AM on Saturday, March 19.

Separate Session #4

Call out of recess & Welcome Back

Roll Call of Delegates

Final Reports of District Officers and Committee & Award Presentations (found in Section Two)

Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Final Report presented by Brooke Groff, Beta Eta

First: Beta Eta

Second: Iota Alpha

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Alumni Secretary and Historian Final Report presented by Erin Kreeger, Beta Eta

First: Beta Eta

Second: Eta Alpha

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Membership Committee Final Report presented by Brittany Davenport, Iota Pi

First: Iota Pi

Second: Eta Sigma

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Treasurer Final Report presented by Kyle Donelan, Gamma Kappa

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Epsilon Epsilon

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Beta Eta

Motion passes.

Programs Committee Final Report presented by Aliya Hoye, Epsilon Rho

First: Epsilon Rho

Second: Delta Omicron

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Secretary Final Report presented by Shelby Coleman, Delta Omega

First: Delta Delta

Second: Gamma Omega

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Jurisdiction Committee Final Report presented by Jenny Fletcher (Delta Nu) and Jessica LaDuke (Eta Delta)

First: Eta Delta

Second: Delta Nu

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Constitutional Changes

A detailed copy of all changes can be found in the Jurisdiction Committee Report in Section Six

Section: 1.1/1.101

Motion: Theta Pi

Second: Zeta Upsilon

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Section: 1.201-1.203

Motion: Epsilon Sigma

Second: Delta Omega

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Section: 1.301-1.303 & 1.401-1.402

Motion: Epsilon Upsilon

Second: Eta Rho

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Section: 2.101

Motion: Eta Alpha

Second: Iota Kappa

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 3.101
Motion: Eta Gamma
Second: Epsilon Omega
Opposed: Delta Omega, Theta Pi, Iota Pi
Abstained: Eta Chi
Motion passes.

Section: 3.2
Motion: Iota Pi
Second: Eta Rho
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 3.301-3.306
Motion: Eta Chi
Second: Gamma Chi
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 3.401
Motion: Eta Delta
Second: Gamma Kappa
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 3.402-3.407
Motion: Epsilon Rho
Second: Theta Pi
 Amendment - Remove "National" in VPSP
 Motion: Delta Delta
 Second: Zeta Upsilon
 Opposed: Theta Pi
 Abstained: 0
 Amendment passes.
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 3.501-3.504
Motion: Theta Phi
Second: Eta Sigma
Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 4
Motion: Iota Alpha
Second: Eta Delta
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 5.101-5.107
Motion: Zeta Omicron
Second: Eta Gamma
Opposed: Eta Delta
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 6.101
Motion: Eta Rho
Second: Gamma Omega
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Note: This block will not be modified because it deals with joint KKPsi/TBS policies.

Section: 6.102-6.107
Motion: Iota Alpha
Second: Eta Sigma
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Note: This block will not be modified because it deals with joint KKPsi/TBS policies.

Section: 6.201-6.202
Motion: Delta Omicron
Second: Epsilon Sigma
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Note: This block will not be modified because it deals with joint KKPsi/TBS policies.

Section: 6.203-6.208
Motion: Epsilon Omega
Second: Epsilon Epsilon
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Note: This block will not be modified because it deals with joint KKPsi/TBS policies.

Section: 7.101-7.107
Motion: Delta Nu
Second: Epsilon Upsilon
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 8.1-8.2
Motion: Beta Eta
Second: Epsilon Rho
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Note: This block will not be modified because it deals with joint KKPsi/TBS policies.

Section: 9.1
Motion: Theta Phi
Second: Theta Pi
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 10.1
Motion: Zeta Omicron
Second: Zeta Upsilon
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Section: 11.101-11.104
Motion: Iota Pi
Second: Eta Chi
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Note: This block will not be modified because it deals with joint KKPsi/TBS policies.

Section: 11.201-11.204
Motion: Iota Kappa
Second: Eta Gamma
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Vice President of Special Projects presented by Shannon Mackey, Delta Delta
First: Delta Omega

Second: Eta Alpha
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Ways and Means Committee Final Report presented by Bree Hurley, Delta Delta

First: Gamma Kappa
Second: Gamma Chi

Amendment to the proposed 2016-2017 Budget

Amend "Delegate Fee" to "Donation"

First: Eta Gamma
Second: Eta Alpha
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

2016-2017 Budget presented by Bree Hurley, Delta Delta

First: Delta Delta
Second: Eta Delta
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Motion passes.

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 3:04 PM on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Joint Session #3

Saturday, March 19, 2016
McCann Arena, Marist College

The Joint Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 4:17 PM on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Marist College.

Keynote Speech *presented by Art Himmelberger - Director of the Music Program, Marist College*

Joint Relations Award Presentation

Winners: Adam Chiodini (KKPsi - Beta Eta) and Katie Oeler (TBS - Gamma Omega)

Announcement of 2017 Southern Precinct Host

George Mason University (Mu Omicron - KKPsi)

Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee Final Report *presented by Paula Batoon (KKPsi - Kappa Upsilon) & Sonya Osei (TBS - Theta Pi)*

Report available in Section IX

Slated to host District Convention 2017: Syracuse University

Motion to accept report as written.

First: Theta Pi (TBS)

Second: Beta Gamma (KKPsi)

Opposed: Iota Kappa (TBS) and Kappa Gamma (KKPsi)

Abstained: Mu Theta (KKPsi)

Motion passes.

Selection of 2017 Northeast District Convention:

Vote for location for Northeast District Convention by secret ballot.

Vote of No Confidence Returned.

The Governors and Counselors will decide next steps in selecting a Northeast District Convention host per each organization's district constitution.

Motion to close the Joint 2016 Northeast District Convention

First: Epsilon Upsilon (KKPsi)

Second: Iota Alpha (TBS)

Opposed: 4
Abstained: 1
Motion passes.

The Joint Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was closed at 5:05 PM on Saturday March 19, 2016.

Separate Session #5

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Nelly Goletti Theater, Marist College

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 5:45 PM on Saturday March 19, 2016 at Marist College.

Call out of Recess

Roll Call of Delegates

Counselor Final Report *presented by Anthony Barbir & Allison Leemann*

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Eta Delta

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Officer Elections

Slated Candidates

President: Shelby Coleman, Delta Omega

VPM: Evelyn White, Eta Alpha

VPSP: Jillian Regner, Gamma Omega

Sec/Treas: Brian Main, Iota Alpha

President

Floor is open for nominations of Northeast District President.

Shelby Coleman is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.

Eta Alpha nominates Evelyn White, she accepts.

Asked three time for additional nominations.

Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District President.

Open Elections for Northeast District President.

Ballots given for voting.

2016 - 2017 Northeast District President is Shelby Coleman.

Elections closed for Northeast District President

Vice President of Membership

Floor is open for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Membership.

Evelyn White is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.
Delta Delta nominates Mykela Orifice, she accepts and is found eligible to run.
Asked three time for additional nominations.
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Membership.
Open Elections for Northeast District Vice President of Membership.
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question-and-answer session.
Ballots given for voting.
2016 - 2017 Northeast District Vice President of Membership is Evelyn White.
Elections closed for Northeast District Vice President of Membership.

Vice President of Special Projects

Floor is open for nominations for Vice President of Special Projects.
Jillian Regner is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.
Iota Alpha nominates Kaitlyn Devrous, she accepts and is found eligible to run.
Asked three time for additional nominations.
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects.
Open elections for Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects.
Ballots given for voting.
2016 - 2017 Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects is Kaitlyn Devrous.
Elections closed for Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects.

Secretary-Treasurer

Floor is open for nominations for Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer.
Brian Main is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.
Iota Pi nominates Brittany Davenport, she accepts is found eligible to run.
Gamma Omega nominates Lisa Cross, she accepts.
Asked three time for additional nominations.
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer.
Open elections for Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer.
2016 - 2017 Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer is Brian Main.
Elections closed for Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer.

President Final Report *presented by Christopher Lukasik*

First: Epsilon Rho
Second: Delta Delta
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

Host Chapter Announcements

Council Announcements

Officer Installation occurred after Banquet led by Anthony Barbir & Allison Leemann.

Closing Remarks

Motion to adjourn Separate 2016 Northeast District Convention.

First: Iota Alpha

Second: Eta Alpha

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

The Separate Session of the 2016 Northeast District Convention was adjourned at 7:40 PM on Saturday March 19, 2016.

SECTION TWO: AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

Phenomenal Sister and Life Membership Scholarship - presented by Shannon Mackey, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Lauren Wojtowicz, Eta Gamma at Boston University.

Travel Grant - presented by Kyle Donelan, NED Treasurer. It was awarded to the Zeta Omicron chapter at Virginia Tech.

The Golden Typewriter Award - presented by Shelby Coleman, NED Secretary. It was awarded to the Delta Nu chapter at the University of Maine.

Unsung Hero Award - presented by Shannon Mackey, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Teri McMillon, Iota Pi at Lincoln University.

Unsung Hero Award - presented by Erin Kreeger, NED Alumni Secretary and Historian. It was awarded to Spencer Weinstein, Delta Delta at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

All Star Service Award - presented by Shannon Mackey, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Theta Phi chapter at Hampton University.

Chapter Perseverance Award - presented by Christopher Lukasik, NED President. It was awarded to the Beta Eta chapter at the University of Maryland.

District History Project Award - presented by Erin Kreeger, NED Alumni Secretary and Historian. It was awarded to the Eta Gamma chapter at Boston University.

District Spirit Award - presented by Christopher Lukasik, NED President. It was awarded to the Iota Pi chapter at Lincoln University.

Project Good Member Participants - presented by Christopher Lukasik, NED President. Beta Eta, Delta Delta, Delta Nu, Delta Omicron, Delta Omega, Eta Alpha, Eta Chi, Eta Gamma, Eta Sigma, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Omega, Iota Alpha, Iota Pi, and Zeta Omicron were recognized.

The Counselors' Award - presented by Anthony Barbir and Allison Leemann, NED Counselors. It was awarded to the Delta Nu chapter at the University of Maine.

The NEDAA Ritual Scholarship - presented by Jasmine Johnson, NEDAA Vice President for Tau Beta Sigma. It was awarded to KKPsi - Nu Theta at Northeastern University and TBS - Eta Gamma at Boston University.

The NEDAA Alumni Communication Award - presented by Jasmine Johnson, NEDAA Vice President for Tau Beta Sigma. It was awarded to KKPsi - Iota Phi at the University of New Hampshire and TBS - Iota Pi at Lincoln University.

The NEDAA Keynote Speaker Award - presented by Sarah Fitzgerald, NEDAA President. It was awarded to Shomahri Simmonds, KKPsi- Iota Xi at Norfolk State University.

SECTION THREE: COUNSELORS' REPORT

ALLISON: Once upon a time, there were two knights, Anthony and Allison. These knights lived in a land called...

ANTHONY: the Northeast District!

ALLISON: Yes! The knights set off on a journey together to explore the towns and clans of the District and to support the Mission and Objectives of their kingdom, Tau Beta Sigma.

ANTHONY: As they set out on their 2015-2016 journey, Anthony and Allison thought there would be no way to find similarities between the 26 diverse towns of the Northeast District. Some were as big as cities!

ALLISON: Others were small as rabbits.

ANTHONY: Some had women and men...

ALLISON: And some had only one of the two.

ANTHONY: Some towns have existed for more than 50 years while some were just Colonies at the very beginning of their Chartering process. The knights knew that there was much to see during their travels as the Sisters of the towns had been hard at work in supporting their clans throughout the year.

ALLISON: But little did they know, that on this journey they would not only see the hard work of these Sisters, but would learn of the many commonalities between them and how they come together to support their kingdom, Tau Beta Sigma. With their mission clear, the knights set out travelling to the far reaches of the Northern, Central, and Southern realms of the District.

ANTHONY: Nearing the end of their yearly journey, with only the closing of District Convention to go, the knights stopped to reflect on all they had learned.

ALLISON: "You know what?"

ANTHONY: ...Allison said,

ALLISON: "I think the best part of each of these towns was their love for their many bands!" (pause, and as sidebar) Anthony agreed,

ANTHONY: "Across the Northeast District I saw Sisters who focused on what is important - working to support the existence of their collegiate bands through recruitment, petitioning school administration for continued financial and structural support, and serving as role models and exceptional band members."

ALLISON: "You're right, Anthony!"

ANTHONY: exclaimed Allison,

ALLISON: "ensuring that the band programs were well supported, in all aspects, was by far the great focus of the Sisters in these towns. Something that stuck out to me was the Sisters' desire to take risks and innovate to improve their service and quality of work. They sought out new projects, found new methods of engaging their schools and communities, and used a critical eye to determine how they could better function to meet goals as a Chapter, as Officers, and as individual Sisters."

ANTHONY: Through their discussion, the knights determined the successes and achievements of these towns of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma came about through collaboration and working together toward common goals. They utilized their classmates, their Chapter, their fellow Officers, and their District and National Councils to set out their action plan, overcome challenges, and achieve their goals during this year.

ALLISON: The central goals of serving their bands, promoting the appreciation of music, and serving as leaders in their communities will continue to guide Sisters of the Northeast District through the end of the 2015-2016 term and lead them into the new and exciting challenges of the 2016-2017 year.

ANTHONY: Now, that's not to say that the year was perfect. Every town, at some point during their history, deals with SOMETHING. Dragons. Ogres. Trolls. The plague.

ALLISON: Mosquitoes.

ANTHONY: Yes, definitely mosquitoes. But we know that as each town is filled to the brim with cunning leaders, they were able to survive through the hardship and become better for it. (sidebar) Am I right? (make audience respond with "yes")

ALLISON: With their 2015-2016 journey coming quickly to a close, Anthony and Allison now must share with you all, not as knights, but as your Northeast District Counselors, the moral of the story. The Qualities we embody as Sisters (knowledge and development of our physical powers and intellectual potential, maintenance of the highest moral standards and emotional poise, the achievement of our lofty spiritual ideals) benefit us not only during our limited

time as Active members, but in our personal and professional lives. Reflect on the past year and the journey that you took, the hardships you overcame, the successes you celebrated as an individual and as a Chapter. Think about your own answers to these questions: What new skills did you learn? What new challenge did you face and overcome?

ANTHONY: Now, we have a little secret to tell you. Everything you've gone through and everything you're going through in your chapter is setting you up for success in the future. I want you to think about that for a second, while we give you some instructions to follow. When we say go, stand up, turn to the person next to you, and share briefly how your personal growth in the Sorority will benefit you in your professional life after college. You have 60 seconds to share with each other. GO! (give them a minute)

ALLISON: OKAY STAHF. Now, we'd like for a few of you to share with the entire group. Raise your hand and we'll call on three of you to share. (call on 3-4 individuals, then have each district officer share, respond to students in kind)

ANTHONY: And now, to close. Our time as Active members in Tau Beta Sigma is limited. The lessons learned, however, as we heard from our Sisters sitting at our sides, are not constrained to our time as Actives and contribute to our development as highly functioning and contributing members of society.

ALLISON: We must take a stand - as individuals, as Chapters, as band members, as students, as community members, and as global citizens - to continuously grow in the work that we do. We must participate, support one another, step up to lead, set lofty goals and achieve them, and always stand up for what we believe in.

ANTHONY & ALLISON: And they LITERALLY served the bands happily ever after.
The End.

SECTION FOUR: DISTRICT OFFICERS' REPORTS

Final Report - NED Alumni Secretary and Historian 2015-2016

Erin Kreeger, Beta Eta (University of Maryland)

Sisters of the Northeast District,

It is with great honor that I present to you my final report for the 2015-2016 year, as potentially the last NED Alumni Secretary and Historian. I cannot be more proud of where the NED is, and how far we have come in this year. As I stand here before you today, I stand with the highest of hopes for this District; I know that we will continue to work towards truly becoming One NED, no matter what path we choose to go down as a District.

I ran for this position with many ideas and projects in mind. I wanted to work on some small short term projects, but I had also envisioned one or two larger projects that had great potential to grow if they were continued by the next Alumni Secretary and Historian. Some of the ideas in my platform included a Living History project, where we would begin to make a videos that created a strong narrative of our history, but also would record events that are happening now. I also had plans to create a networking database to connect Actives with Alumni. But early on I became aware that I might not have a successor to pass projects on to, so my focus shifted. I realized I needed to discover what needed to be done, and get it done.

I've worked to complete the District History Pages and fill in as much of the missing information as I could. I revamped some of the pages to make them more user-friendly and a tool that could be used for membership education. I also created an interactive timeline, which can always continue to grow as our History grows. I have also worked to make sure that as many things have been digitized as possible, and that the archived materials can be a resource for future councils and chapters. My focus was on preparing the council and the District for a new chapter in our history.

I am confident that my biggest vision for the history of the District will continue. I had an outlook that the NED History was not just a record of Precinct Meeting, District Conventions, Councils and Projects. The History of the NED is a narrative of all of the chapter histories that make up this unique District. As each Chapter continues to do an amazing job recording their history, I envision them sharing these stories with the entire district, and becoming resources to each other. Precinct Meeting, District Conventions, Councils and Projects - that is only part of the job. The rest of it, the most interesting part of it, comes from all of you. And I could not be more confident that the NED will be able to succeed at this.

To Chris, Crystal, Shannon, Shelby, Kyle, Anthony and Allison. Words cannot express how much I appreciate all of you and how much I loved working with you this past year, but I will try. Each one of you has taught me something different about what it means to be a leader, Sister, and friend. You all have inspired me to stay as involved as I can as an Alumni and to continue to serve in any way that I can. I value my friendships with all of you so much. I will always cherish all of the laughs, awkward dances, and ideas that we have shared. I can't wait to see what all of us, and the District, will continue to achieve in the next few years.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,
Erin Kreeger
Alumni Secretary and Historian
2015 - 2016

Final Report - NED Treasurer 2015-2016

Kyle Donelan, Gamma Kappa (University of Connecticut)

Isn't this a great convention! I couldn't think of a better way to end my year on district council. One year ago, I was sitting in the back of the room at West Chester, and I had a lot on my mind. Facing graduation in May, only a few months away, I struggled with what the future may hold. Don't get me wrong, I was ready to leave many parts of school behind. No more papers, exams, or projects. However, I was not quite ready to leave behind band and especially Tau Beta Sigma. I was searching for a link, to help me transition from school to the real world. In the back of my mind, thanks partially to our president Chris planting the idea in my head, I've always had the interest of being up here on this stage as a council member, with the honor of giving back to a district and organization that has given me so much. However, I never allowed myself to focus on it, always finding some excuse to not pursue it. Every year in college was harder than the last, and looking back I made the right decision to not pursue this idea during school. I was afraid to of the commitment and time of the position, and fought with this until finally arriving at convention.

By some stroke of luck, no one was running for the office of NED Treasurer. After some gentle nudging from Emily Anstey, Joanna Hull, and other members from Gamma Kappa, I threw my name in to run from the floor. I'm sure many of you remembered what happened. Running from the floor was one of the scariest, and yet most rewarding experiences of my life so far. And even after swearing in front of the district, and national officers, here I am speaking here today.

I am so proud of where the NED is today, and I am excited for the future that lies in front of all you. I enjoyed getting to know many of you, and having the opportunity to help in some small way. Thank you Chris, Shannon, Shelby, Erin, and Crystal for welcoming me onto council with open arms. It has been an honor to serve with all of

you, and I am thankful for the lessons I have learned, and the memories we have made. Thank you Anthony and Allison, for guiding our way, and always being available to support us when necessary. And lastly, thank you Northeast District, for inviting me into your hearts, and giving me the opportunity to serve you all. I am incredibly humbled by your support.

Take this opportunity, NED to shape the district to what you want it to be. Keep the council involved, and utilize it as a resource in your chapters next year. You guys are all awesome, and I am blessed to be in our district! Keep on representing what makes our organization great!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kyle Donelan
NED Treasurer 2015-2016

Final Report - NED Secretary 2015-2016
Shelby Coleman, Delta Omega (Bloomsburg University)

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma,

So there's an electron driving down the road...

I'll spare you the terrible jokes and instead communicate with you how inspiring this year has been. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Northeast District Secretary for this term. I can't believe a year went by so fast. Throughout the year I have worked with so many of you to better both myself and the NED. Because of my opportunity to serve, I have made so many memories and created so many bonds that will surely last a lifetime, and for that I am truly thankful.

This year I learned how to take what was already in place and adapt the current practices to evolve them for the better, and I formulated my goals around this.

I began by collecting the contact information for each Chapter Officer and distributing this to the NED Council. I also created a list of Chapter Degree Dates and a Secretary Contact list that was published in the Facebook group.

For pen pals, I communicated with the NED as well as other Districts to pair up Sisters based on a survey. I sent out topics of conversation each month in the District Council's monthly newsletter to keep the energy alive!

Each month, I collected reports from each Officer and formatted them into one newsletter that was sent out through the listserv. This kept the entire NED up to date the District Council's activities.

I worked with the Chapter Secretaries throughout the entire year to increase the communication they had with other Chapters, to answer any and all questions, and to create some awesome Golden Typewriter submissions.

I was in charge of the social media accounts, which the entire NED Council used to promote District initiatives and important deadlines. Posting on multiple platforms increased the speed of dissemination of information.

All goals aside, I have grown so much as a person, Sister, and leader throughout my term as NED Secretary. As I worked to accomplish each item on my list, I felt myself grow as a role model. My experience serving on the NED Council has definitely helped shape me into a person that others can depend upon. I am truly indebted to the Northeast District for the opportunities I have been given this year.

To Jenny - I am so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. Thank you for pushing me.

To Crystal - You are such an amazing woman. Thank you for your bottomless encouragement and support.

To Delta Omega - Thank you for your endless enthusiasm and love. You guys have been another key factor in shaping me into the leader I am today, and I am so grateful for your support.

To the Council - Y'all have kept me sane this year. We have accomplished so much together, and I am so proud of the mark we have left on the NED this year. There is going to be a Council-sized hole in my heart once we conclude this convention.

Joanna - Even though you were just appointed a few weeks ago, you have done such a great job. Your enthusiasm is inspiring.

Raven - Most of your work was behind the scenes, but you have done such a great job. I admire your commitment to Tau Beta Sigma so much.

Flynndsey - Thanks for all the laughs.

Erin - You're always smiling. Thank you for being there for me.

Kyle - Thank you for being someone who can dish out just as much as you take.

Shannon - You have guided me so much throughout this process, and I am so thankful for your help and advice.

Chris - You are truly an inspiration. I only wish I had brought another cake to this Convention.

Anthony & Allison - You two are such great role models, and you give great advice. Thank you for being our backbone this year.

To the NED - I am so grateful that you all have supported me throughout my journey as a District Officer. I admire all of you so much; the endless enthusiasm and willpower that radiates from each of you is inspiring.

It has been a great year, and I can't believe I am standing before you, giving my final report. It has been an honor to serve as your NED Secretary for the 2015-2016 term; thank you all for everything you have given me.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,
Shelby Coleman
NED Secretary 2015-2016

Final Report - NED Vice President of Special Projects 2015-2016

Shannon Mackey, Delta Delta (University of Massachusetts)

My Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

It has been an honor to serve as your District Vice President of Special Projects for the 2015-2016 Term. I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by, and I am so thankful for all of the experiences I have had on District Council over these past two years.

During my term I have worked with and learned from many sisters around the Northeast District and am incredibly proud of the work they have done over the past year. You held Precinct Days in Washington D.C. and at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. You participated in service projects both within your band programs and within your communities. You participated in National Programs such as Crescendo, and you were extremely enthusiastic about the Focus on Five Campaign. The NED is proud to have one of four chapters in the whole country to have finished the entire flag. A huge shoutout to the Eta Gamma chapter at Boston University!!

Alongside my goals as District VPSP, I also achieved many personal goals through this position. I felt that I grew as a leader and someone that others can turn to when they

needed help, and I don't think I could ever thank the Northeast District enough for giving me this opportunity and putting up with me for the past two years.

Next, the council - we all came in practically strangers to one another, and now I consider you all some of my closest friends. We have gone through so much during our council term but it has only made us stronger, closer, and more driven. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for all of you. I am going to miss you all so much, but just know you will always hold a special place in my heart, and that we will always have Neko Atsume. Thank you to Anthony and Allison, you were always there to lend a helping hand or just be there to talk to, and I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for all of us. A huge thank you, also, to my best friend Chris Lukasik, who is one of the main reasons I ran for District Council in the first place as he has always been an inspiration to me. You were an amazing President to work with this year.

The sisters of the Northeast District have made a huge impact on my life and as a District Officer. You are all truly amazing in everything you do and I will never stop being in awe of all of the incredible work that every chapter in the NED does. Thank you again for everything; it has been an honor to serve as your District VPSP.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,
Shannon Mackey
Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects 2015 - 2016

Final Report - NED President 2015-2016
Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta (University of Massachusetts)

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

As a freshman, I remember sitting at NED Convention 2012 at the University of Maryland. As I watched Allison Leemann be elected NED President, I said to myself, "I want to be that." As such, it is with great honor that I am giving this final report as your President. I can not explain how the journey that I have taken within the Northeast District has changed my understanding of TBS and how it has changed me as a person. I'm going to try to keep this to strictly my Presidency, and not my three years as a District Officer.

I was recently asked by a good friend "do you believe you have accomplished your goals?" and I said "no" but not in a bad manner. I am incredibly proud of the work I

have done, And I am incredibly proud of the work that this Council has done, Furthermore, I am incredibly proud of the work you all do on a daily basis. I said no because it doesn't end here (where have we all heard that one?). When I ran for President, I ran off of the idea of creating programs and activities that promote district unity. That included breaking down barriers that prohibited us from having serious conversations, not only about what a chapter does, but what is going on around us, and how we can best address it while still providing exceptional service to collegiate bands. This also means that the District Council would have to create spaces for people to get to know one another outside of our annual Precinct Meetings and District Convention. It's one thing to hold a group chat on Facebook to talk about a topic. It's another to see someone talking to you face to face, hence why I wanted to launch the NEDTalks and Task Force campaigns. I highly encourage everyone to take advantage of the resources that we have online.

In June 2015, the District Council met in Washington DC for our Summer Meeting, and through that we created four goals that we wanted to work towards throughout the year. Step by step, I want to take you through my thinking on what we have accomplished this year.

“Develop new programs while enhancing other ones”

One of the biggest activities that we did this year was through a “We stand for....” campaign during National Hazing Awareness Week. We decided to eliminate a district program to promote a similar National Program, and better enhance Project Good Member to increase participation.

“Develop leaders to continue to serve collegiate bands”

By increasing the amount of opportunities for Sisters to get involved on a District level, they are gaining more wholesome perspectives of Tau Beta Sigma. These perspectives make them a better leader that is able to work with a more diverse range of people. I saw this with the NEDTalks attendance, Convention Committees, and student run workshops.

“Establishing clear expectations to encourage growth and development”

By setting clear expectations with our MEPs, our Constitutions, and the sorority policies, we are making ourselves stronger. It was during her President's vision that Kathryn Kelly made it clear that when our values as a sorority increase, we let

Sisterhood ring and have a uniform understanding of what our policies state. When a policy had to be communicated, it would be sent to everyone's email, but the opportunity to have a conversation about it would always be available.

“Unifying through a mutual understanding and respect for each other”

I remember when I gave my two minute speech during elections, I specifically mentioned that we have many different schools in our sorority, with the most obvious being the differences between predominantly white institutions (PWIs) and historically black colleges/universities (HBCUs). Each school has its own culture, and instead of mandating a certain way to run a membership process, or how to run a chapter meeting, we should let our cultures shine and make each chapter unique. When we're not afraid to be our unapologetic best selves, then we can start to unify. When we're afraid to be ourselves because of the threat of racism, or sexism, or homophobia, (or all of the other isms in the world) we can't be at our best. We must be able to have those seemingly uncomfortable conversations to push ourselves to be better. What I've learned through Tau Beta Sigma is that you are never at your best, there is always a way to become a better person. That goes for chapters as well, chapters are never at their best because there's always ways to improve and push yourself to the next level.

Being District President, I have the honor of attending District Leadership Conference, and because it was an odd number year, I was able to sit as the Northeast District at National Convention. Through these experiences, I got to know so many people both in and outside of the NED. During DLC, I was with the other District Presidents throughout the course of a few days and got a glimpse into the other districts. And, besides the amazing friendships that I made along the way, it only affirmed that we are all alike. We experience chapter struggles, we have our different favorite parts of the sorority, we have the same types of stresses just in different forms.

I love email as much as the next guy, but I wholeheartedly prefer a phone conversation more. I set a goal to talk to someone from each chapter on the phone at least once throughout this past year, even if it was a quick question. As of today, I completed that goal with the Eta Chi chapter being the last one. I have spent countless hours on the phone talking about chapter operations, sorority policies, or how much this sorority has changed a person's life. When you have a phone conversation, you hear the emotion that someone is trying to portray to the other.

Throughout the year, there are things that come up that you have to put what you're working on on hold and address an ongoing issue, or start a new project that's better related to what is needed. What our District needs is a Council that is able to hold conversations that are what the actives want to talk about. Sometimes that's about whether a Life Member is able to vote in chapter business, but sometimes it's talking about what is going on in the world. When the University of Missouri was inundated with members of the KKK on their campus, I remember talking with Crystal and saying "I need to say something, they're interrupting a person's access to education." And within the hour, the Council had a letter drafted to show our support for the Mizzou students.

There are many aspects of the daytoday business of the sorority. Whether it be answering a quick question from a chapter, or talking with NEDAA on how they can better serve our actives, or talking with a chapter president about a chapter member/officer. Many of these conversations were prefaced with "this may not be important" or "I'm sorry that I'm bothering you." Whatever conversation it is, you are not bothering and whatever you need to talk about is important. I was elected to be your President to be among that group of people to answer the phone at 10pm to address your concerns or answer your questions. Frankly, I have loved every single conversation that I have had with each of you.

Sidenote: Your District Council is here for anything you need, and this year I noticed an increased willingness to talk, but that can't stop because of a change in leadership. It needs to continue.

Many people have asked me recently, "are you sad?" Yes, yes I am. Frankly, this is the worst birthday present that I could receive. On my 23rd birthday, I have to give up something I love so much. Being your District President has been a true honor and I have loved every single moment, even the ones when I was incessantly arguing against decisions I didn't like. From Wava's birthday last year to my birthday this year, I have loved every single minute. From March 2013 to now, I have spent three years on the NED Council (I've been on Council longer than Anthony has been Counselor) and I can't explain to you how much the Northeast District means to me. I was approached by two role models of mine in January of 2013 saying that they were impressed with the work I was doing as a chapter officer and they want to see me run for a District Office. I had no idea that it would turn out to be the best experience of my life so far, the memories that I have made with all of you as my Sisters are incredibly special to me. Simply, I can only say thank you for giving the opportunity to serve you all. I feel forever indebted to you all for that. Now to my thank yous:

First to a core group of people from my home chapter, Delta Delta. Thank you for consistently putting up with me, even when you were given the chance to no longer deal with me. More importantly, I want to thank the people that didn't want me to serve, it only helped develop my leadership skills. Thank you to one person specifically who told me that I'm only doing this for the title, who later told me that I proved her wrong.

Thank you to the strong line of District Presidents who were with me every step of the way, most notably Melanie, David, Kathryn, Amy, Allison, Nicole, Stephanie, Emily, and Jess. You have all shown me so much support, and I can't wait to pay it forward.

Thank you to Sarah Fitzgerald for the countless hours of chatting about TBS, NEDAA, life, whatever came up. You are still the best decision I've made, thank you for being my Sister.

Thank you to the National Council for your continued leadership and support throughout this past year. Being able to pick up the phone and chat with any of you on a moment's notice only shows how much you care about the advancement of the sorority. Your dedication is inspiring.

Thank you to Raven Carter for being a solid webmaster this past year. We have a functioning userfriendly website because of you and I hope you are proud of the work you have done. Thanks for bringing the Council's vision to life.

Thank you to Erin Kreeger for always being present on the Council. You have shown true strength throughout the year. You are the best person to be the last Alumni Secretary & Historian because of the hard work you have put in throughout the year. I'm happy to call you my friend.

Thank you to Kyle Donelan (aka Flynnndsey) who listened to me when I asked you to run for Treasurer. You have been the person that have been able to translate all of my incoherent ramblings throughout the year and tell me when I'm going a little too overboard with my ambitions. Thank you so much for that because it's proven to be one of the most valuable things on this Council.

Thank you to Shelby Coleman for the never ending sass, you never stopped making me smile and laugh....and before you think it's because of that stupid electron joke, stop.

Thank you to Shannon Mackey for 1) living with me all while I've been on Council, you've heard me say something about TBS almost every day for the past 3 years and I'm happy that you never taped my mouth shut and let me talk through all of my ideas, and 2) being my travel buddy over the past few years. Thank you so much for everything.

Thank you to my right hand woman and my twin, Crystal Sivells. You have been my sounding board all year and helped me shape ideas, listen to rants, or just gave me that needed boost of confidence. You are a phenomenal leader and Sister, and I can't wait to see how many lives you positively impact as a future Social Worker.

Thank you to Allison Leemann for everything you have done for me. From being one of my first role models in the Sorority to being my Counselor this year. Thank you for that conversation back in January of 2013, and thank you for all of the guidance that I received from you over the past three years.

Thank you to Anthony Barbir, I can't begin to explain how much I love you and appreciate the guidance you have given me this year. When I was Alumni Sec, I thought you didn't like me, and I remember talking to Emily Anstey about that. I'm glad that you have put up with every idea, every complaint, every everything that I have said to you, especially everything within the past few weeks. I hope to call you my friend. I am happy that you are our Counselor, I honestly could not have asked for a better person to be in this role.

Thank you to all of the Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity to be your President. I have strived everyday to be the best leader I can be for all of you. Thank you for the work you do everyday to better our bands and further safeguard the future of music education. Every chapter in the Northeast District is strong and has something they can proud about. I am proud to have each of you as my Sisters.

Finally, I would like to end with probably my favorite quote, it's from Parks and Rec. Leslie Knope ends the series by stating "Teddy Roosevelt once said that far and away the best prize that life has to offer is a chance to work hard at work worth doing, and I would add that what makes work worth doing is getting to do it with people that you love." The work we do is worth doing, and I love all of you beyond words. The conversation doesn't end here, I am not going away (I actually might be going to

UMass for graduate school so I seriously won't be moving), I will be here to be one of the Northeast District's biggest supporters.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,
Christopher A. Lukasik
Northeast District President 2015-2016

SECTION FIVE: JOINT PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Northeast District:

Typically, final reports are given during the closing joint session, and typically they're well thought out, but like everything else this year, we're changing things up. Instead of repeating all of the awesome things that the District has done this year, we would like to give thank yous.

To both of our councils: Thank you for the hard work each of you have done this past year. I'm a bit biased, but I think that this year has been the best for joint relations between the two councils, we all clicked really well and it has shown through our successful events this year.

To the National Leadership Teams: Thank you for attending our convention and wanting to be extremely involved. I heard nothing bad about any of the workshops that we put on, and that's because of the

To the Counselors and Governors: Thank you for the constant support and allowing our visions come to life over the past year. We have made really good changes for the District

To everyone: Thank you for rolling with the changes to Precinct Meetings, and Convention this year. We hope that everything was a little more enjoyable and beneficial. Starting out each Precinct Meeting with an activity that got you moving around and interacting with each other put us in the right mindset to have a wonderful event, and those wonderful events put us in the right mindset to have a great Convention. This has been an extremely successful Convention, and I believe one of the highest attended conventions in the past 5 years. Thank you for your hard work this past year, and I hope it continues throughout this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Lukasik & Alex Thompson
Joint NED Presidents 2015-2016

SECTION SIX: COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees were active at district convention and have submitted oral reports to the delegation along with their written summaries below: Counselor's Award, Membership, Nominations, Programs, Ways and Means, Sisterhood and Spirit, Jurisdiction, and Joint Convention Site and Publication.

Counselors' Award Committee - March 18th, 2016

Our committee had the privilege of recommending the recipient of the 2016 Counselor's Award. Every Tau Beta Sigma chapter in the Northeast District in good standing became eligible for this award beginning at the close of the 2015 District Convention. Over the year, the list of eligible chapters was narrowed based on timely submission of district and national paperwork, then further narrowed by a review of all Chapter Summary Reports and Fall Activity Reports by the District Counselors. This year, there were nine eligible chapters named as finalists.

The 2016 Counselor's Award finalists are:

- Gamma Omega, University of Pittsburgh
- Delta Nu, University of Maine
- Zeta Omicron, Virginia Tech
- Eta Alpha, Syracuse University
- Eta Gamma, Boston University
- Eta Chi, University of Rhode Island
- Iota Alpha, Marist College
- Iota Kappa, University of Virginia
- Iota Pi, Lincoln University

Finalists were notified during the Spring 2016 semester. Each finalist submitted a report to highlight their achievements throughout the year. Then, representatives from the chapter presented their achievements to the Counselors' Award Committee. The committee used the following areas as criteria for determining the award recipient: clarity, content, creativity, and impact.

The committee selected a chapter based on these criteria and the winner will be announced during the banquet at the close of this convention.

It was a privilege to hear the great work being carried out by these chapters. Of the many accomplishments that were shared with the committee, we'd like to highlight some of the aspects we found most impressive from the presentations:

- Providing exemplary service to their college bands
- Anticipating and responding to challenges with growing and changing band programs - including the approaching departure of a Director of Bands
- Making significant financial contributions to their band programs including the purchase of new conductor podiums and uniform restoration

- Revamping Membership Education Programs by reflecting on current practices to meet administration needs
- Hosting workshops for young bandswomen
- Hosting National Intercollegiate Band audition days on campus
- Developing leaders by delegating tasks to non-officers and Membership Candidates
- Promoting open communication within the Chapter and separating business from personal interactions
- 100% Chapter attendance at District Convention including Membership Candidates

We would like to thank all the chapters for their work in preparing their presentations and would again like to recognize the breadth and depth of service they provide to their bands and communities.

At the close of convention, every chapter will again be eligible for the award so long as they are in good standing. We encourage you to participate to the best of your ability in district and national programs, to submit all paperwork according to district and national deadlines, and to work to surpass your own measure of success.

Thank you to each of the finalist chapters for sharing your experiences and achievements with the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Allison Leemann
 Anthony Barbir
 Trudy Adler
 Justin Brady
 Beth Bronk
 Sue Carr
 Ted McCadden

Membership Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2016

Chaired by Brittany Davenport, Iota Pi

Advised by Jonathan Markowski, Delta Delta, National VP of Colonization & Membership

The charges for the 2016 Membership Committee are as follows:

1. Review and update the Project Good Member Manual and District Continuing Membership Education Packet as needed with the District Vice President of Membership.
2. Create a resource on the teaching of District Operations in the Membership Education Process and/or Continuing Education.

3. Discuss ways to encourage Chapter retention.
4. Discuss how Chapters better implement Continuing Education into their MEPs.
5. Discuss ways on how to introduce MC's into the Joint Bond through their Joint Organization.

Create a resource on the teaching of District Operations in the Membership Education Process/ Continuing Education.

What should the resource talk about?

- Who the district officers are and what their roles are
- Designations of each chapter
- Radical changes to the constitution
- Breakdown of national, district, & precinct meetings
- Put an emphasis on traveling
 - The importance of traveling and participating in National & District conventions and meetings.

What resource do we want to use?

- FAQ / fact sheet
- Overview of district and precinct meetings
 - Video would have to be well done and informative
- Create an NED song for chapter designations
 - I.e. Delta Delta rap
- Create a website blurb that talks about what national officers do on a day to day basis
- Every resource created should be displayed in a way that catches the eye, is user friendly, & eye pleasing

Discuss how Chapters better implement Continuing Education into their MEPs.

- Create online tests for active sisters & make it a requirement to send a report of everyone's scores to districts
- A model of the test should be in the MEP
- Take test during chapter meetings
- Sisters need a certain score to pass

Discuss ways to encourage retention.

Chapter Retention of Information (Continuing Membership Education)

- Project Good Member: rearrange the points in PGM for time commitment
- Modify the test to accommodate different disabilities and modalities
- Review activities and games once a month

- Once a month or every set of meetings , start small and slowly talk about the history and the review next meeting and keep building
- Videos are always good because you're applying the material and not just memorizing
 - Learn instead of memorize

Chapter Retention of Membership

- One on one relationships and bonding activities
 - Save our sisters and adopt a brother (PGM)
- Activity suggestion for PGM that may help with membership retention
 - What is the one thing that if it were removed from the sorority, you would leave?

Discuss ways Chapters can introduce MCs into the Joint Bond with KKPsi.

- Interviews with brothers
- Joint meetings with MCs where opposite officers teach information to PMs and MCs
- Have them interview 3 brothers as part of the process
 - At least one chapter officer
- Comparing mission statements & etc. of both organizations
- Joint service projects
- Band Rehearsals with brothers and then hang out and talk
- Joint recruitment events
- Iron chef competitions in neutral places on campus
- Switch night, mock casino, board games
 - Swap should have VPMs present
 - Although we are directly affiliated with Kappa Kappa Psi, it is a liability issue to send MCs to do membership activities alone with them
- Joint social events, formals, game nights
- Neutral spaces for these events are very important

Review and update the Project Good Member Manual & District Continuing Membership Education Packet.

Project Good Member Manual

- Send out an updated tally of other chapters & email confirmations for every submission
- Clarify goal or point value goal
- What is the incentive?
- Assign new point values to activities so they match the time commitment involved

- Focus on five pieces should be implemented
- Some activities need to be embedded better so chapters can get the activities done that are appropriate, reasonable, and achievable for their own chapter
- Meaning of some activities gets lost in point value
- REMOVE TRUST FALL because of LIABILITY
- Distinguish ceremony and ritual (secret) - maybe delete "Create-your-own-ceremony workshop", and use public information instead
- Save Our Sisters and Adopt A. Brother are good, but leave progress report to the discretion of the chapter because each week can be very time-consuming
- PGM Needs to be more focused and organized
- Designate activities to a specific chapter size
- List is very large (over the years activities have been continually added), define purpose
- Retention strategy-based projects should be added
 - Why are service projects are good?
- Submit a paragraph of something you did to the district council so that they can award you points even if it's not in the packet
- Establish the criteria for what an activity should look like
- Point values are based on "deepness" right now
- Conflict groups need to be more positive, maybe call it peer mediation instead
- Doing it for points doesn't seem to be progressive or educational
- Maybe PGM should be done less frequently with a longer timespan to emphasize progress and importance
 - Quality over quantity
- Implement things that someone won't forget so quickly
- 2 well-thought-out activities are better than a million rushed activities
- Some of these activities could be combined
- There are some activities that cannot be dragged out
- Leadership whole discussion could be a long and pointless discussion, what's the purpose of talking about it?
- Group activities together better and tweak the format
- Performing groups may not be helpful for membership and may be redundant
 - Can be combined with conflict group
- Quilt activity would be good for new sisters after 3rd degree
 - Helps them feel like they're part of the bond
- Cookbook, maybe they're shouldn't be a "best recipe", focus on specific people or roles rather than just "a sister"
- Spider web is a good activity with good variations
- Dice game can have different questions

- Activities need to be more generalized
- Cross the line is super intense but the end feeling is worth it
 - Provide more of a mix of fun and serious questions
 - Some questions are too inappropriate and need to be removed
 - Chapters can be free to make up their own questions
- Stress post its can go very well if you focus on being passive aggressive
- Sister of the year is not a good activity because it can create issues within the chapter
- 8 and 5 should have more emphasis on meaning rather than the words
- Pile Up does not fit PGM agenda
- Trust walk has to come out
 - Liability
- Random get togethers is superficial
- Anderson Activity is tough for chapters not close with their band directors
- Community service may be more credible for PGM than band service
- Trick or Treat for canned goods can be dangerous, going door to door
 - Why is this a membership activity?
- Tap Someone Who activity
 - Can be tweaked by putting post it notes on the backs of people who have already been tapped to encourage more people to get tapped since it doesn't feel good when you don't get tapped
- Recognition: write nice things for everyone so no one gets left out
- Supportive bra may be uncomfortable, maybe do something less intimate like a T-shirt
- Do we need to charge the council to create an incentive?
- Needs a balance of bonding and retention
- Feedback form for PGM

Back to basics packet

- Still usable, but not a necessity
- Is currently inaccessible
- Should be more basic because it is still lengthy like the MEP
- Bullets are more effective
- Possibly look into search engine optimization (SGO) so certain education/event documents show up on Google.
 - I.e. You have to pay a certain amount for your Weebly website to show up in the search engine

New Charges for VPM

- I. Make a fact sheet about District information including but not limited to chapter designations, descriptions of officer roles, radical changes to the constitution, and a breakdown of national, district, and precinct meetings. It should also put an emphasis on the importance of travelling. This information could also be put in a video or a song.
- II. Create a website blurb that talks about day-to-day duties of the national officers including pictures and a short biography about each officer.
- III. Create a means of communication for chapters of similar sizes and similar programs (i.e. competing bands, similar marching styles, etc.).
- IV. Review and implement suggested changes to Project Good Member packet.
- V. Publicize Membership Education Program resources more frequently for chapter VPMs
- VI. Reformat Back To Basics Packet to make it more accessible, reader-friendly, and visually appealing.

New Charges for Membership Committee

- I. Review Project Good Member activities prior to attending District Convention.
- II. Further review Project Good Member activities to evaluate the effectiveness of current activities and brainstorm new activities with committee during meetings.
- III. Explore more ways for chapters to improve joint relations and consider creating a program.
- IV. Create a section in the Project Good Member packet for PME retention within the chapter
- V. Discuss an adaption of Project Good Member for Membership Candidates

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Davenport, Iota Pi-Committee Chair

Jonathan Markowski, Delta Delta, National VPCM-Advisor

Members Present

Kristen Kane, Epsilon Epsilon

Hollie Randall, Iota Alpha

Asa Deshields, Theta Pi

Maddie Gordon, Delta Delta

Mary Kate Gentile, Beta Eta

Courtney Brown, Epsilon Upsilon

Andrew Ortega, Delta Omicron

Brenna McKinney, Eta Sigma

Laura Ashley Shury, Eta Delta
Amy Hahn, Eta Alpha

Nominations Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2016

Cristin Mayes, Theta Phi (Chair)

Dollie O'Neill (Advisor)

Hello to the Sisters of the Northeast District,

My name is Cristin Mayes and I am honored to stand before you as the 2016 Northeast District Nominations Committee Chair. On behalf of the nominations committee I would like to thank the District Council for entrusting our judgment in reviewing, discussing, and suggesting a slate that we feel would best suit the Northeast District.

For those who are not fully aware of the 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 2014 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 this mind should anyone choose to run from the floor.

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

- Shelby Coleman for President
- Evelyn White for Vice President of Membership
- Brian Main for Secretary-Treasurer
- Jillian Regner for Vice President of Special Programs

Respectfully submitted,
Cristin Mayes, Theta Phi (Chair)
Dollie O'Neill (Advisor)
Nicole Ware, Gamma Kappa
Chesney Mulaski, Delta Omicron
Maggi McGarry, Eta Gamma
Sidney Freeman, Epsilon Rho
Brianne Imperial, Iota Kappa
Kendria Waltower, Iota Pi

Programs Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2016

Aliyah Hoyer, Epsilon Rho (Chair)

Adrienne Rall, Theta Mu, National VPSP (Advisor)

The Charges for the 2016 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. Review the NED constitution and the 2015 Programs report and submit any constitutional changes to the Jurisdiction committee.
2. Charge the current VPSP to give a report in which the state of District and National programs are addressed.
3. Evaluate new and current District programs and initiatives.
4. Discuss the needs of Chapters and the District and generate ideas and methods for new District and National programs that address these needs.

The Charges for the 2017 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. To make sure that both national and district are being implemented and explained to all chapters.

The Charges for the 2016-2017 Vice President of Special Projects are as follows:

1. Create and implement a district wide service initiative.
2. Implement a fall sisterhood/spirit week.
3. Implement a district wide service day.
4. To make sure each chapter is implementing the three changes of each program which are listed at the end of this report.
5. Deadline of September 1st to have all information on district programs and national programs for chapters.

The Charges for the 2016-2017 Vice President of Membership are as follows:

1. To get the Project Good Member page updated and up.
2. To make the submission process for Project Good Member easier to combine files and submissions.

Listed below are the ways that the committee came up with to help better implement the national and district programs:

-National Intercollegiate Band

1. Advertise to band and music majors, graduate students, and students

2. Get information about money to actually travel. Food and lodge provided
 - 3.
- Scouting for Music Programs (Crescendo)
 1. Reach out to youth organizations.
 2. Support local organizations and schools.
 3. Utilize band director and band staff.
 - Bands Women Networking Program
 1. Alumni connection
 - Women in Music
 1. How to get people to come to workshop on women in music
 2. Partner up with professors for extra credit.
 3. Use university listserv to send to every one; social media;
 - Project Good Member
 1. Start small & go bigger
 2. Each executive board have a part and activity they come up with.
 - Virtual Workshop
 1. Come up with topics that interest chapters (joint relations)
 2. Joint workshops
 - Tasks Force
 1. Involve whole council
 2. Involving more people in the district

Respectfully Submitted,
 Aliyah Hoye, Epsilon Rho (Chair)
 Adrienne Rall, Theta Mu, National VPSP (Advisor)
 Kierra Wyatt, Epsilon Sigma
 Lindsay Strauss, Epsilon Epsilon
 Deana Benson, Epsilon Upsilon
 Stephanie Deel, Zeta Omicron
 Danielle Moore, Eta Chi
 Trent Smith, Eta Rho
 Jamie McDonald, Delta Nu
 Lindsey Woods, Delta Omega
 Sarah Miller, Iota Alpha
 Olivia DeFilippo, Gamma Kappa
 Raven Edgerton, Iota Kappa

Ways and Means Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2016

Bree Hurley, Delta Delta (Chair)
Tyra Yiare, TBSAA EC Member (Advisor)

The charges of the 2016 WAYS AND MEANS Committee are as follows:

1. Review the NED Constitution and 2015 Ways and Means Committee Report
2. Review the actual income and expenditure from the 2015-2016 budget with the District Treasurer and President.

3. Review 2015-2016 budget and review the presented budget for 2016-2017.
 4. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary.
 6. Brainstorm ideas for the 2016-2017 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming TBS NED Secretary-Treasurer.
 7. Create a list of fundraisers that don't need financial support from the band program.
 8. Review the Activities of the NED Treasurer
- Charge 2: Review the actual income and expenditure from the 2015-2016 budget with the District Treasurer and President.
- AND
- Charge 3: Review 2015-2016 budget and review the presented budget for 2016-2017.

2015-2016 Budget

Expenses Proposed	Total: \$2,050
Winter Meeting \$300	\$48.14
Fundraising \$400	\$319.00
National Convention & DLC \$250	\$243.75
NIB Travel Grant \$100	\$0
Officer Budget \$0	\$0
Officer Travel to Precincts \$500	\$193.36
Officer Travel to Districts \$500	\$450
Total: \$2,050	Additional Expenses: \$150-2002 Honoraries \$350- Ivania Morales LM Scholarship \$350- 2016 LM Scholarship \$150- 2016 honoraries
Income Proposed	Total: \$1925.25
Fall Allocations \$1,150	\$1,337.16
Spring Allocations \$250	\$250
Fundraising \$800	\$100 (for now)
Delegate Fees \$780	\$780
Total Income Proposed: \$2,980	Total Income Actual: \$2,467.16

Income - Expenses Proposed: \$980	Actual Income - Actual Expenses: \$541.91
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Proposed Budget by Kyle and Chris:

Expenses	
Summer Meeting	\$250
Off Season Officer Travel	\$300
Winter Meeting	\$250
Fundraising	\$250
Materials Budget (Officer Budget)	\$50
Honorary Budget	\$150
Precinct Meetings	\$600
Life Membership Scholarship	\$350
Officer Travel for Districts	\$250
Officer Housing for Districts	\$300
Total Expense	\$2,750
Income	
Fall Allocations	\$1,200
Spring Allocations	\$250
Fundraising	\$400
Delegate Fees	\$780
Total	\$2,630 (Deficit: -\$120)

Changes to Proposed Expenses:

With a deficit of \$120 we made a cut of \$125 dollars to the off season travel budget. The proposal would make the off season travel expense go from \$300 to \$175. This line of the budget is a new addition so all officers have the ability to travel outside of travel season. Since we do not know how much would be needed for this line as it is brand new, we took the biggest cut from this allotted expense.

The committee also lowered the precinct allocated expense from \$600 to \$500. The Council allocated \$500 last year and spent \$450. By keeping this expense at it's

previous allocated amount, the budget still allows for the Council to spend more money than they did this year, but reduces the deficit in the budget.

Proposed additional line: The committee suggests an additional line in the expenses budget called “Open Allocations.” The purpose of this new line would be an extra avenue for the entirety of the Council to decide where this money is most useful to use. It allows for more flexibility in the funds rather than delegating this money to a specific purpose.

Creativity to travel (vouchers, alumni)

Ways and Means Proposed Budget:

Expenses	
Summer Meeting	\$250
Off Season Officer Travel	\$175
Winter Meeting	\$250
Fundraising	\$250
Materials Budget (Officer Budget)	\$50
Honorary Budget	\$150
Precinct Meetings	\$500
Life Membership Scholarship	\$350
Officer Travel for Districts	\$250
Officer Housing for Districts	\$300
Open Allocation	\$105
Total Expense	\$2,630
Income	
Fall Allocations	\$1,200
Spring Allocations	\$250
Fundraising	\$400
District Convention Donations	\$780
Total	\$2,630

Charge 1: Review the NED Constitution and 2015 Ways and Means Committee Report
We reviewed the Constitution and the 2015 Ways and Means Committee Report. From here, we were able to tackle the other charges.

Charge 6: Brainstorm ideas for the 2016-2017 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming TBS NED Secretary-Treasurer.

AND

Charge 8: Review the Activities of the NED Treasurer
First we discussed our opinions on combining the offices
Our process:

We read over the constitutional duties of each office and discussed the biggest roles of each office (Treasurer and Secretary).

Next, we inquired about the opinions of each officer: Both approved the combination stating they felt the duties would overlap well and are busiest during different times of the year

Collectively, we decided that at this point, we suggest combining the two offices' duties completely and then charge the next Ways and Means Committee to reevaluate the effectiveness of the combination.

Fundraisers to be researched:

We divided this charge into two sections; Travel season fundraisers, and year long fundraisers

Travel Season Fundraisers:

Photo booth: We can 1. Find a photographer who will provide this service at a cheaper rate with the promise of passing out business cards and promoting service or 2. Ask for Sister involvement to provide this service. This is something the Treasurer/Secretary could work on with the Districts Hosts.

Raffle Paddle: Similar to the paddle that is created by the Secretary for the Bingo Raffle but for a profit.

Chapter Calendars (2 year calendar): This can be either a year long fundraiser or Travel only. If a website is created, the calendar can be sold on the website.

Another option is to create digital and paper copies so they can be sold in both forms.

Turtle Keychains

NED Apparel (caps, shirts, etc.): This can be travel and all year round fundraisers as well.

Turtle Auction/Raffle: Sisters can offer up items to donate to be sold at the Auction.

Bidding to Date a District Council Member to Dinner/Lunch: Similar to the pie Fundraiser but we are bidding for dinner/lunch dates throughout Travel Season
50/50 Raffles at all Meetings

All year round fundraisers

NED Merchandise: Create an NED website where merchandise is sold.

- Market place options: Etsy, amazon market (has an option to connect to a non profit), ebay, purchase form through google docs.
- Practical ways to incorporate them: can put a link on the NED website to connect the two, link the website URL to all emails.

Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser: Have actives, alumni, etc, donate throughout the year. Each officer picks their goal amount that they will jump in for. For example, X will jump into the lake if we raise \$600. If we reach that amount, they have to take the plunge and run into a lake in early-mid spring.

Charge 7: Create a list of fundraisers that don't need financial support from the band program.

Game Day Bandanas

Auction (Services on and off campus): Reach out into the community and to the general campus community to auction off Services.

Plant Sale

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: No down payment. 40% of every sale

Lincoln to Lincoln: Send a penny (or picture of a penny) and request a \$5 bill back (a lincoln). This can be advertized to not only the sisterhood alumni but to band parents and marching band alumni as well. If specific to sister alumni, make it a history project as well and ask for some stories about when they were active!

Charge 4: Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary.
There were no joint lines.

Charges for the 2016-2017 WAYS AND MEANS Committee:

1. Review the proposed and actual income and expenditure from the 2016-2017 budget with the District Treasurer and President.
2. Review the presented budget for 2017-2018.
3. Brainstorm fundraising ideas that could work at the district level throughout the year.
4. Create ways to incorporate the joint NED Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter into Fundraising
5. Brainstorm ways to increase funds without delegate fee
6. Reevaluate the effect the combination of Treasurer and Secretary have on fundraising

Charges for the 2016-2017 Treasurer/Secretary:

1. Look into creative ways to lower travel expenses such as vouchers/blogs with TBSAA
2. Create a joint line in the budget specific for joint fundraisers and include NATCON and NIB line items

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianna Hurley - Delta Delta (Chair)

Tyra Yiare - TBSAA EC Member (Advisor)

Erica Reichl- Epsilon Epsilon
Ashley St. John - Delta Nu
Matthew Young - Delta Omega
Elizabeth Youshock - Epsilon Upsilon
Nicole Honegger - Beta Eta
Khayla Moore - Epsilon Omega
Seth Coveyou - Eta Sigma
Lyons Sanchezconcha - Iota Kappa
Gena Cheremond - Theta Pi
Lindsay Zerfas - Eta Alpha
Allison Franko - Gamma Omega

Sisterhood and Spirit Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2016

Brooke Groff, Beta Eta (Chair)

Terri White, Advisor

The charges for the 2016 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee were as follows:

1. Discuss ideas for social and service events that promote chapter/joint/district unity.
 - Traveling to Degrees
 - What resources can better facilitate travel?
 - Hosting Joint Service Projects
 - Especially for chapters that don't have KKPsi chapters
 - Sisterhood Retreat
 - District Wide or Chapter Wide
2. Learn and review the NED chant and stroll. And continue the Alphabet Step
3. Go over the system on constructing a joint song for the NED.
4. Give three recommendations for the Spirit Award to the District President.
5. Create Spirit Challenges for the second day of District Convention 2016.
 - Attendance at Convention
 - Participation in District Events/Photo Page Participation
 - Enthusiasm at Convention

Spirit Challenge

- Start a chant
- Find something/someone and take a picture
- Use social media
- Random T or a K and take a picture
- Find a sister from another chapter
- Find a council member
- Picture of someone from your state/instrument
- Big group of brothers or sisters
- Dance at someone
- Snapchat videos
 - o Snapchat stories

- Make a hashtag
 - o #NEDspirit
 - o #sisTAUhood
- Picture with an MC
- Faceswap with a brother

Improve Bonding

- Sister dates
 - o Mandatory or not

No MC Class

- More service events
- Emphasize bonding since no degrees
- Secret sisters
- Rituals aside from degrees
- Go to other chapters' degrees

NED Stroll and Step

NED Joint Song

- How to submit it
- Committee to challenge the council to put out a call for the join song
- Set up committees in individual chapters
- Sheet music and lyrics, recording
 - o Due March 1st, 2017
 - o At least 30 seconds
 - o At least 2 parts, preferably 4
- Buzzwords
 - o Must include the NED, KKPsi, and TBS
 - o unity
 - o Bands, music, harmony, service, leadership

Tomorrow, March 19, 2016

- Nominate 3 people for the spirit award

Nominations for Spirit Awards

Charges for 2017 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee

*continue discussing more ideas to help other chapters with social and service events

-come up with more ways to bond in the different levels of the sorority

(chapter, district, national, and jointly)

*review the submissions for the NED joint song and pick a winning submission

*review the NED stroll and alphabet step

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Groff, Sisterhood and Spirit Chair 2016

Advisor: Carolyn McCambridge, Board of Trustees

Shelby Coleman, NED Secretary
Erin Carr, Delta Delta
Bomina Belden, Eta Chi
Lynnie Marina, Iota Alpha
Lexi Whitehouse, Zeta Omicron
Sierra Edwards, Delta Omega
Olivier Loignon, Zeta Upsilon
Tea Reiss, Gamma Omega
ShaDonna Epps, Iota Pi
Whitney Bateson, Eta Sigma
Aimee Thomas, Gamma Omega
Hayley Brittingham, Gamma Omega
Ellie Dusman, Gamma Omega
Jada Gerz, Gamma Omega

Jurisdiction Committee - March 18th and 19th, 2016

Jenny Fletcher, Co-Chair

Jessica LaDuke, Co-Chair

Erika Pope, Advisor

We'd like to thank our Advisor, Erika Pope, for her support and guidance through our committee meetings (and for the ice cream), Joanna Hull for helping facilitate discussion and being a wonderful sister to work with, and the Jurisdiction Committee for sticking through the long meetings, being active participants, and jurisdating with us!

The committee's charges were as follows:

1. Review the 2015 NED constitution.
2. Check that all information in the constitution corresponds with current practices in the District.
3. Collect constitutional recommendations from other Committee before the beginning of the second committee meeting time.
4. Compare the NED constitution to the National constitution for discrepancies.

With these charges in mind, we proposed changes to the following sections, all of which will be described in detail following the acceptance of this report. For clarification, this means by accepting our report as written you're acknowledging that we discussed these changes. Voting on accepting each proposed change will happen following our report.

Proposed changes:

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Proposed Changes to District Constitution for Jurisdiction Committee 2016 Northeast District Convention Tau Beta Sigma

Key:

~~Old text from 2015-2016~~

Rationale

New text for 2016-2017

Acronyms:

NC = National Constitution

DC = District Constitution

SOP = Standard Operating Procedures

2015-2016 District Constitution:

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Rationale: The table of contents isn't necessary for the district constitution. Our goal this year is to make the district constitution take up as few pages as possible (no more than six pages).

No new text needed.

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

1.1 General

- ~~1.101..... The name of this organization shall be the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma.~~
- ~~1.102..... This document establishes and prescribes the authorized regulations pertaining to the functions and operations of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma.~~
- ~~1.103..... The Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma recognizes the Northeast District of Kappa Kappa Psi as an equal affiliated organization with a similar purpose, function, and role in the college and university band setting.~~
- ~~1.104..... The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order—Newly Revised* shall govern the entirety of all meeting components of the District.~~
- ~~1.105..... All references to gender shall refer to individuals of both genders.~~

Rationale:

- *For 1.101 - The name of the national organization is Tau Beta Sigma, as outlined in the national constitution (NC 1.101), and the district name is outlined in NC 5.101. If it's in the national constitution, it doesn't need to be in the district constitution.*
- *For 1.101- Addition of Standard Operations Procedure description for clarity*
- *For 1.102 - Keep this with slight edits, as outlined below.*
- *For 1.103 - This is outlined in NC 1.104, with the national organizations of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi recognizing each other as equal affiliated organizations.*
- *For 1.104 - This is outlined in NC 1.107.*
- *For 1.105 - We are removing all references to gender from the constitution this year.*

New Text:

1. Organization and Structure

1.1 This document (the “District Constitution”) establishes and prescribes the authorized regulations pertaining to the functions and the operations of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma (the “District”). This document is an extension of the regulations prescribed by the National Constitution of Tau Beta Sigma, which shall supersede all contents of this document.

1.101 The Standard Operating Procedures (“SOP”) is a living document maintained by the district council, counselors, and the district through the Jurisdiction Committee that outlines, in detail, district operations, roles and responsibilities of each officer, parameters for running for district office or bidding to host a district event, and any other functions pertaining to the district that are not described in the District Constitution. This document is meant to support the constitution, can act as a reference when needed, and will be located on the district website for complete transparency.

1.2 Governance

- 1.201..... The governing body of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma shall be all Chapters of the Sorority meeting in regularly called conventions of the Chapters in the Northeast District as described in Part 5 of the National Constitution. Chapters who are not in good standing with the National Headquarters shall not be included as part of the governing body.
- 1.202..... The administrative body of the Sorority shall be the District Council, composed of all the District Officers. The District Counselor shall serve as an administrative officer.
- 1.203..... Members of the Northeast District should be in compliance with the National Constitution regarding membership status.
- 1.204..... More than fifty percent of all officially seated Delegates and proxies and at least half of the District Officers shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

Rationale:

- For 1.201 - This is outlined in NC 5.7. If it's in the national constitution, it doesn't need to be in the district constitution.
- For 1.202 - This is outlined in NC 5.4.
- For 1.203 - This is directly referring to the national constitution and doesn't need to be included.
- For 1.204 - This is outlined in NC 5.605.

No new text needed.

1.3 Constitution Adoption

- 1.301..... The National Constitution of Tau Beta Sigma shall supersede all contents of this document.
- 1.302..... This Constitution was officially adopted at the annual Convention of the Northeast District, held in 1987.
- 1.303..... This Constitution was officially revised at the annual Convention of the Northeast District held March 14-15, 2015 at West Chester University. It becomes effective immediately upon revision, and supersedes all previous editions.

1.4 Constitutional Amendment

- 1.401..... Proposed Amendments to the constitution shall be presented in writing at the District Convention immediately following the biennial National Convention, and shall be referred at once to the Jurisdiction Committee. This committee shall report thereon at the same convention. An amendment shall be declared adopted upon a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote by all Convention Delegates.
- 1.402..... Corrections to spelling, grammar, and numbering that do not affect the content of the Constitution may be made at the discretion of the Parliamentarian and shall not require a vote by Convention Delegates.

Rationale:

- For 1.301 - We included this in the new DC 1.1 above.
- For 1.302 - This is a piece of history and can be included in the district's historical archives. It doesn't need to be in the constitution.
- For 1.303 - The first sentence can be included in the district's historical archives. The second sentence is incorporated into the new text below.

- *For 1.401 and 1.402 - These are incorporated into the new text below. And the Parliamentarian will no longer be included in the district constitution (moving to the standard operating procedures, or SOP).*
- *(1.4 below was moved from the precinct meeting section.)*

New text:

1.2 Any and all previous versions of the District Constitution along with any and all amendments shall become void and are superseded by this document. Proposed amendments to the District Constitution shall be presented in writing at District Conventions and shall be referred at once to the Jurisdiction Committee, which shall report thereon at the same convention. An amendment shall be declared adopted upon a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) favorable vote by the convention delegation.

1.3 The District Council, upon unanimous agreement, shall be authorized to correct spelling, grammar, numbering and other technical changes to the District Constitution as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the District. A record of all changes made during the year shall be presented to the Jurisdiction Committee at the subsequent District Convention.

1.4 The Northeast District shall be comprised of three regions called Precincts. The Northern Precinct includes chapters in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Central Precinct includes chapters in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The Southern Precinct includes chapters in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

DISTRICT COUNSELOR

2.1 General

~~See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 2.~~

2.101..... ~~The District Counselor shall award the Counselor's Award at each Convention of the Northeast District. The qualifications for this award shall be left to the discretion of the District Counselor and will be communicated to the District at least thirty (30) days before District Convention.~~

Rationale:

- *For 2.101 - District counselors are governed by the national constitution, not the district constitution. The counselor's award requirements will be moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

3.1 General

~~See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 3.~~

3.101..... The District Officers shall be the District President, District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Alumni Secretary and Historian, collectively known as the District Council.

Rationale:

- For 3.101 - This year we are changing the district council structure to four positions only, as listed in the new text below. Please see separate rationale document for more information. (Link: https://docs.google.com/a/tbsigma.org/document/d/1FrLCnnMbWT0znKgUyyCiJtQY43wJ_FQ9KWELTevuUSo/edit?usp=sharing)

New text:

2. DISTRICT OFFICERS

2.1 The officers of the District shall be District President, District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects and District Secretary-Treasurer, collectively known as the District Council.

2.101 Candidacy requirements for District Office will be outlined in the SOP and within the guidelines of the national constitution.

3.2 Candidacy

See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 3.

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

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

3.203..... A Candidate who wishes to be slated for District Office must submit six (6) copies of the following to the Nominations Committee; two (2) copies of each must also be submitted to the District President by the close of opening separate session the first day of District Convention, for a total of eight (8) paper copies.

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

3.204..... In addition, the Candidate must also submit a one page summary of their platform for each Delegate. If in the event the Candidate may miss opening separate session, she may mail the copies of her packet and the copies of her one page summary to the District President.

3.205..... The Candidate also must submit her completed packet electronically to the District one (1) week prior to District Convention.

Rationale:

- This section will be moved to the SOP and updated to reflect current practices.

Basic candidate eligibility is listed in NC 5.4.

No new text needed.

3.3 Elections

- 3.301..... ~~The District Council shall be elected by the Chapters meeting at the District Convention.
All District Officers shall serve from one District Convention to the next.~~
- 3.302..... ~~The manner of elections shall be by secret ballot. There shall be no abstentions.~~
- ~~a. In the event that only one Candidate is willing and able to run for a given office, she may be elected by a vote of acclamation.~~
- ~~b. If acclamation fails, Candidates not formally nominated may be written in on the ballot.~~
- 3.303..... ~~A Candidate shall be considered elected upon receiving more than fifty percent of votes cast.~~
- ~~a. In the event that no Candidate achieves a majority vote, the person or persons (in case of a tie) receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from the election and a second ballot shall be held. This process will repeat until a Candidate is elected.~~
- 3.304..... ~~District Officers shall not serve more than two (2) terms in the same position.~~
- 3.305..... ~~All District Officers shall receive reimbursement as deemed appropriate by the District Counselor and District Treasurer with the proper documentation.~~
- 3.306..... ~~Outgoing Officers shall relinquish all material connected with their respective offices to the proper incoming Officers and shall perform an orientation with those officers no later than one (1) week after the close of District Convention.~~

Rationale:

- *For 3.301 - This is outlined in NC 5.401 and NC 5.403.*
- *For 3.302 - The national organization has standardized the elections process for all districts across the nation, and those will be outlined in the SOP.*
- *For 3.303 - This is outlined in NC 5.403 and will be included in the SOP.*
- *For 3.304 - This will be removed and recommended in the SOP, but ultimately the delegation will decide who to elect each year.*
- *For 3.305 - This is a procedure that is outlined by national headquarters and will be included in the SOP.*
- *For 3.306 - This will be moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

3.4 Duties

~~See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 3.~~

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

- a. To travel and visit Chapters.
- b. To correspond with National, District and Chapter officers on a regular basis including electronic, virtual, and in-person visits.
- c. To attend and run Precinct workshops.
- d. To write articles for *The Podium* and "Northeast Notes."
- e. To execute any other projects that the District Council undertakes.
- f. To submit a report of activities conducted during their term of office at each regularly called District Convention.
- g. To submit an activities report for each issue of "Northeast Notes."
- h. All District Officers are required to submit proper paperwork for reimbursement as deemed appropriate by the District Counselor, District Treasurer, and National Headquarters.
- i. To maintain groups for correspondence and discussion via listservs, forums, or social media.

Rationale:

- *For 3.401 - These responsibilities will be agreed upon by the district council and counselors each year and outlined in the SOP.*

No new text needed.

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

- a. To request applications for the District Webmaster no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of District Convention, and to appoint this position no later than thirty (30) days after convention.
- b. To request applications for the District Parliamentarian by November 1st, and to be appointed by December 1st.
- c. To request applications for the District Committee Chairs no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of District Convention and to provide materials and instructions to chairs no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of Convention.
- d. To supply each Chapter with one (1) copy of all tentative charges at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the District Convention.
- e. To attend the District Presidents' meeting prior to National Convention and sit as the Northeast District Delegate at the National Convention, or to attend the National District Leadership Conference, dependent on the year in office.
- f. To send Candidates for District Office Candidate information and District Office information material at least thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention.
- g. To award the Most Improved Chapter and the District Spirit Award at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for these awards shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.
- h. To collect all of the chapter constitutions for review by the Counselor.

Rationale:

- *For 3.402 - These responsibilities will be agreed upon by the district council and counselors each year and outlined in the SOP. We do, however, think it's*

important to include a brief outline of the position.

New text:

2.2 The District President shall preside over all meetings of the District and will be the official representative of the District at all Sorority functions. The District President shall be a non-voting member of all District committees, and shall appoint committee chairs and any appointed positions subject to approval of the District Counselors.

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

- a. To work with the Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership and the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi towards membership development of the existing Chapters.
- b. To serve as Advisor to the Membership Committee.
- c. To notify Chapters semi-annually regarding colonization processes within the District. The Vice President of Membership is also responsible for communicating dates of colony degrees to all Chapters within the District at least two (2) weeks prior to the degree.
- d. To collect and review Chapter Membership Education Packets for input and future reference.
- e. To collect Chapter Membership Education Packets for input and to be reviewed by the Counselor in advance of an approval date of September 30.
- f. To maintain and make available a database of programs for Post Initiate Education and Project Good Member.

Rationale:

- *For 3.403 - These responsibilities will be agreed upon by the district council and counselors each year and outlined in the SOP. We do, however, think it's important to include a brief outline of the position.*

New text:

2.3 The District Vice President of Membership shall preside over all meetings of the District in the absence of the District President. They shall be responsible for facilitating District programming related to membership education.

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

- a. To maintain and advertise the requirements of the Life Membership Scholarship, Music Education Awareness Award, All Star Service Award, Unsung Hero Award, and Phenomenal Sister Award. The Life Membership Scholarship shall be due at least two weeks prior to the start of District Convention and shall be awarded at District Convention. The remaining awards shall be due at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of District Convention and shall be awarded at District Convention.
- b. To work with the District Member at Large of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange a joint event per year.
- c. To serve as Advisor to the Programs Committee.
- d. To maintain Project Protect Music, incorporating and developing ways for

Chapters and the District to protect and support music programs in our region.

- e. To facilitate Chapter participation with all national programs.
- f. To promote and help maintain all District programs and/or create new programs if deemed necessary.

Rationale:

- *For 3.404 - These responsibilities will be agreed upon by the district council and counselors each year and outlined in the SOP. We do, however, think it's important to include a brief outline of the position.*

New text:

2.4 The District Vice President of Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing District programs, awards, and historical projects, as determined by the District Council.

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

- a. To collect summer contact information from each chapter in the District for distribution to all District Officers and the District Counselor.
- b. To distribute a roster including addresses and phone numbers of all Chapter Presidents and/or Secretaries within the District to the Chapters, no later than October 1.
- c. To provide documented notification of the District Convention dates to all Chapters in the District, their Chapter Sponsors, the District Officers, the District Counselor, NEDAA, the TBSAA, the National Officers, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the National Headquarters at least ninety (90) days prior to the close of registration.
- d. To record and publish the minutes of the District Convention and to distribute these to all Chapters in the District, the District Officers, the District Counselor, the National Officers, and the National Headquarters no later thirty than (30) days following the close of convention. According to the Table of Contents, the District Minutes should include:
 - i. Separate and Joint Session Minutes.
 - ii. Award Recipients.
 - iii. Committee Workshops.
 - iv. Counselor's Report.
 - v. District Officers' Reports.
 - vi. Yearly Chapter Reports.
 - vii. Delegate Committee Assignments and Committee Charges.
 - viii. Separate Committee Reports.
 - ix. Joint Committee Reports.
- e. To award the Golden Typewriter Award at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for this award shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.
- f. To collect materials from the seated proxies immediately following the closing joint session and to send those materials to the respective chapters within one (1) week of the close of the District Convention.

- g. ~~To assist in improving inter-Chapter relations.~~
- h. ~~To take minutes at all meetings of the District Council and distribute them to the District and National Councils.~~
- i. ~~To serve as the Advisor to the Sisterhood and Spirit Committee.~~

~~3.406..... The responsibilities of the District Treasurer shall be as follows:~~

- a. ~~To keep an itemized report of receipts and disbursements to be included in the yearly report.~~
- b. ~~To act as Advisor to the Ways and Means Committee.~~
- c. ~~To organize and implement District fundraisers.~~
- d. ~~The Treasurer shall submit a current budget update and the proposed budget for the next year to the District Counselor, the District President, and the Ways and Means Committee at District Convention.~~
- e. ~~To submit a separate end of the year fund-raising report to the Ways and Means Committee, stating the fundraising projects undertaken during the year and their effectiveness.~~
- f. ~~To collect the Delegate Fee by the start of District Convention and implement a late fee of five (5) dollars if deemed necessary.~~
- g. ~~To maintain and make available a Fundraising Activity Forum on the District website.~~
- h. ~~To provide Chapters with a sample budget and to collect Chapter budgets and provide constructive feedback.~~
- i. ~~To collect reimbursement forms and receipts for any District expenses incurred and submit approval of reimbursement to the District Counselor and National Accountant within thirty (30) days.~~

Rationale:

- *For 3.405 & 3.406 - These two positions will be combined. Responsibilities will be agreed upon by the district council and counselors each year and outlined in the SOP. We do, however, think it's important to include a brief outline of the position.*

New text:

2.5 The District Secretary-Treasurer shall record, publish, and distribute the minutes of all District meetings. They shall be responsible for controlling the receipts and disbursements of all District monies and keeping a ledger of financial transactions.

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

- a. ~~To gather and distribute information regarding application to the TBΣAA, NEDAA, and local alumni associations located within the Northeast District and Life Membership.~~
- b. ~~To communicate with each Chapter's alumni contact regarding guidance of graduating seniors, ways to involve and contact alumni, and resolving difficulties with alumni.~~
- c. ~~To communicate with each Chapter's history contact regarding historical archives to research and update Chapter history.~~
- d. ~~To act as a liaison between the NEDAA, District Council, and Actives.~~

- e. To act with the Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to improve alumni relations on a joint basis.
- f. To compile, update and maintain various pages on the District Website including: a historical archive of the Northeast District with District Officers, District Conventions, and award recipients. This archive should also include Chapter history information, information for graduating seniors, and advice on local alumni associations, NEDAA, Life Membership, alumni communication, and alumni events.
- g. To collect a copy of the most current District Convention Minutes and Constitution to include in the Historical Archives.
- h. To be responsible for collecting and compiling information for a presentation in the form of a slide show to be displayed at that year's District Convention.
- i. To serve as the Advisor to the Alumni Affairs Committee, and to invite a representative of NEDAA and TBSAA to be present at the Committee meeting.
- j. To monitor the online publication and "Northeast Notes" in conjunction with the Kappa Kappa Psi NED Historian/Alumni Liaison and to publish a biannual edition of the publication as per deadlines in 9.102.

Rationale:

- *For 3.407 - This position will be eliminated. Responsibilities will be distributed to other officers, agreed upon by the district council and counselors each year, and outlined in the SOP.*

No new text needed.

3.5 Removal and Replacement

See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 4.

- 3.501..... Should the office of District President be vacated for any reason, the District Vice President of Membership shall automatically succeed to the District Presidency until the following District Convention.
- 3.502..... Should the office of the District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and/or the District Alumni Secretary and Historian be vacated, the District President and District Counselor shall appoint the new Officer. Any appointment shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after the office in question has been vacated.
- 3.503..... Any District officer may be declared unfit for office by a majority vote of the District Council. Any Officer who is so declared shall be immediately relieved of her duties. All Active chapters shall be notified of this action.
- 3.504..... In the event that an Officer will go from Active status to alumni status during their term of office they must obtain Life Membership with all fees paid by the student's graduation.
- a. In the event that the Candidate does not obtain Life Membership by the student's graduation, the officer must relinquish their position.

Rationale:

- *For 3.501 - This will be moved to the SOP and follow NC. 5.408.*

- For 3.502 - This is outlined in NC 5.408 and be further outlined in the SOP.
- For 3.503 - This is outlined in NC 5.411 and be further outlined in the SOP.
- For 3.504 - This is outlined in NC 5.402.

No new text needed.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

4.1 General

- 4.101..... The appointed positions of the Northeast District shall be District Parliamentarian and District Webmaster.
- 4.102..... Appointed positions shall not serve more than two (2) terms in the same position.
- 4.103..... All appointed positions shall receive reimbursements as deemed appropriate by the District Council and Counselor.
- 4.104..... The District Webmaster shall be determined no later than thirty (30) days after district convention.
- 4.105..... The District Parliamentarian shall be appointed by December 1st.

4.2 Candidacy

- 4.201..... A Candidate for an appointed position shall be an Active member of a chapter in the Northeast District, regardless of permanent residence when appointed.
- 4.202..... If a suitable Active Candidate cannot be found, the District President may appoint a member in good standing with the Sorority.
- 4.203..... Candidates for appointed positions shall have completed one (1) semester of Active status and shall have served as an Officer or head of a committee. Candidates will submit a letter of recommendation from their Director of Bands or Sponsor at the time of application.

4.3 Duties

- 4.301..... The responsibilities of the District Parliamentarian shall be as follows:
- a. To ensure that all meetings are run according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order—Newly Revised*.
 - b. To answer all questions pertaining to Parliamentary Procedure.
 - c. To revise and publish the District Constitution to the District Website, and to distribute copies of the Constitution to all chapters in the District, each District Officer, the District Counselor, each National Officer, and the National Headquarters within two (2) weeks of the close of the convention. Exceptions must be approved by the District Counselor.
 - d. To collect and review Chapter constitutions with District Council and District Counselor in order to ensure all is in accordance with National and District Constitutions. The District Parliamentarian shall serve until her duties are discharged.
 - e. To serve as the Advisor to the Jurisdiction Committee.
 - g. The District Parliamentarian shall serve from December 1st until the conclusion of District Convention the following year.

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

- a. To maintain the website, updating at least once a month, with content approved by the District Council. The website should include but not be limited to:
 - i. District Contact information including all chapters, district officers and appointed positions.
 - ii. District Constitution.
 - iii. District Convention and Precinct information.
 - iv. Fall and spring packet information including deadlines.
- b. District Webmaster will serve from Convention to Convention.
- c. To post a link to the Northeast Notes on the District Website.
- d. To provide instructions for how to use and maintain the District website.

4.4 Removal and Replacement

4.401..... Should an appointed position be vacated for any reason, the District President shall appoint a new person in their place. Any appointment shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after the position has been vacated.

4.402..... Anyone serving in an appointed position may be declared unfit for that position by a majority vote of the District Council. Anyone so declared shall be immediately relieved of her duties. All Active chapters shall be notified of this action.

4.403..... In the event that an Officer will go from Active status to alumni status during their term of office they must obtain Life Membership with all fees paid by the student's graduation.

- a. In the event that the Candidate does not obtain Life Membership by the student's graduation, the officer must relinquish their position.

Rationale:

- Entire section - This will be moved to the SOP. The webmaster position will be removed entirely. A student parliamentarian will be appointed prior to district convention. (See rationale here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FrLCnnMbWT0znKgUyyCiJtQY43wJ_FQ9KWELTevuUSo/edit?usp=sharing)

No new text needed.

FINANCES

5.1 General

See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 4.

5.101..... District funds may be used for the following purposes:

- a. Publication of the Northeast Notes.
- b. District Officer expenses.
- c. District service projects.

- d. Anything else deemed necessary by the District Council or District Counselor. The Ways and Means Committee budget should be strongly considered when planning for money transactions.
- 5.102..... The deadline for submission of receipts for the Northeast Notes shall be at the start of the first Ways and Means Committee meeting of the District Convention.
- 5.103..... A Delegate fee per Chapter must be received by a time appointed by the District Treasurer.
- 5.104..... District Officers requiring reimbursement shall submit itemized receipts along with a reimbursement form to the District Treasurer and Counselor within 30 days of the transaction.
- 5.105..... There shall be a thirty (30) day extension from the closing of business of Convention to submit receipt for reimbursement, provided that the District officer presented an estimated amount to the Ways and Means Committee, and it was put into the budget.
- a. District Officers not completing projects by the designated deadlines shall not receive reimbursement for any aspect of those projects. If extenuating circumstances arise, District funds may be used to reimburse the officer with the approval of the District President, District Treasurer, and District Counselor.
- 5.106..... In the event of financial profit at a Precinct meeting due to Registration fee, any profits received by the host Chapter will be forwarded to the Northeast District treasury with documentation of an itemized budget by opening joint gavel of Northeast District Convention. In the event of financial loss at a Precinct Meeting, the host Chapter can submit documentation to the Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary-Treasurer and the Tau Beta Sigma Treasurer for review by the Joint Council. The Joint Council, the Governors, and Counselor shall decide the amount of reimbursement, if any.
- 5.107..... In the event of financial profit at a District Convention due to registration fee, any profits received by the host Chapter will be forwarded to the Northeast District treasury by National Guidelines found in the: District Convention Budget Proposal, Final Budget Report, and Host Chapter Guide found on the National Headquarters Website. In the event of financial loss of at a District Convention, the host Chapter can submit documentation to the Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary-Treasurer and the Tau Beta Sigma Treasurer for review by the Joint Council. The Joint Council, the Governor(s) and Counselor shall decide the amount of reimbursement, if any.

Rationale:

- *For 5.101 - This will be agreed upon by the district council and moved to the SOP.*
- *For 5.102 - This will be agreed upon by the district council and moved to the SOP.*
- *For 5.103 - This will be moved to the convention section of the district constitution.*
- *For 5.104 - This is a national headquarters procedure, and will be moved to the SOP.*
- *For 5.105 - This is a national headquarters procedure, and will be moved to the SOP.*
- *For 5.106 and 5.107 - This is a national headquarters procedure, and will be moved to the SOP.*

New text:

3. FINANCES

3.1 The account for the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma shall be handled by the National Headquarters. The District Council shall determine the use of District funds subject to approval by the District Counselors.

MEETINGS

6.1 District Convention

~~See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 5.~~

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

Rationale:

- For 6.101 - This will remain, but be modified slightly to reflect current practices. The deadline will be moved to the SOP.*
- (4.2 below was moved and modified from the finances section. According to the National Constitution, paying delegate fee is deemed unconstitutional.)*
- (4.3 below was moved and modified from the committees section. Again, we'd prefer that all convention-related items remain in the same section. The Alumni Affairs Committee is being removed to reflect current practices. Descriptions for each committee will be outlined in the SOP.)*

New text:

4. MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

4.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the District, known as the Northeast District Convention. The location of the next Convention shall be determined at each preceding Convention. In the absence of a selection at that Convention, the District Counselors and Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Governors shall determine the next Convention site.

4.2 Each Chapter shall submit a Delegate form and submit a Chapter annual report to have a Chapter Delegate or chosen proxy seated at District Convention.

4.3 Standing committees appointed for the District Convention shall be: Nominations Committee, Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee, Membership Committee, Jurisdiction Committee, Programs Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and Sisterhood and Spirit Committee. Special committees may be appointed at the discretion of the District President subject to approval by the District Counselors.

~~6.102..... The following criteria must be included in bids submitted by Chapters wishing to host a District Convention:~~

- ~~a. Letter from Administration, such as Office of Student Affairs or Office of the President~~
- ~~b. Letter from both Chapter Sponsors.~~
- ~~c. Letter from Director of Bands.~~

- d. ~~Overview of meeting facilities, such as occupancy, set-up options, pictures of rooms, campus maps.~~
 - e. ~~Projected Accommodations, such as hotels and rates.~~
 - f. ~~Financial summary from each Chapter and Joint Chapter, if applicable, to include:~~
 - 1. ~~Current balance.~~
 - 2. ~~Projected balance at the time of the scheduled District Convention.~~
 - 3. ~~Projected fundraising goals.~~
 - g. ~~Tentative Budget.~~
 - h. ~~Membership Status Statistics (Active, Associate, Conditional, etc.)~~
 - i. ~~Available Dining Options.~~
 - j. ~~Parking.~~
 - k. ~~Transportation including: driving directions, local airports, train stations, public transportation, and bus depots.~~
 - l. ~~Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone).~~
 - m. ~~Preferred and Alternate Dates.~~
 - n. ~~Overview of technology options such as what resources are available.~~
 - o. ~~Parking.~~
 - p. ~~Transportation including: driving directions, local airports, train stations, public transportation, and bus depots.~~
 - q. ~~Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone).~~
 - r. ~~Preferred and Alternate Dates.~~
 - s. ~~Overview of technology options such as what resources are available.~~
- 6.103..... ~~Each host Chapter shall compile a chronological operations manual of information, which details their activities during the year prior to and including the District Convention, as well as contact information for the Convention committee chairs. This operations manual shall be given to the new District Convention host no later than four (4) weeks after District Convention.~~
- 6.104..... ~~The date of the District Convention shall be determined by the host Chapter with approval by the District Counselor(s) and Governor(s). The host chapter must notify the Chapters in the District, each member of the Joint District Council, the District Counselor, the District Governor(s), each National Officer, and National Headquarters of the date of the District Convention within sixty (60) days of notification of being chosen host.~~
- 6.105..... ~~The host Chapter shall be responsible for submitting a post-convention budget report, and any profit realized by the host Chapter during the District Convention from District Convention Fees to the District Treasurer for deposit into the District account. The report and profit must be received by June 1st.~~
- 6.106..... ~~Two (2) hard copies of the completed Bids for District Convention must be submitted to the Joint Council by the final call for Convention bids in the first joint session of Convention. An Electronic completed Bid for District Convention must be received by the District Councils one (1) week prior to Convention. Completed bids must include each section that is outlined in 6.102.~~
- 6.107..... ~~The host Chapter will provide a finalized list of registered Convention attendees with Chapter Designation and status in order of Chapter Designation to the District President and~~

Secretary at the close of registration.

Rationale:

- *For 6.102 to 6.107 - These will be moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

6.2 Precinct Meetings

6.201..... The Northeast District shall be divided into three (3) Precincts:

- a. ~~NORTHERN Precinct: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.~~
- b. ~~CENTRAL Precinct: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.~~
- c. ~~SOUTHERN Precinct: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.~~

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

Rationale:

- *For 6.201 - This was moved to the first section of the constitution, as it deals with the structure of the district.*
- *For 6.202 - This will remain, but be modified slightly to reflect current practices. The purpose will be moved to the SOP.*

New text:

4.4 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. 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.

~~6.203..... Completed Bids for Precinct Meetings must be received by the final call for Precinct Bids in the first joint session of the current Precinct Meeting. Two (2) hard copies of the bid must be submitted to the Joint Council.~~

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

- a. ~~Letter from Administration such as Office of Student Affairs or Office of the President.~~
- b. ~~Letter from both Chapter Sponsors.~~
- c. ~~Letter from Director of Bands.~~

- d. ~~Meeting Facilities Overview such as Occupancy, Set-up Options, Pictures of Rooms, and Campus Map.~~
 - e. ~~Projected Accommodations such as hotels and the hotel rates.~~
 - f. ~~Financial Summary from each Chapter and the Joint Chapter, if applicable, to include:~~
 - i. ~~Current Balance.~~
 - ii. ~~Projected Balance at the time of the scheduled Precinct Meeting.~~
 - iii. ~~Projected Fundraising goals.~~
 - g. ~~Tentative Budget.~~
 - h. ~~Membership Statistics.~~
 - i. ~~Dining Facilities.~~
 - j. ~~Parking.~~
 - k. ~~Transportation, including driving directions and local airports, train stations, and bus depots.~~
 - l. ~~Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone).~~
 - m. ~~Preferred and Alternate Dates.~~
 - n. ~~Overview of Technology such as what resources are available.~~
- 6.205..... ~~The Joint Northeast District Council of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma shall then meet to determine the location of the next Precinct Meeting.~~
- 6.206..... ~~In the absence of a selection by District Convention, the selection process of the following year's precinct meeting will be left to the jurisdiction of the Joint Northeast District Council. The Council will consider the following four (4) items and are obligated to select a host chapter within ninety (90) days:~~
- a. ~~Timely completion of chapter's district and national paperwork.~~
 - b. ~~Officer's impressions of potential host chapters.~~
 - c. ~~Pursuing at least two (2) potential host chapters.~~
 - d. ~~Chapter's willingness to host.~~
- 6.208..... ~~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 Counselor, 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.~~

Rationale:

- *For 6.203 to 6.208 - These will be moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

DELEGATES

7.1 General

See National Constitution, Part 5, Section 6.

- 7.101..... Each Chapter Delegate and alternate must present their membership card at the time of registration.
- 7.102..... No Chapter shall have more than three (3) officially seated Delegates to the Convention. This number shall include the Chapter Delegate and up to two (2) alternate Delegates seated as proxies. The proxies shall be seated as designated in the National Constitution.
- 7.103..... When a member is chosen to sit as a proxy for another chapter at either District or National Convention, it shall be that member's duty to report to the chapter she is representing within fifteen (15) days of the close of the Convention.
- 7.104..... Each official Delegate shall serve on the committee to which she has been appointed for the duration of the District Convention. Alternate Delegates who are not seated as proxies may be assigned to committees.
- 7.105..... No Chapter shall have more than one (1) delegate, including proxies, seated on a committee. Only those Delegates officially seated on a committee shall determine the final content of the report, although participation in discussion by observers is encouraged.
- 7.106..... Each Chapter must pay the Delegate Fee in full, submit a Chapter summary report, submit the Delegate form, and submit a Chapter constitution to have a Chapter Delegate or a chosen proxy seated. If this is not completed by the assigned deadline for all required documents, then a proxy will be appointed by the District Council.
- 7.107..... No Delegate or proxy shall serve on the Nominations Committee or the Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee when a conflict of interest would arise from their presence on the committee.

Rationale:

- *For 7.101 - This is included in NC 5.703.*
- *For 7.102 - Some of this is included in NC 5.702, and the rest will be moved to the SOP.*
- *For 7.103 - This will be updated to reflect current practice and moved to the SOP.*
- *For 7.104 - This will be moved to the SOP.*
- *For 7.105 - This will be moved to the SOP.*
- *For 7.106 - This was modified and moved to the convention section.*
- *For 7.107 - This will be moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

COMMITTEES

8.1 General

- 8.101..... Standing committees appointed for the District Convention shall be:

- a. Membership Committee.
- b. Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee.
- c. Jurisdiction Committee.
- d. Nominations Committee.
- e. Programs Committee.
- f. Ways and Means Committee.
- g. Alumni Affairs Committee.
- h. Sisterhood and Spirit Committee.

Special committees may be appointed at the discretion of the District President.

8.2 Duties

- 8.201..... The Membership Committee shall be responsible for the continual development of membership education according to the National guidelines, and addresses issues regarding membership education at the Chapter and District levels.
- 8.202..... The Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee shall recommend a host Chapter for the next year's District Convention. Guidelines from the previous Convention's committee report shall be reviewed, revised if necessary, and included in the committee report for each year.
- 8.203..... The Jurisdiction Committee shall review, approve, and submit any proposed changes to the Northeast District Constitution. Any proposed amendment must earn a majority vote of the Jurisdiction Committee before it reaches the separate session. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the Jurisdiction Committee before the last committee meeting. Copies of approved changes must be made available to all District Officers, Jurisdiction Committee members, and Convention Delegates.
- 8.204..... The Nominations Committee shall investigate the eligibility of all Candidates for election to the offices of District President, District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Alumni Secretary and Historian. The Nominations Committee may nominate no more than one (1) person for each Office and shall present this slate of names to the Convention. Nominations Committee shall also investigate the eligibility of Candidates nominated from the floor during elections. Nominations shall be a closed committee.
- 8.205..... The Programs Committee should review and offer suggestions for District programs at the recommendation of the District Council. The committee shall make recommendations for program growth and recommend any new programs.
- 8.206..... The Ways and Means Committee shall review the actual spending of District funds in comparison to the yearly budget. The committee shall review the budget for the following term at the recommendation of the District Treasurer. The Ways and Means Committee shall review the District Treasurer's report of fundraising efforts from the term and make any suggestions for improved fundraising efforts for the following term.
- 8.207..... The Alumni Affairs Committee shall be charged with reviewing the activities of the Nationally recognized alumni organizations. It will examine, recommend, and submit to the District Convention all policy regarding Life and Alumni Association membership and the benefits thereof joining the alumni associations. The Alumni Affairs Committee shall promote measures to improve relations between Chapters and their alumni, work with the Alumni Association representatives to provide all Active, Conditional, and Associate Sisters in their last term of college or university affiliation in the Northeast District with information regarding Life, Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association, and other alumni association memberships. This committee may meet jointly with the Committee on Alumni Affairs of Kappa Kappa Psi. The committee will

discuss benefits and challenges that Chapters experience with their alumni and brainstorm ways to maintain healthy relationships with all alumni.

8.208..... The Sisterhood and Spirit Committee will discuss ways to increase unity and Sisterhood within the District through the teaching and learning of song, dance, and step. The committee will also discuss ways to improve District morale throughout the year and will review programs that are already in place that encourage the celebration of diversity of our Chapters and foster intra-Chapter learning opportunities. The committee will create spirit challenges for the duration of the District Convention and will recommend three exceptionally spirited Chapters to the District President for the District Spirit Award.

Rationale:

- *For 8.101 - This was modified and moved to the convention section.*
- *For 8.201 to 8.208 - These will be modified to reflect current practices and moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

PUBLICATIONS

9.1 General

9.101..... The name of the District Publication shall be "Northeast Notes." One (1) copy of the District Publication shall be sent to each of the following: National Executive Director, National Headquarters, National Officers, Board of Trustees members, nationally recognized alumni associations, all Northeast District Officers, Presidents of all other Districts, District Counselor/Governor. In addition, one (1) copy shall be sent to each Chapter and colony in the District.

9.102..... The Joint District Councils of the Northeast District will monitor an online publication of the "Northeast Notes". The online publication will be ongoing and submissions can be received at any time. The published version of the "Northeast Notes" will be drawn from submissions on the online publication per deadlines stated in 9.102.

Rationale:

- *Entire section - This will be updated to reflect current practice and moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

REPORTS

10.1 General

10.101..... Committee Chairpersons shall submit a report of committee activity and findings to the District Council for inclusion in the District Convention Minutes and shall give a summary of the report at District Convention.

10.102..... District Officers shall submit activity reports to the District Council prior to each meeting of the District Council. Their final activity report shall be submitted for inclusion in the District Convention Minutes, and a summary of their final report shall be given at

District Convention.

10.103..... Each Chapter shall be required to submit a yearly report at the District Convention for inclusion in the District Convention Minutes.

10.104..... The District President will prepare a report regarding the District for the current biennium for submission at National Convention. If not able to attend, the report will be submitted by a designated representative.

Rationale:

- *Entire section - Some of this is included in NC 5.9, and the rest will be updated to reflect current practice and moved to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

JOINT CHAPTER

11.1 General

11.101..... The joint Chapter of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi shall be comprised of the seated Delegates of each organization meeting together in Convention.

11.102..... The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order - Newly Revised* shall govern all joint Chapter business.

11.103..... Voting delegates for joint Chapter sessions shall be the same voting Delegates as during separate sessions.

11.104..... Sessions of the joint Chapter shall be governed by the presiding Officers of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi jointly. All Officers from each organization shall be responsible for performing their duties as coordinated by presiding Officers.

Rationale:

- *For 11.101 - We'll keep this.*
- *For 11.102 - This is already included in the national constitution.*
- *For 11.103 - This will move to the SOP.*
- *For 11.104 - We'll keep the first sentence and combine into 5.1 below. The second sentence will move to the SOP.*

New text:

5. JOINT CHAPTER

5.1 The joint Chapter of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi shall be comprised of the seated Delegates of each organization meeting together in Convention. Sessions of the joint Chapter shall be governed by the presiding Officers of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi jointly.

11.2 Procedures

11.201..... The agenda for each joint session shall be determined jointly by the presiding Officers prior to each session.

11.202..... A motion shall only be considered when moved by a Delegate of one organization and seconded by a Delegate of the other organization.

~~11.203..... A simple majority of all delegates from each organization shall be required to pass a joint motion.~~

~~11.204..... At the final joint session, reports shall be given from all joint committees. The joint Chapter shall act on these reports and any decisions made shall be binding upon the separate organizations.~~

Rationale:

- *For 11.201 - This will move to the SOP.*
- *For 11.202 - This will move to the SOP.*
- *For 11.203 - This will move to the SOP.*
- *For 11.204 - This will move to the SOP.*

No new text needed.

Our suggestions for the SOP-

Running from the floor.

- Documented process from running from the floor, talked about how they should have something they need to do. Running from the floor, requirements for running from the floor. Maybe for what happens if in the case for you running from the floor, something like putting together a packet afterwards. Really work with the person in the position, have a conversation with the person during convention? Maybe something after the person runs from the floor, the delegation would have to vote on accepting the nominations.

Timeline for updating the website

Better outline of where the jobs of the Alumni Secretary and Historian will be going.

- Will it go to the same person each year?

Northeast Notes???

Take out the policy that officers can't run for a third term

Match the national constitution such that it says they must have been a sophomore and active for a semester, and making sure that they are approved by their band director, and have had enough time in their bands.

Suggest that GPA requirement is raised to run for District Office- potentially 2.5

The charges for the 2016-2017 Jurisdiction Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2016 NED constitution.

2. Review the SOP
3. Check that all information in the constitution and SOP corresponds with current practices in the District.
4. Collect constitutional recommendations from other Committees before the beginning of the second committee meeting time.
5. Compare the NED constitution to the National constitution for discrepancies.

The charges for the 2016-2017 District Council are as follows:

1. Continue development and adaptations to SOP in correspondence to current District practices

The charges for the 2016-2017 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

1. Reallocate district funds for programs

The charges for the 2016-2017 Northeast District Chapters are as follows:

1. Be actively involved in the development and improvement of the SOP

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chair- Jenny Fletcher - Delta Nu, UMaine
 Co-Chair- Jessica LaDuke - Eta Delta, Howard University
 Advisor- Erika Pope - Theta Theta, NVPCR
 Emily Lowe - Delta Delta, UMass
 Zoe Humphreys - Beta Eta, University of Maryland
 Macie Delahoy - Delta Omicron, Clarion University
 Jenn Potter - Gamma Omega, University of Pittsburgh
 Maura Kelly - Zeta Upsilon, West Chester University
 Ashley Holland - Epsilon Omega, Morgan State
 Lauren Wojtowicz- Eta Gamma, Boston University
 Poornika Kakkanaiah - Zeta Omicron, Virginia Tech
 Shanon Garret - Theta Pi, Bowie State University
 Raven Carter - Epsilon Rho, Virginia State University
 Crystal Sivells- Epsilon Rho, Virginia State University
 Ashley Narvaez - Eta Alpha, Syracuse University
 Rachel Novotiy - Eta Alpha, Syracuse University
 Alex Reinertsen - Eta Chi, URI
 Mac Palao - Eta Rho, James Madison University
 Kenya Wrim - Epsilon Sigma, Norfolk State University
 Joanna Hull - Gamma Kappa, University of Connecticut

SECTION SEVEN: JOINT COMMITTEES

The following joint committee was active and submitted an oral report to the joint delegation along with their written statement below: Convention Site and Publication. Note, no special committees were called into existence by the District Presidents.

Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee Report 2016

Committee Chair Sonya Osei (Tau Beta Sigma - Theta Pi)

Committee Chair Paula Batoon (Kappa Kappa Psi - Kappa Upsilon)

Advisor Dr. Kathryn Kelly

Good Afternoon Brothers and Sisters of the NED,

We would like to begin the final report of the Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee by thanking all who sat on the committee and our advisor, Dr. Kathryn Kelly. Everyone's participation and feedback was essential in our committee's productivity in discussing the charges delegated to us. We are confident that our recommendations for the 2017 District Convention site will be in the best interest of the District.

The charges for the 2016 Joint Convention Site and Publication were as follows:

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2016 Joint Site Committee Report
 - a. Make any recommendations for the changes to bid requirements since there may be some that are not needed if a chapter wants to hold a hotel bid
2. Review all bids for the NED Convention 2017 to ensure they satisfy the constitutional requirements.
 - a. Our parliamentarians will be doing this first, but it will be good for the Committee to do this as well. Notify the District Presidents immediately if a bid is found to not satisfy the requirements.
3. Hold in-person presentations for all bids.
 - a. Schedule these right after the opening joint session.
4. Discuss and recommend a 2017 Convention Site.

The 2016 Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee discussed the constitution as it stands, reviewing Convention site sections, to ensure that phrasing and wording were synonymous with Bid Requirements. The committee also discussed improving the bid submission process to make it easier for both the bidding school and next year's Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee.

The charges for the District Council of 2016-2017 are as follows:

1. Work to improve the bid submission process in the following ways:
 - a. The bid shall be required to provide a more detailed budget of both chapters' financial activities, including current financial activities and an accurate report of projected convention expenses.
 - b. The bid shall also be required to provide membership statistics which state how many active and conditional members are in the chapter, as well as Membership Candidates.
 - c. Past bids shall be accessible online to provide a template for potential bidders and to increase interest in bid submission.
 - d. The bid shall be electronically submitted to make the bid submission process easier.
 - i. The electronically submitted bid shall be distributed to the 2017 Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee chairs and the members of the committee.
2. Increase interest in hosting District Convention and Precinct Meetings by educating the NED on how a bid should be made and how a convention should be run.
3. Give a list of concerns that the committee has determined to the host chapter of the following year's convention.

The charges to the 2017 Joint Committee are as follows:

1. Review and recommend ways to make the bid process easier for bidding schools, the chapters in the Northeast District, and the Council.
2. Continue to work to make the quality of submitted bids the best and most detailed it can be.
3. Review and recommend ways to increase interest in hosting convention.

The 2016 Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee, advisor, and committee chair wish to thank Syracuse University for submitting a quality bid and for giving a quality presentation to both the committee and the NED. Furthermore, we hope that the future council and committees continue to improve on the bid process and increase interest in hosting a District Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair Sonya Osei (Tau Beta Sigma - Theta Pi)

Committee Chair Paula Batoon (Kappa Kappa Psi - Kappa Upsilon)

Advisor Dr. Kathryn Kelly

Olivier Loignon (Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Upsilon)

Yvonne Barrett (Tau Beta Sigma - Epsilon Omega)

Bria Cave (Tau Beta Sigma - Gamma Kappa)
Sarah Parker (Tau Beta Sigma - Eta Rho)
Nathan Wotton (Kappa Kappa Psi - Iota Phi)
Zachary Smego (Kappa Kappa Psi - Nu Zeta)
Jahkeem Grant (Kappa Kappa Psi - Iota Xi)
Peter Cantatorr (Kappa Kappa Psi - Delta Omicron)
Kathleen Carlone (Kappa Kappa Psi - Theta Upsilon)

SECTION EIGHT: 2016-2017 BUDGET

Expenses	
Summer Meeting	\$250
Off Season Officer Travel	\$175
Winter Meeting	\$250
Fundraising	\$250
Materials Budget (Officer Budget)	\$50
Honorary Budget	\$150
Precinct Meetings	\$500
Life Membership Scholarship	\$350
Officer Travel for Districts	\$250
Officer Housing for Districts	\$300
Open Allocation	\$105
Total Expense	\$2,630
Income	
Fall Allocations	\$1,200
Spring Allocations	\$250
Fundraising	\$400
District Convention Donations	\$780
Total	\$2,630

SECTION NINE: TBS NED Constitution

1. ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

1.1 This document (the “District Constitution”) establishes and prescribes the authorized regulations pertaining to the functions and the operations of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma (the “District”). This document is an extension of the regulations prescribed by the National Constitution of Tau Beta Sigma, which shall supersede all contents of this document.

1.2 Any and all previous versions of the District Constitution along with any and all amendments shall become void and are superseded by this document. Proposed amendments to the District Constitution shall be presented in writing at District Conventions and shall be referred at once to the Jurisdiction Committee, which shall report thereon at the same convention. An amendment shall be declared adopted upon a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) favorable vote by the convention delegation.

1.3 The District Council, upon unanimous agreement, shall be authorized to correct spelling, grammar, numbering and other technical changes to the District Constitution as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the District. A record of all changes made during the year shall be presented to the Jurisdiction Committee at the subsequent District Convention.

1.4 The Standard Operating Procedures (“SOP”) is a living document maintained by the District Council, Counselors, and the District through the Jurisdiction Committee that outlines, in detail, District operations, roles and responsibilities of each officer, parameters for running for District office or bidding to host a District event, and any other functions pertaining to the District that are not described in the District Constitution. This document is meant to support the constitution, can act as a reference when needed, and will be located on the District website for complete transparency.

1.5 The Northeast District shall be comprised of three regions called Precincts. The Northern Precinct includes chapters in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Central Precinct includes chapters in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The Southern Precinct includes chapters in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

2. DISTRICT OFFICERS

2.1 The officers of the District shall be District President, District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects and District Secretary-Treasurer, collectively known as the District Council.

2.2 Candidacy requirements for District office will be outlined in the SOP and within the guidelines of the National Constitution.

2.3 The District President shall preside over all meetings of the District and will be the official representative of the District at all Sorority functions. The District President shall be a non-voting member of all District committees, and shall appoint committee chairs and any appointed positions subject to approval of the District Counselors.

2.4 The District Vice President of Membership shall preside over all meetings of the District in the absence of the District President. The District Vice President of Membership shall be responsible for facilitating District programming related to membership education.

2.5 The District Vice President of Special Projects shall be responsible for designing and implementing District programs, awards, and historical projects, as determined by the District Council.

2.6 The District Secretary-Treasurer shall record, publish, and distribute the minutes of all District meetings. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for controlling the receipts and disbursements of all District monies and keeping a ledger of financial transactions.

3. FINANCES

3.1 The account for the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma shall be handled by the National Headquarters. The District Council shall determine the use of District funds subject to approval by the District Counselors.

4. MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

4.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the District, known as the Northeast District Convention. The location of the next Convention shall be determined at each

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

4.2 Each Chapter shall submit a Delegate form and submit a Chapter annual report to have a Chapter Delegate or chosen proxy seated at District Convention.

4.3 Standing committees appointed for the District Convention shall be: Nominations Committee, Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee, Membership Committee, Jurisdiction Committee, Programs Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and Sisterhood and Spirit Committee. Special committees may be appointed at the discretion of the District President subject to approval by the District Counselors.

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

- a) Letter from Administration, such as Office of Student Affairs or Office of the President
- b) Letter from both Chapter Sponsors
- c) Letter from Director of Bands
- d) Overview of meeting facilities, such as occupancy, setup options, pictures of rooms, campus maps
- e) Projected Accommodations, such as hotels and rates
- f) Financial summary from each Chapter and Joint Chapter, if applicable, to include:
 - i) Current balance
 - ii) Projected balance at the time of the scheduled District Convention
 - iii) Projected fundraising goals
- g) Tentative Budget
- h) Membership Status Statistics (Active, Associate, Conditional, etc.)
- i) Available Dining Options
- j) Parking
- k) Transportation including: driving directions, local airports, train stations, public transportation, and bus depots
- l) Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone)
- m) Preferred and Alternate Dates
- n) Overview of technology options such as what resources are available
- o) Parking

4.401 Each host Chapter shall compile a chronological operations manual of information, which details their activities during the year prior to and including the District Convention, as well as contact information for the Convention committee chairs. This operations manual shall be given to the new District Convention host no later than four (4) weeks after District Convention.

4.402 The date of the District Convention shall be determined by the host Chapter with approval by the District Counselor(s) and Governor(s). The host chapter must notify the Chapters in the District, each member of the Joint District Council, the District Counselor(s), the District Governor(s), each National Officer, and National Headquarters of the date of the District Convention within sixty (60) days of notification of being chosen host.

4.403 The host Chapter shall be responsible for submitting a post-convention budget report, and any profit realized by the host Chapter during the District Convention from District Convention Fees to the District Treasurer for deposit into the District account. The report and profit must be received by June 1st.

4.404 Two (2) hard copies of the completed bids for District Convention must be submitted to the District Councils by the final call for Convention bids in the first joint session of Convention. An electronic completed bid for District Convention must be received by the District Councils one (1) week prior to Convention. Completed bids must include each section that is outlined in 4.4.

4.405 The host Chapter will provide a finalized list of registered Convention attendees with Chapter Designation and status in order of Chapter Designation to the District President and Secretary-Treasurer at the close of registration.

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. 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.

4.501 Completed bids for Precinct Meetings must be received by the final call for Precinct bids in the first joint session of the current Precinct Meeting. Two (2) hard copies of the bid must be submitted to the District Councils.

4.502 The following criteria must be included in bids submitted by Chapters wishing to

host a precinct meeting:

- a) Letter from Administration, such as Office of Student Affairs or Office of the President
- b) Letter from both Chapter Sponsors
- c) Letter from Director of Bands
- d) Overview of meeting facilities, such as occupancy, setup options, pictures of rooms, campus maps
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- m) Preferred and Alternate Dates
- n) Overview of technology options such as what resources are available
- o) Parking

4.503 The Joint Northeast District Councils of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma shall then meet to determine the location of the next Precinct Meeting.

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

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

4.505 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.

5. JOINT CHAPTER

5.1 The joint Chapter of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi shall be comprised of the seated Delegates of each organization meeting together in Convention. Sessions of the joint Chapter shall be governed by the presiding Officers of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi jointly.

SECTION TEN: CHAPTER REPORTS

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

Beta Eta

As we transition into a new era working without our fellow Brother chapter, we are trying to refine and decide what service we will continue to do, what we could do that the Brothers used to do, and what we had to decide what not to do. We continued to do our Penny Wars that we do every year and gave the money to Laurel High School, a local high school whose music program was in need. Our Brothers used to provide the service of a Supply Store for band members to buy more lyres, lyre pages, and reeds throughout the semester. We decided to tackle this service to continue providing the ability for band members to easily access important things like reeds and valve oil. One service project that we are really excited about is our Jazz Showcase! Since some of the Jazz ensembles are not funded by the School of Music, we figured we should try to plan a project to raise money for them. It will be a night of Jazz where performers will be free to perform whatever jazz pieces they want and we will be taking donations from attendees.

As for membership, we have also worked really hard to revamp our topics and how we teach the information to the MCs. We are now giving lessons to teach the information to the MCs and the actives. We are finding new ways to teach the information including telling everyone the different tricks we have all used in the past to remember the information better. This is also an exciting semester because have our first male MC going through the process! This is something that has never happened in Beta Eta history and we are all really excited about him and how he will do.

For fundraising, we have one main way we get money, which is through working retail at the Baltimore Ravens stadium. We have two stands that we run during a couple of home games during the semester that are run by two Sisters apiece. We get about 10% of our profits at every game and we end up making most of our money from this method of fundraising. We have an Amazon Smile account where people can donate a small amount of their purchase's to us. Last year, our chapter ran a district fundraiser where we made different bows for people to buy. We plan on having this same districts fundraiser again, but we are planning on trying to include clip-on bowties for people to buy as well.

Gamma Kappa

This year at Gamma Kappa, we have been continuing with our expansion of our service, but are trying to work to focus equally on service and membership. In the fall we do a large variety of service projects to help our band, community bands, and the music department. For our own band we help at each rehearsal with the set up and breakdown of the tasks, distribute uniforms, cleaned out the band trucks, cleaned the guard closet, maintained uniforms during the season, helped in all aspects of serving meals at football games, among other things. For the music department, we maintained a bulletin board, painted the remainder of the music building stands, and held receptions jointly with the brothers after concerts. For the community assisted at high school competitions, help tech local marching bands, and went to a local elementary school for a play-along. This spring we are just starting getting into our typically projects, and have a few great ones that we are looking forward to.

The music department has held both the local regional festival and festival that our own music department has put on called first chair honor band. Other than helping at both of these events, we've help with audition days, and continued in our maintenance with the bulletin boards for the music department. For our community, this spring we are currently planning another play along, are hoping

to bring a pep band to a local nursing home, we've made scarves for the local homeless community, and are working on pairing with a local Boy Scout troop to help them complete a music merit badge. For our own band we've helped break down from pep band rehearsal, collected uniforms, and will help serve food at the university's spring football game. We also try to do our part by donating finances to our bands Tower Project to help build a Band Tower, and by also donating money to band students participating in our 18-hour long dance marathon to benefit the local Children's Hospital.

As part of our initiative to improve our membership we've worked on service with membership, as well as evaluated how we've done and trying to improve. We find that we are good at figuring out what issues we are having with membership, but are still trying to improve the issues. As part of working service and member ship together, our membership class organizes a service project each semester, and in the fall they were able to repaint the dots on our band field. We also during spring rush helped file the history of the band with prospective members such that the history materials could be moved.

This rush event was much appreciated by the band historian and it was a great time to let the prospective members join us serving the band. Our membership education process is very similar to what it has been in the past, however we decided to add a week to the overall process to help with scheduling as well make it easier on the candidates time wise. We always are revisiting events to make sure that everything is the best it can be, and always look to the previous class to let us know how we did. Currently for membership, our sisterhood team has been working hard on having some fun in chapter, with theme days, participating in project good member, and planning events like a trip to laser tag.

As for fundraising, one project we are always working on is doing chair setups for Jorgenson Theater on campus. What we do for chair setups includes going to the theater and changing the arrangement of the floor seating for Jorgensons events. This has always been a consistent fundraiser for us, as well as with the brother jointly. In the fall we also held a Candy Gram sale for band members to buy candy to send to their friends on our next bus trip. It was a great success and we sold a lot of bags of candy! We also plan to fundraise at district convention by selling joint shirts, sunglasses and homemade turtles.

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Gamma Chi

In the past year alone, we have accepted two classes for the Gamma Chi chapter. As of right now, we currently have three candidates for our chapter and are progressing well in their membership process.

All members have been enjoying more bonding time as we had two movie nights within the past semester alone including the candidates of this semester's class.

We have had multiple fundraisers, including our known Pie a Sister and have successfully sold candles over the past semester. While we are still working on more fundraisers for the chapter, we have been dedicating to raising money with our candle fundraiser and has been a big success so far. We hope to have more fundraisers after spring break.

We have also assisted our marching band within the past season and have even assisted the Cory Band as they visited Mansfield two weeks ago. The Cory Band was a delight and all sisters of the Gamma Chi chapter helped them through the whole day with the assistance of Epsilon Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. For upcoming service, we plan on assisting an animal shelter around the Wellsboro area.

Gamma Omega

The Gamma Omega chapter at the University of Pittsburgh has been very busy over the past year. In terms of service, we have completed hundreds of hours of service to our band and our community. In addition to handing out and collecting uniforms, an important and well-liked service event in the fall is Pitt Band Thanksgiving which is a Thanksgiving dinner put on by the sisterhood for the entire marching band before practice one of the days before Thanksgiving; the proceeds go towards a local food bank. This year we have also done community service through Pitt Make a Difference Day which is helping out in communities by cleaning up trash or anything else to make the community look better and through Girl Scouts by helping the girls to get their Music Badge. We have also helped out at multiple indoor guard and percussion shows throughout the area to promote music in the high schools.

Gamma Omega has definitely expanded their membership throughout the past year. We had 6 membership candidates in the fall and currently have 10 membership candidates right now. Throughout the year, each membership class got to get to know the sisterhood by hosting their own social for the sisterhood and by attending different social and service activities with the sisters. Our VPM this year started to implement post-membership questions. These questions were made by the membership candidates and ranged from trivia about the sisterhood to the reasons why we love it. This has helped our membership candidates to learn more about what being a sister is about and has helped them to bond with the sisters.

Throughout this year, Gamma Omega has raised a substantial amount of money. In the fall, we made Pitt Band calendars for the entire band and also sold blankets; both of which were great Christmas gifts and brought in money for the sisterhood. We also host a plant sale in the spring by selling bamboo plants for the entire university. Other fundraisers that we do is Pittsburgh Popcorn which all of the sisters seem to love and supplying pizza for band members before practices in the fall. Overall, the Gamma Omega chapter has done a lot over the past year and looks forward to what is coming ahead of us.

Delta Delta

In the Fall semester, Delta Delta focused on improving our communication. We opened up discussion during meetings, wrote pro/con lists on the board, created bonding activities to do during meetings, and we discussed and analyzed ritual together. Some of these activities included our 7 new sisters as they were going through their process. Including them in the bonding activities strengthened the relationship between the actives and the MCs, and showed them that we are more than a service

group. As for service in the Fall, we had 3 Women in Music speakers, provided daily service for the band through lining our practice fields and setting up chairs, passed out water and picked up trash during band trips, and held receptions for the music department performances.

The sisters of Delta Delta were extremely flexible during the Fall semester, as they were presented with many changes. The chapter passed constitutional changes that decreased the size of the executive board from 10 positions to 8, as well as decreasing the amount of chair positions from 7 to 3. In addition, the Fall Membership Class exposed flaws in our process and how we teach it. This led to a complete revamp of the process. Along with membership big changes, two of our members went inactive. This led to a lot of discussion about why we are sisters, what the bond means to us, and that it is okay if someone decides that this is not for them.

Moving forward, the sisters are not taking a Spring class like we usually do, and are putting more emphasis on casual bonding. We recognize that though our communication has improved dramatically, it can't stop here. The more we enjoy each other's company and are able to have fun together whether it is getting lunch or studying, the more comfortable we all will be. There is a "Down to Lunch" app that the sisters have been using a lot, and it notifies contacts about where someone is and anyone who is "down to chill" have that opportunity to do so. Aside from strengthening our bond, we chose to focus on service this semester. We continue to have daily service by setting up chairs for the Concert and Sports bands as well as continuing receptions for the music department. We have 3 Women in Music speakers and music department audition days we co-facilitate with Epsilon Nu. In an effort to be better leaders and community members, we are making a trip to Waltham to help Girl Scouts earn their music badges, having a Stonewall Center workshop to learn about LGBTQIA culture, and we also stuffed and donated purses to the Women's Shelter in town. Later on in the semester, we plan on creating a video about why we continue to participate in band and send it to public schools in the area to promote music participation. Delta Delta has grown so much over the past year, and we are eager to continue to become a stronger and more successful chapter!

Delta Nu

Over the past year, Delta Nu has been doing really well in the fundraising world! We have been working hard to keep our bank account healthy and going strong. Our newest fundraiser is face painting at our home hockey games. We are a huge hockey school, so home games bring in a ton of fans from around the state! Through a connection with our life member, Elyse Bronson, we paired up with Friends of Maine Hockey to carry out this project. We split the proceeds half and half for each night and have made about 200 dollars a month doing it. On top of that we've continued our Mac and Cheese tabling in our music building and people are LOVING it! Overall, this year we are working on bigger and broader fundraisers rather than small and complicated things. We hope to establish our chapter more and have people know who we are around campus.

This past year in service for Delta Nu has been quite busy and full of new and expanding ideas. As we have in the past, the sisters have provided breakfast to our marching band during the Saturday morning practices since the dining halls are not open by the time rehearsal begins. During the marching season, our uniform chair leads the service of the maintenance of the marching band uniforms. At the end of the season, the sisters and brothers plan and provide a banquet for the members of the band. We have also done a clean up for one of the University of Maine's piano teacher, this includes all internal cleaning of her residence. For the Screamin' Black Bear Pep Band, the sisters provide our "spirit pack", a well sized duffel bag filled with many decorations for the band to show school spirit. A newer service that doubles as a fundraiser is face painting at the home hockey games, this is a service to the fans and students. We have also assisted Leonard Middle School with the setting up and tearing down of their

concerts, both choral and instrumental, as well as attend their jazz band rehearsals to promote the continuation of music to the students. During what we call "Maine Day", the sisters of Delta Nu team up with the Epsilon Upsilon chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi to do a thorough cleaning of the Class of 1944 Hall. Every week we also work with the brothers to do stage work and audio recordings of the recital lab performances.

This year, Delta Nu initiated 8 MC's into the sisterhood. They had a very successful MC period. They held a basket raffle in which they raffled off baskets, one with homemade jams donated from one of our MC's, and the other with some handmade goods such as scarves and blankets. They did this at the symphonic band concert and were extremely successful, making around \$104. With this money, they were able to buy a handcart for symphonic band tour for the tubs we keep the folders in. In years prior, the librarian would have to carry these from the bus to each school we went to. They still have some money left and are looking to use some of it to clean the chairs that are outside of our recital hall in the music building. We have also added interview initiative for them. For different interviews they complete, they will earn a ribbon stripe in the colors of our flag. This year, we have had some of the biggest numbers for our MC's completing their interviews, although it is not required for voting rights. Before each degree, we have a ritual workshop where all our active sisters would discuss different aspects of the ritual and then we would run it so everybody knew what they were doing before we did it with the MC's. This semester, we are planning on having a sister jeopardy nights for our continuing membership education.

Delta Omicron

These are the things that the Delta Omicron chapter has been doing the past year, including service, membership, and fundraisers. The chapter has been very busy serving the bands and the community. The first thing we worked on was getting the new uniforms for the marching band organized and passed out. Every other Friday, the chapter served at a local high school's concession stand, AC Valley. We also ushered senior recitals and the different concerts on campus. We set up the stage for concerts and set up one day a week for the concert band rehearsals. Other things we do for the band is organizing the uniform room, and send the uniforms out for get dry cleaned and pressed. Not only do we serve the bands, but we try our best to help out the community. Some ways we do that are through adopt a highway, twice a year. We also go to a local animal shelter and help out there. We are also planning on participating in the campus wide community days and walking for Relay for Life this semester.

We started our recruitment this year on September 14, and held events every Monday and Thursday. Some of the events included, dinner with the sisters game night, AC Valley, bingo night, and karaoke.

Some things that we are working on as members of the chapter are strengthening our bond, and continuing our education of the sorority. Our sisterhood committee, which is in charge of planning events that bring all the sisters together, plan events throughout the year. Some of the events were a lock-in, a t-shirt letter exchange, Valentines Day party, and sisterhood library nights.

The Delta Omicron chapter has done many fundraisers in the past year. Our most successful fundraiser was working Kennywood's Fright Night. Some other successful fundraisers were Appleicious, canning at Comet, a dining to donate with Applebee's and duct taping a professor to the wall.

Delta Omega

Over the course of this year, Delta Omega has been involved in several different service activities. During band camp prior to the beginning of classes, we have supplied snacks and ice pops during breaks for the band. Once the school year started, we began ushering all of the music ensemble concerts and student recitals, as well as providing juice and cookies for marching band after our halftime shows on the weekends. We visited the ASPCA to help out with cleaning and taking care of the animals. We worked at a pancake fundraiser at Applebee's where we served pancakes, sausage, and beverages to

customers. We helped Zeta Upsilon at the Allentown Collegiate Band Festival directing bands and traffic, set up tables during open houses at Bloomsburg University to talk to prospective students about the band program, and aided Central Columbia High School in running their County Band auditions. After the end of marching band, we organized uniform turn-in to send them to the dry cleaner's and then organized them again on their return. We organized two service projects, polishing instruments and writing letters to troops, which were executed nicely when we hosted Central Precincts with our Brother chapter Zeta Alpha. For the remainder of this semester, we are continuing to usher and will be helping with Jazzfest and Stringposium, two programs set up to act as clinics and a great learning experience for local high school students. We are working on plans to host a Women in Music speaker, as well as Project Crescendo.

Delta Omega has grown immensely over the past few years, both in quantity and quality. With 21 active members this semester, we are really beginning to thrive. The size of our chapter really allows us to serve our bands as well as our community. We have developed several activities during our membership education process that facilitate bonding within the chapter. During these activities we learn fun facts about one another, eat meals together, and have study sessions where we brush up on our TBS information as well as our school coursework. We hold several workshops throughout the semester as well to keep everyone engaged in the activities of the Sorority. Marching band season is our main time for recruitment. This past fall we initiated six new sisters who have really helped strengthen our bond as a chapter.

Over the years Delta Omega has struggled with fundraising. Throughout this past year we have tried many different fundraisers. There are the ones that succeeded and those that failed. Our biggest fundraiser that is always a success is selling Krispy Kreme donuts. This is our best fundraiser because we offer a product that is not easy access to our students here at Bloomsburg University. We have also participated in several Dine to Donate fundraisers at local restaurants and have raffled off music-themed baskets at District Convention. Our chapter does pretty well with fundraisers but there is always room for improvement.

Epsilon Epsilon

In the past year we have tried to remain focus on building our chapter in quality. We have been focusing more on what we can do better to help our chapter grow stronger. So we have made the choice to not participate in many of the National Programs because we do not want to cause undo stress while we are having small difficulties in meeting our programs we participate in at the chapter level. This past year we have gone and taught songs to the Girl Scouts, and we usher our school's band concerts, we also plan on participating in adopt-a-highway when the temperature is warmer.

We do still take classes but our numbers are low still low. We have focused on quality over quantity. We have also made changes to some traditions that the chapter has had because we want to avoid MCs feeling uncomfortable. We have also changed the name of Membership Candidate Meetings to Membership Education Meetings because we all are asked to participate in continuing education and we want to make sure that everyone is treated equally.

In the past our fundraising ideas did not do as well as we had hoped or expected. We have cut back on how often we sell bake goods, and made them themed for the time of year. For example, our next fundraiser is around Easter; while not everyone celebrates we know that eggs are associated with Easter so we are going to make Tie-Dye Eggs shaped jello! We have also taken to local family owned restaurants to participate in our Flyer Fundraiser. We pass out flyers with When, and Where, and then

10% of the total bill is donated to the chapter. We also have penny wars for band, and During our Halloween Dance we have a costume contest. We have raised more money this year because of our small changes than we have in the recent past.

Epsilon Rho

Over the past year, the Epsilon Rho chapter has made amazing strides. Not only have we fixed the bond with our band director and staff, but we have created a close bond with Petersburg High School's band program. Last semester, we have had several fundraisers for not only our chapter, but for the Trojan Explosion Marching band. We also did a back to school drive for Petersburg High school. We have had many events for our band members to come out and unwind after practice as well as get extra help during the season. We may be a small chapter, but we do big things and are determined to continue doing them. Currently we have a membership class of six amazing potential sisters who have shown that they are elite bands women. This semester we have had fundraisers such as raffles, candy apples, and bake sales. We are having not only community service events, but social events as well.

Epsilon Sigma

During this school year, the Epsilon Sigma chapter has strived to be more transparent on our university's campus. Similarly, we became better stewards of our chapters finances, as well as making a greater effort at fundraising. Currently we are working on bridging the gap between our alumni and current chapter since the communication between both parties have not been the best. Last, we are working towards illustrating the great work we do, on and off campus.

August 8th, 2015: Band Camp "Meet and Greet"-Sisters assisted with registering both returning and new personnel and served as tour guides for freshman in the band. Further, we assisted in instrument check out for all bandmen. August 12th-22nd, 2015: "Band Uniform Issuance"- Sisters measured all personnel in the band and issued their uniforms for the season to them. August 22nd, 2015: "Family and Friends Day Gatorade Fundraiser"-Sisters sold Gatorade to individuals as they sat and watch the Spartan Legion perform their first field show. August 20th, 2015: "Meal Time TAUsers"-Sisters made spaghetti dinners for band after a hard days work. August 20th, 2015: "Spartan Legion Talent Showcase"- Sisters hosted a show to display the different talents in the band. August 22nd, 2015: "Legion Social"- Sisters and brothers planned a social for the band after its two weeks of band camp. September 10th, 2015: "Meet the Greeks"-Sisters participated in a display showcase of Greek organizations on our school campus. October 1st, 2015: "Women in Speaker in Music Series"-our chapter hosted a Women in Music in Speaker series. We showcased our very own Associate Director, Ms. Stephanie K. Sanders as she spoke of the role music played in her life and what we as bandmen can do to make sure that we create own on legacy through our association with music. November 3rd, 2015: "Rookie Vs Vet Band Battle"- Sisters organized a band battle to increase the enthusiasm and togetherness of the Spartan Legion. November 8th, 2015: "Organization and Assortment of Band Rain Coats Day"- Sisters cleaned up both band rooms and sorted out the rain coats from the previous game. November 19th, 2015: "Crossing the Line"-As a part of the "Project Good Member Incentive," sisters hosted this event to bring awareness of the similarities and differences that exist in our band program. November 22nd, 2015: "L.I.P.S (Ladies. Interested. In. Providing. Service) Induction Ceremony"- Sisters conducted our annual mentor-ship induction for the women in the band that our are little sisters. Also, we served as role models who assisted in developing their leadership skills and abilities at large. Fundraising 1. "Spirit Links"- A chapter fundraiser that introduced friendly competition between "rookie classes" in the Spartan Legion whiles fundraising (10 cent a link). 2. "Penny Wars"- Sisters orchestrated a competition between the men and women in the band by collecting penny's and giving the winners a "floating trophy."

All in all, the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Norfolk State University has done its very best to live up to the esteemed expectations of the National Sorority. Similarly, we look forward to fulfilling more service projects and continuously improving daily.

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Epsilon Upsilon

Epsilon Upsilon had a very productive year. With this year being our 40th Anniversary, we have been hard at work. This year has been filled with some great moments from our Anniversary and spending time with our Alumni. In the Fall, we had a successful rush season, as we rushed all semester. Some successful rushes included; Bowling, our Service Rush and a Paint Balloon activity. We also just initiated our Spring 2016 membership class, as well as we are planning to take an honorary member later this semester. We had many continuing membership activities this year including a Hazing Awareness program and "What Does it Mean to be a Sister".

A major thing that was accomplished by our chapter this semester was our accounts and fundraising. Our Treasurer took great time working to boost our accounts and we can confidently say that this has been the best year for us financially for a while. We have done many fundraisers including penny wars, basket raffle, selling t-shirts and setting up fundraisers for Northeast Districts. We have also participated in Joint fundraisers including "Pie a Brother or Sister" auction and Yankee Candles.

Our Chapter also participates in many service activities. We are currently preparing for our University's Relay for Life. In the past year, we have not only participated in Relay for Life but we also raised money for the local SPCA Animal Shelter. The Joint Chapters also got the honor of volunteering at a TOB Championship Competition. The Sorority is responsible for the music and uniforms in our Marching Band as well as any other jobs that are needed, including ushering for concerts and other performances on campus. This year has been a very busy year and a year to build on.

Epsilon Omega

In the past year, Epsilon Omega has been working hard to continue its phenomenal reputation of exceptional service, membership, and fundraising in support of the Morgan State University Band Program. To close out the 2014-2015 school year and band seasons, we hosted our annual Band Banquet which, this year, was themed "An All White Affair". Students from our Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, various Ensembles, and their friends were all invited for an elegant night in celebration of the past season's accomplishments. This included catered food, music, dancing, a fun slideshow, and band scholarships sponsored by the Epsilon Omega Chapter. In August during the second week of band camp, we hosted various activities in order to get new students acquainted with returning members and to get everyone excited about the upcoming Marching Band season. These activities included an ice cream social, a game night, and a talent show. In November, we hosted a Spaghetti Dinner in order to give students a chance to have Thanksgiving dinner with their band family. This was especially helpful for those out of state students who may have not been able to go home for the holiday. Chapter members prepared many different pasta dishes in order to feed the band. This included spaghetti, lasagna, alfredo, macaroni and cheese, and much more. We had a lot of food left over which we decided to give away to homeless people. In December, we have an annual band show which includes hours of being together and long, tiring rehearsals. In order to lighten the mood, the chapter bought pizza for the band to give a little more energy and encourage everyone to keep pushing until the end.

The membership of Epsilon Omega has been a little challenging to uphold. Unfortunately, we are only able to have membership classes during the spring semesters of our academic years. In the fall, we host an informational open for students to get to know more about our organization. This year's

informational was a lot more interactive including snacks for everyone who came, a question and answer session, and a game of jeopardy at the end. Although we were not able to bring in any new active members into the chapter in the spring of 2015, we were able to have an honorary member join our chapter. The chapter felt that this person was very deserving of honorary membership into Tau Beta Sigma because she caters breakfast and snacks to the band whenever we have performances. She has demonstrated excellent examples of unconditional service to our band program. With the enormous amount of sophomore students we currently have in our band programs, we are looking to make significant positive changes for membership in the spring of 2016.

Fundraising has also been on an upward slope for Epsilon Omega. In summer 2015 we were able to have two successful carwashes in order to raise money for the chapter. Selling candy and snacks on a continual basis has also been a good profitable fundraiser. At the beginning of the Marching Band season, we decided to get Morgan State University Band lanyards made to sell to anyone in support of the band program. Lanyards were a big hit when they first came out, at homecoming, and at the band show. In the future, we are planning to have an event with our alumni to celebrate our 40th charter day. This would allow our alumni members to have a good time in celebration and to give back in support of the chapter.

Zeta Omicron

This year, Zeta Omicron has been looking for ways to improve our chapter with new ideas and implementing national programs. We've kept most of our projects from past years, but have also found new ways to provide service to our local band programs, improve our membership, and fundraise and save money as a chapter.

Providing service to Virginia Tech's music programs, local band programs, and our community has been our focus this year. We serve our marching band by helping our director with band camp, providing breakfast for the members on game days, and holding a field day for the members of the marching band to get to know one another at the beginning of the season. We also held one service day per semester where we, along with our Kappa Kappa Psi brothers, clean and organize our marching band building and instruments. We have also reached out to our local high schools to help their band programs in various ways. Some of the things we have done have been attending their concerts, sorting their music and providing service moves after concerts, and aiding with their District Assessment by acting as guides through the building and helping wherever else is necessary. We also have participated in various non-music related service events to participate in such as Adopt-a-Highway. We are currently working out the logistics of Crescendo and will be participating in this program in late March or early April.

To improve our membership, Zeta Omicron holds weekly meetings with our Membership Candidates where they learn the information they are responsible for as well as participate in membership activities with our sisters. The sisters also continue our post membership education at these meetings by going over the information the MCs are learning as well as taking a Sister Proficiency Quiz at the beginning of each semester to ensure we retain the information after our process. When selecting our membership candidates at the beginning of each semester, we get to know the potential members thoroughly through our rush week activities, interviews, and our formal rush event. Throughout this process we also stress the importance of quality over quantity. As a chapter we also host informal potlucks, crafting nights, and movie nights to improve our strength in the bond with one another. Our Parliamentarian and Membership Chair have also been working on an Ultimate Sister Guide for our chapter that contains information about our chapter operations, meetings, activities, responsibilities, and what it means to be a sister of Tau Beta Sigma.

This year our fundraising has significantly improved. We surpassed our fundraising goal for the whole year in October and set a new goal for the end of the year. This was achieved because of a new fundraiser we implemented - selling merchandise to the marching band members and their families and friends with our marching band logo on it. This included t-shirts, sweatshirts, and buttons. This will be a fundraiser that we continue in the future. We also extended the merchandise to our alumni with their logo and made the online ordering process simple. We have continued to do several restaurant fundraisers and have reached out to three new restaurants for these fundraisers, all of which were very successful. We also will be holding a weekend retreat for our sisters and MCs in April. In the past, we have rented the same cabin every year. However, this year we found a different cabin that fits more people and is available for rent at a lower price, which will save our chapter a fair amount of funds.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our chapter and for new ways to provide service. Zeta Omicron has accomplished a great deal this year in terms of our service, membership, and fundraising and we hope to continue this trend in years to come.

Zeta Upsilon

Zeta Upsilon has had a very busy and productive year. Our biggest service project of the year was running the 20th Annual Collegiate Marching Band Festival in Allentown, PA, along with the Brothers of the Eta Rho chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. We also helped to run the annual Concert Band Symposium in our School of Music, as well as the PABands State Championships that was held at WCU. We are involved with the maintenance of the School of Music and ensuring that all ensembles have everything that they need.

In regard to membership, we brought in four new members of the Beta Kappa class in the fall semester. We currently have five MCs this semester. Our classes have very diverse with members from all different sections of the band, including the trombone, clarinet, tuba, color guard, flute, and trumpet sections. They also come from a variety of majors, ranging from music education on voice or instrumental, to criminal justice, nutrition, and physics.

ZY has actively fund raised in the past year. We have bagel sales and bake sales every week in our School of Music. We also have bake sales at major service events- such as USBands States and Jazz Festival. We sold letters at NatCon, Precinct Meetings, and online via our Etsy account. We also had a lot of restaurant fundraisers which had some great turn outs. Finally, we played Penny Wars in our chapter. We brought the jars to all of our Sisterhood events, including bake sales, and many people within the School of Music decided to join in on the fun!

Eta Alpha

This past year we have made several improvements within our chapter. We initiated 2 honoraries, have an MC class of 12, have over 20 active sisters, and we are constantly looking for ways we can improve in terms of leadership positions, service, the membership process, and how we can improve our overall sisterhood spirit.

Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have been a great success and we are hoping to get even stronger as the year goes on! On Facebook we dedicate certain days to a topic and a sister will write a post and send in a photo just so the readers can get a better visual of the sister! We use our twitter to boost the morale! We have a secret page where we send in a short post complimenting or even congratulating sisters on their accomplishments! Something else we are trying this year is a YouTube channel! Kind of a "day in the life of a sister" video! So stay tuned!

This year we found many new service opportunities on and off campus! We help with the Ronald McDonald house, caroling at the VA hospital right on of our campus, music organizing at local grade

schools, holiday shopping for families in need, high school marching band/colorguard shows, and much more on the way! We are always trying to find opportunities to work with our brothers on campus as well! This year our communication with the brothers have improved so much and by staying in touch with our corresponding officers and committee chairs I believe that we will improve even more by the end of the spring semester!

After a few weeks into the semester we talked as a chapter about setting goals. Where we'd like to see the chapter, what ideas we have to get us to those goals and how to achieve them! We have done this in the past and it really sets a tone for the new semester. In the past sisters have gone conditional or left the sisterhood for personal reasons and this year we really wanted to help keep the sisters more upbeat about life and themselves.

Eta Gamma

Eta Gamma has been busy over the past year. Continuing with the past few years, we are currently bringing 4 new MCs through their Degrees this semester, instead of in the fall. The Alpha Xi's are very enthusiastic and we know they'll make great Sisters. We're very excited to have more MCs than the past few years because we will have 4 seniors graduate this year. We did have a tough situation with our Brother Chapter early in the Spring semester, when one of our MCs decided to end her MEP with us and try to continue with the Brothers instead. In the end, we were able to work through the issue and Joint Relations between the Chapters have never been stronger. Unfortunately, the MC was not able to continue with the Brothers this semester, but she has the love and support of both Chapters. This year we also brought through 3 new Honorary Members for the first time in a few years. Two are our band graduate assistants, and one is a professor in our College of Fine Arts, and all have done amazing work with the band.

We are currently in the midst of our biggest service project in years. Together with our Brother Chapter, we are working to clean out our band storage area and our Joint History room, since we will be losing the space due to renovations. It's very exciting to work on such a large-scale project and we're discovering lots of old band history. In addition to this large project, we are continuing with our regular service of uniforms, water coolers, and first aid kits for marching band and pep books, Goalie/Sieve sign, and spirit kits for pep band. Over the summer we overhauled all of our pep books and we have created a process for band members to request repairs to their books, with the goal of keeping all the books in top-notch shape. We're so excited to take our spirit kits on the road with our hockey and basketball teams as they head into playoff season!

We are working on increasing our fundraising and we are brainstorming new fundraisers to mix things up. We are working on re-establishing an old fundraiser that we share with our Brother Chapter of cleaning Agganis Arena after an event. We are still continuing with our Pie Day and Stress Baskets fundraisers, which have typically done well for us. We're very excited to explore new fundraising opportunities.

Eta Delta

So far this school year our chapter hasn't done as much as we wanted, due to policy changes on campus but we haven't let that stop us yet. This year we have really focused on being better members and servicing our band, while also strengthening alumni relations.

Membership has really been our main focus, we have done a numerous of post membership education activities , along with sisterhood events. Our VPM gives the chapter bi-weekly quizzes and if anyone

scores less than 80%, they have to find a creative way to present the information to the chapter. We also reflect once a month how we embodied the 5 and 8 over the course of the month. Eta delta currently has a membership class of seven potential members, and we are truly ecstatic, our last membership class close to this size was in 2008. Our membership candidates have had the opportunity to run their own mock business meeting, partake in service with the sisters, attend a handful of workshops, while also taking bi weekly quizzes with the actives to help them grow to their full potential.

One of our more recent service activities was "Always Stay Gracious" is was an outreach to the homeless in the DC area, we provided around 20-30 men and women with needed toiletries. We also set up office hours (daily) to assist band directors with paperwork, cleaning the band hall, and more. We started office hours because the band directors are always swamped with work and we all had free time at some point during the week, where at least one sister could be present to help.

Last but not least is fundraising. This school year has been quite a challenge when it has come to raising money for our chapter. Our target audience is/was the band and with them not receiving their scholarship monies in a timely manner and our band program not having a budget, we felt it was best not to make the band our target audience. We have had a few bake sales so far, but outside of that nothing that has brought our chapter enough money to be financially stable.

Eta Rho

In the last year, Eta Rho has worked to expand our service to outside the university. We have worked with retirement homes around the holidays, singing carols to their patrons. Each Spring, we collaborate with the Girl Scouts of America here in the Valley to help them earn their music badges.

In terms of working with the band, we have made a point to become more recognized by our director of bands. Constant asking for help has led to more service opportunities that we may not have had in the past. This also includes working with our KKY chapter to help accomplish these goals and strengthen our bond.

We have also made an emphasis to get out and visit other chapters. We have had sisters from Iota Kappa at UVA attend our degrees, and have done the same with them. We are currently working to set up a community service event in an area between our two schools!

Eta Sigma

Eta Sigma has had a wonderful semester of growth! Not only has our chapter reached a record breaking 30 members, but we have fostered a greater sense of responsibility, service, and commitment to our bands. Aside from our usual service projects, like serving breakfast at band camp and setting up and tearing down rehearsal, we also celebrated a silver rating in our Greek Life Chapter Assessment Program. We met and exceeded our fall fundraising goal, performed for thousands of high school students, and began raising money for philanthropic causes such as Relay for Life and VH1 Save the Music. In the spring, we plan on hosting a Women in Music panel which will include 3 Towson University professors and their experiences in the field, and we plan on participating in events such as The Big Event, a Papa Johns Fundraiser, and watching our 9 person Tau class travel through their membership process. We look forward to expanding our presence on our campus and in the Baltimore, Maryland area. Our growth has taken us to new heights, and we hope to be able to share all of our current and future accomplishments with all of you.

Eta Chi

Throughout this past year, Eta Chi has been working extremely hard. As sisters, we have been trying to work toward being the best that we can be. Service wise, Eta Chi is constantly looking for projects to do and asking Band department staff what can be done to help out! Over this past year, Eta Chi has cleaned up our practice field by picking up trash around our fine arts center, inside and out. Eta Chi also takes the time to re-paint all of the music stands in the department with a fresh coat of paint and gloss finish. Another service project we have picked up would be re-painting the plastic letters used in the display cases. Recently, Eta Chi has been helping out at our University's audition days, where young students come and audition to be accepted into the music department. Eta Chi finds this to be a great opportunity to promote Music, Marching band and of course the brother and sisterhood. Eta Chi is also looking forward to our upcoming service event, Piano Extravaganza; this event is where young children come to play music for a group of judges who rate them on their ability. It is a service project that we have been doing year after year and it is truly a joy to see young children who are so passionate about music. Sisters help out by checking in all of the participants, being judge runners, practice room advisors and of course tour guides of the facility. Service, it's what we do.

Eta Chi has seen an extreme increase in our ranks over the past year. We have gone from a chapter of 15 to a chapter of 22 and now to a chapter of 32. Eta Chi has exploded in size, basically doubled. Since Eta Chi took a class of 9 this semester, there wasn't really an interest from any Potential members for the spring class. It has been a very long time since Eta Chi has not taken a class so we are taking this time to grow stronger within the bond before we welcome new members again in the fall. This semester we will be working on being a better chapter and getting to know each other more personally. We are planning a sisterhood retreat so that we can continue to grow together as one big family.

During Band season, Eta Chi sells "Ram Band" Sunglasses mainly to the marching band in order to profit, we also usually sell candy during the holidays to help our funds. Since Eta Chi won't be taking a class this semester we will be making great strides in our fundraising. Both our fundraising chair and our Treasurer have been working very closely to help the chapter be as successful as possible. Eta Chi is working on some awesome projects to sell at districts this year such as some awesome art pieces and friendship bracelets. Eta Chi has several restaurant fundraisers planned. We will also be trying out a Yankee Candle fundraiser this year along with some other plans that are in the works. The sisters of Eta Chi can't wait to see where the future takes them from here!

Theta Pi

Being a fresh Executive Board for the 2015-2016 academic school year, the Theta Pi chapter at Bowie State University made sure to hit the ground running. This year, we focused on establishing and meeting new goals for the chapter and on behalf of our band program. Our goals ranged from programs/activities, community service /fundraising, and focusing on maintaining a solid foundation for our band program.

We started off by asking band members what programs they would like to see the chapter hold at the beginning Spring 2015 Band Camp and brought them to life! At the beginning of Marching Band season in August, we made sure to make things happen. We wanted to focus on having creative and interactive programs within the band program to help instill band pride and regulate functionality. We hosted an array of fun filled programs such as Yoga with the Raahs, WaTau Works Water Fight, SOS Spa and Relaxation, our 1st Annual Blue & White Christmas Party, and many more. These programs helped the chapter spark interest of other bandsmen about our illustrious sorority. These

programs allowed us to connect with band members while giving everyone a chance to debrief from the stressors of school and band life. In addition, we held a few more serious programs and activities such as Midterm & Final Study Hall programs, Can Food Drives, and Anti-Hazing Programs as a way to educate and effectively prepare for school examinations as well as the importance of giving back to the community.

Community Service and fundraising are also two aspects we strived to focus on within the chapter.

We were presented opportunities to host and volunteer at High School Jazz programs giving high school students a chance to practice and perform with collegiate bands. We graciously participated in Campus Cleanups promoting recycling and cleanliness within our communities. In the same breath, we were able to maintain steady fundraisers within the chapter to help raise funds for band programs and allowed us to purchase shirts for the entire band program for the 2016 CIAA

Tournament. Our fundraisers ranged from raffles, bake sales, and placard designs. Our most successful fundraiser was winning the 2015 Bowie State University Homecoming Step Show. We were able to collect over \$1000 with the 1st Place win and do great things for our chapter! Overall, here at Bowie State University, the Theta Pi chapter strives for success inside and out. Everything done this past academic school year has been to strengthen our chapter and build a better band program for our University while educating others about Tau Beta Sigma!

Theta Phi

Over the past year, the Theta Phi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has done a number of positive things. Beginning with band camp this chapter has helped register bandsmen for the school year (Service), sold bucket hats (fundraiser), held beginning of the year band icebreaker (service), hosted a band ice cream social (service), hosted our annual band Olympics (social activity), as well as our annual Mr. TBS Pageant (social activity).

Since the school year has been in session we have had our Eva C. Mitchell Music Corner (community service), membership education (ongoing), salvation army fill-a-stocking (community service), salvation army angel tree (community service), holiday ensemble (community service), Force Finale band treats (sisterhood activity), penny-wars (fundraiser), basket ball concessions (fundraiser), and our new 213-Initiative (fundraiser).

So far for the next few months we have planned to help a girls scout troop earn their music badge, participate in an upcoming children's day festival, host a series of events related to "Music in Our Schools Month", successfully initiate our 8 potential members, do a Walmart fundraiser, and attend this years District Convention!

Iota Alpha

Iota Alpha has been working very hard in both membership, service, and ritual this year in particular. For the first time in a long time, we took in a Fall class of 3 members. Normally, we only take a spring MC class. We have also been working on having a deeper meaning of the 5&8 as well as our mission statement. We are constantly doing new membership activities from Project Good Member in order to strengthen ourselves as sisters, as well as form a closer bond with each other. We are also having a social every week, whether it just be getting dinner in the dining hall or having a casual homework/movie night together.

As service is the pinnacle of our organization, we have also been working on doing a wide variety of service. Over the last year, we have played in 2 nursing homes, supported the Special Olympics and Polar Plunge, help organize the music library, and assist our DOB in whatever he may need, just to

name a few. We are also planning to help a girl scout troop with their music badge, hold a brunch to honor women of music in our local community, and assist a sister's old high school band that recently lost their band director. While the list of our service projects for this past year is much longer, these are just the highlights.

Lastly, we felt it was important to gain a deeper understanding of the ritual. Too often, we just go through the motions of the degrees without really processing what is being said. Before each degree, we go in depth to discuss what the words and passages really means and how we should be interpreting it both in the sisterhood and how we can live the ritual in our everyday lives. The sisters really love this activity and it brings a new light to the ritual. We are also trying to get more alumni to attend the rituals to keep our bond strong with the past sisters. We also created a ritual committee to help ensure that ritual runs smoothly and professionally.

Overall, Iota Alpha has been having a great year trying out new things and seeing what ways we can improve our already strong chapter.

Iota Kappa

Iota Kappa at the University of Virginia has been doing many great things this year to better serve the Cavalier Marching Band and the greater music community in Charlottesville, VA. This marching season was huge for us as we ended our season with a performance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. We fundraised by selling merchandise at all our home football games and leading numerous bake sales. We have made it a goal to fundraise for our Winterguard because they receive very limited funding from our university. We sold baked goods and ran a donation table at the "friends and family reveal," their first performance in front of an audience before heading to competition the following weekend. We attend their competitions when possible to show our support and these projects have really helped them grow over the past few years. Our alumni are also a great resource to us and helped us immensely as we fundraised for stoles for our many graduating members this year.

Our rush and post-membership education activities are a great way for us to bond as we remember our purposes and characteristics we strive to uphold. Both the Vice President of Membership and Executive Vice President for our sorority lead our post-membership education lessons during chapter meetings. We typically have a PowerPoint and discussion, but in the past we have had our membership committee put on skits as well as provide interactive activities for all sisters. One of our favorites are "Rose Sheets." Each chapter meeting, a new sister is chosen randomly to receive a rose sheet and sisters all write how the chosen sister exemplifies the 5&8. This keeps our qualities and factors fresh in our mind and can really brighten a sister's day when he or she receives it. As for rush, we had events like pajama movie night, game night, craft night, cupcake wars, fiesta night, and writing thank you notes to staff of the Double Tree Hotel that host our annual band banquet. These events gave all sisters the necessary time to bond with potential membership candidates. We now have five great membership candidates that receive weekly lessons held by the VPM. So far, they are doing great and we are certainly lucky to have them!

We have had an abundance of service events this year as well. During band camp, we hand out cold freeze pops after hot outside practices, make drill binders for all 330 members of the band, and assist the directors with anything else they need throughout the week. During the season, we help out the Uniform Crew as they sort the uniforms and lay them out on Friday's before home games, assist with running Band Day when hundreds of high schoolers come to march and play with our band, aid the Equipment Crew with set up and take down after practices, and help the Game Day Crew to set up the

stands before games and clean up afterwards. For Macy's preparation, we helped load the truck, assisted in boxing all the uniforms, and made goody bags to hand out to people on the long bus ride. Throughout the year, we catalogue the abundance of music CDs in our band office, usher at music events, and host receptions for the concert band and wind ensemble. We are planning a Scouting for Music Event with local girl scouts and a guard workshop is in the works for April. We are always planning for new ways to serve the marching band in the off-season as we ensure our service does not decline in the spring. Overall, it has been a packed, but very rewarding year for Iota Kappa in fundraising, membership, and service events. We are looking forward to continuing these programs and expanding new ideas as we better our music organizations at the University of Virginia.

Iota Pi

This year Iota Pi has worked diligently to keep up with the goals we set ahead of us. We have completed our annual activities and events which include: a freshman survival kit, band room cleanups, band study hall, and button blowouts. The survival kit includes a binder, t-shirt, pencil, granola bar, and Gatorade. This our way of congratulating our freshman on completing their first band camp. The button blowout is an event where we make sure all of our uniforms are not missing any buttons. This past year we have implemented quite a few service projects. This year we have provided snacks and Gatorade for every home game, started a Crescendo music initiative program at a local after school program, donated clothes to the Salvation Army, and plan to start an Easter canned food drive, and an academic rehabilitation program for our band. Towards the end of March we also will be doing a Army Care Package project titled LU to Troops.

This year we are proud to have 6 membership candidates! They are excited to have the chance in becoming a part of our organization and chapter. In this year's membership intake process we have really seen them grow thus far.

This past year we have done quite a few fundraisers. We started out with a discount card fundraiser to not only raise money for our chapter but for our band program. Then we also had our annual Walking Taco Sale and "TauBucks" which people love and anticipate every year. This semester we had a McDonald's Fundraiser, and plan to repeat our highly favored fundraisers mentioned above.

This year we have really focused on bonding and being the leaders we were meant to be. The Iota Pi chapter is small but a force to be reckoned with! We have nothing but love for the Tau!