

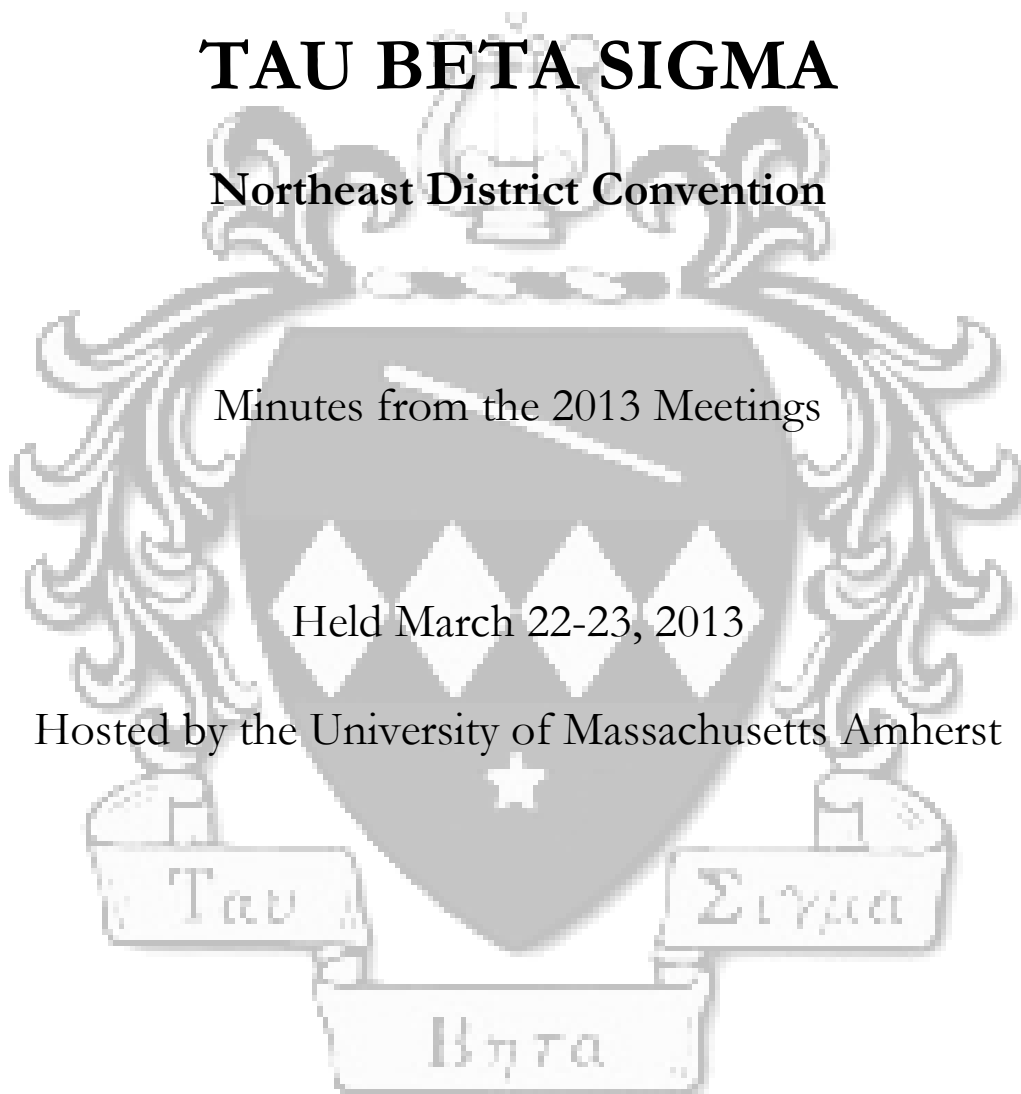
# TAU BETA SIGMA

## Northeast District Convention

Minutes from the 2013 Meetings

Held March 22-23, 2013

Hosted by the University of Massachusetts Amherst



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2012-2013 Northeast District Vice President of Membership

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## SECTION ONE: JOINT AND SEPARATE MINUTES

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

### **Friday, March 22**

Opening Joint Session

Opening Separates Session

Separates Session

Joint Session

### **Saturday, March 23**

Separates Session

Closing Joint Session

Closing Separates Session

## Opening Joint Session

### **Friday, March 22, 2013**

#### **Fine Arts Center Auditorium, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The 2013 Northeast District Convention was called to order at 8:14 AM on Friday, March 22, 2012 at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst, MA with Allison Leemann, NED President, and Ryan Largent, NED President, as presiding officers.

#### **Welcome from District Presidents:**

Allison Leemann and Ryan Largent

#### **Introduction of District Councils:**

**President:** Ryan Largent

**Vice-President:** Dalita Getzoyan

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Dennis Yu

**Member at Large:** Seth Sacher

**Historian and Alumni Liaison:** Elizabeth Zeffiro

**President:** Allison Leemann

**Vice-President of Membership:** Emily Anstey

**Vice-President of Special Projects:** Alana Leeti

**Alumni Secretary and Historian:** Billy Ray Poli

**Webmaster:** Nicholas Valinski

**Parliamentarian:** Tiffany Smith

**Counselor:** Nicole Kemp

**Governors:** Marie Burleigh and Casey Goodwin

**Host chapter announcements****Recognition of Dignitaries by District Presidents:**

Sue Robash Carr, TBΣAA Chair, Past NED Counselor, Past TBΣ Board of Trustee Member  
Cathy Miles, Epsilon Omega Sponsor, TBΣ Spiritual Leader, Past NED Counselor  
Kathryn Garrett Kelly, Immediate Past TBΣ National Vice President of Special Projects, Past NEDAA TBΣ Vice President, Past NED Counselor, Past TBΣ NED President, Past TBΣ NED Treasurer  
Melanie Meehan, TBΣ Board of Trustees Member, Past NED Counselor, Past TBΣ NED President, Past TBΣ NED Secretary  
Amy Bovin Dauphinais, Past TBΣ NED President, Past NED Secretary, Past NEDAA TBΣ Vice President, Colony Advisor for Iota Pi  
Kat Tribulski, NEDAA TBΣ Vice President, Past TBΣ NED Vice President of Special Projects, Past TBΣ NED Treasurer  
Nicole Burdick Sanchez, TBΣ National Vice President of Colonization and Membership, Past TBΣ SWD President, Past TBΣ SWD Vice President of Membership  
Kevin Earnest, TBΣ National Vice President of Special Projects, Past TBΣ NCD Vice President of Special Projects  
Jonathan Markowski, TBΣ National Vice President of Communication and Recognition, Past TBΣ NED Vice President of Membership  
Stephanie Vinci, Delta Delta Sponsor, Past TBΣ NED President, Past TBΣ NED Vice President of Special Projects  
Victoria Wolk, Past TBΣ NED Secretary  
Skylar Buffington, Past TBΣ NCD President

**Remarks from NEDAA** presented by Erica Hamilton, NEDAA President

Call for Alumni Communication Award Submissions

Announcements about NEDAA Fundraisers

**NEDAA Keynote Speech**

Alexis Best TBΣ Theta Phi

**Call for Northern Precinct Meeting 2014 Bids**

Eta Phi KKΨ and Eta Alpha TBΣ submit a bid

Theta Upsilon KKΨ and Eta Chi TBΣ submit a bid

Theta Beta KKΨ and Eta Gamma TBΣ submit a bid

**Call for Northeast Notes Publisher Bids**

No bids Received

**Call for 2014 Northeast District Convention Host Bids**

No bids received.

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

Kaitlyn Geary TBΣ and Bradley Sampson KKΨ

**General Announcements from the Floor**

The Opening Joint Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 8:52 AM on Friday, March 22, 2013.

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## Opening Separates Session

**Friday, March 22, 2012**

### **Mahar Auditorium, the University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was called to order 9:18 AM on Friday, March 22, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts.

**Welcome from District President & District Council** delivered by Allison Leemann

**Welcome from District Counselor, Nicole Kemp**

#### **Recognition of Dignitaries**

Sue Robash Carr, TBΣ Chair, Past NED Counselor, Past TBΣ Board of Trustee Member

Cathy Miles, Epsilon Omega Sponsor, TBΣ Spiritual Leader, Past NED Counselor

Kathryn Garrett Kelly, Past TBΣ National Vice President of Special Projects, Past NEDAA TBΣ Vice President, Past NED Counselor, Past TBΣ NED President, Past TBΣ NED Treasurer

Melanie Meehan, TBΣ Board of Trustees Member, Past NED Counselor, Past TBΣ NED President, Past TBΣ NED Secretary

Amy Bovin Dauphinais, Past TBΣ NED President, Past NED Secretary, Past NEDAA TBΣ Vice President, Colony Advisor for Iota Pi

Kat Tribulski, NEDAA TBΣ Vice President, Past TBΣ NED Vice President of Special Projects, Past TBΣ NED Treasurer

Nicole Burdick Sanchez, TBΣ National Vice President of Colonization and Membership, Past TBΣ SWD President, Past TBΣ SWD Vice President of Membership

Kevin Earnest, TBΣ National Vice President of Special Projects, Past TBΣ NCD Vice President of Special Projects

Jonathan Markowski, TBΣ National Vice President of Communication and Recognition, Past TBΣ NED Vice President of Membership

Stephanie Vinci, Delta Delta Sponsor, Past TBΣ NED President, Past TBΣ NED Vice President of Special Projects

Victoria Wolk, Past TBΣ NED Secretary

Skylar Buffington, Past TBΣ NCD President

#### **Call for Past Awards**

#### **Call for District History Projects**

#### **Call for Officer Candidate Packets**

Given to Nominations Committee and Delegates

#### **Introduction of the Nominations Chair**

Christine Jenkins, Eta Delta

#### **Review of Proposed Jurisdiction Changes**

Northeast Notes

District Days

#### **Roll Call and Seating of the Delegates:**

Absent: Eta Iota

Proxy to: Zeta Upsilon

Absent: Iota Kappa

Proxy to: Zeta Omicron

\* At the end of roll call and delegate seating of the 2012 NED Convention, the seating rotation ended with the Eta Chi chapter. At the 2013 NED Convention, the seating rotation was not used. The next chapter on the seating rotation will be Theta Pi for the 2014 NED Convention.

**Motion to Accept the 2012 Northeast District Convention Minutes as Written**

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Delta Omega

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes. The 2012 NED Minutes will be placed on file.

**Introduction of the Candidates and Overview of Election Process**

Explanation of the Election Process by Tiffany Smith

Meet and Greet the Candidates Session led by Christine Jenkins

**Announcement about Committees/Workshops**

**National Council Announcements**

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**General Announcements from the Floor**

The Opening Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was 10:28 AM recessed at on Friday, March 22.

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## **Separates Meeting, Second Session**

**Friday, March 22, 2013**

### **Mahar Auditorium, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 6:47 PM on Friday March 22, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts

**Jurisdiction Committee Preliminary Report** delivered by Tiffany Smith

Motion to accept the changes for Northeast Notes as written.

First: Delta Delta

Second: Eta Delta

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the proposed changes for District Days as written

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Epsilon Omega

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Nominations Committee Preliminary Report** delivered by Christine Jenkins

All candidates are eligible to run.

**Women in Music Speaker Series:** Nikki Stoia

**Presentation of Honorary Membership to the National Chapter to Nikki Stoia** By Kevin Earnest

**TBΣAA, Board of Trustees, and National Council Presentation** presented by Nicole Sanchez,

Kevin Earnest, Jonathan Markowski, Melanie Meehan, and Sue Carr

**Win-Win Membership Drive** presented to the Delta Delta chapter.

**Explanation of Election Process and Nominations Committee** by Nicole Kemp

**General Announcements from the Floor**

**Announcements from the Council**

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 8:22 PM on Friday March 22, 2013.

## **Joint Meeting, Second Session**

**Friday, March 22, 2013**

### **Fine Arts Center Auditorium, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The Joint Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 9:42 PM on Friday March 22, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts.

#### **Announcement by the Presidents**

Both sets of constitutional changes regarding Northeast Notes and District Days passed

**Preliminary Report of the Joint Committee for Convention Site and Publication** delivered by Jasmine Johnson, TBΣ and Melissa Gehlbach, KKΨ

Committee discussed ways to encourage Chapters to submit bids to host

#### **Announcements from the VPSP and MAL regarding Precinct Days**

#### **General Announcements from the Presidents**

#### **Host Chapter Announcements**

#### **General Announcements from the Floor**

The Joint Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 10:03 PM on Friday March 23, 2013.

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## Separates Meeting, Third Session

**Saturday, March 23, 2013**

### **Mahar Auditorium, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 11:14 AM on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts.

#### **District Officer Final Reports and Awards**

*Reports available in Section IV*

**Alumni Secretary and Historian** presented by Billy Ray Poli

Motion to accept report as written

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Eta Chi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Awards** presented by Billy Ray Poli

Top Historian: Kirsten Peterson, Delta Delta

Top Alumni Secretary: Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta

Up and Coming: Ashley DiMeo, Eta Chi

**Treasurer** written by Jess Post, presented by Emily Anstey

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta

Second: Delta Omega

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes.

**Awards** presented by Emily Anstey

Top Treasurers: Jen Abell, Zeta Omicron and Cydney McGuire, Eta Delta

**Secretary** written by Zara Simpson, presented by Billy Ray Poli

Motion to accept report as written

First: Zeta Upsilon

Second: Theta Phi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

**Awards** presented by Billy Ray Poli

Recording Secretary: Jackie Cotto, Zeta Upsilon

Corresponding Secretary: Natalie Kloczek, Delta Omicron

Up and Coming: Brittany Costello, Eta Chi

Golden Typewriter Submissions Recognized

**Webmaster** presented by Nick Valinski

Motion to accept report as written

First: Iota Alpha

Second: Epsilon Omega

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Vice President of Special Projects** presented by Alana Leeti

Motion to accept report as written

First: Epsilon Upsilon

Second: Zeta Upsilon

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Awards** presented by Alana Leeti

Top VPS: Bianca Jones, Eta Delta

Project Protect Music Participants Recognized

**Vice President of Membership** presented by Emily Anstey

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Omega

Second: Eta Delta

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Awards** presented by Emily Anstey

All-Star VPM: Jaime Hughes, Zeta Upsilon

Project Good Member Chapter Participants Recognized

**Jurisdiction Final Report** presented by Tiffany Smith

*Reports available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept the changes for Counselor's Award as a block as written

First: Eta Rho

Second: Eta Chi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Appointed Positions as a block as written

First: Delta Nu

Second: Theta Phi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District President as a block as written

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Iota Pi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Vice President of Membership as a block as written

First: Zeta Omicron

Second: Delta Omicron

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Vice President of Special Projects as a block as written

First: Eta Delta

Second: Eta Sigma

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Secretary as a block as written

First: Eta Rho

Second: Iota Alpha

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Treasurer as a block as written

First: Eta Delta

Second: Theta Pi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Alumni Secretary and Historian as a block as written

First: Gamma Omega

Second: Eta Alpha

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Parliamentary as a block as written

First: Delta Omega

Second: Epsilon Epsilon

Zeta Omicron moves to amend 4.105 to say District Parliamentary shall serve from the time of appointment (Dec. 1) through the end of District Convention.

Second: Delta Delta

Oppose: 3

Abstain: 0

Amendment passes.

(Original Motion)

Oppose: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Webmaster as a block as written

First: Epsilon Rho

Second: Gamma Kappa

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes to 4.401 as written

First: Epsilon Omega

Second: Delta Nu

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Convention Information as a block as written

First: Eta Delta

Second: Theta Phi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Convention Information as a block as written

First: Eta Delta

Second: Theta Phi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for District Bids as a block as written

First: Eta Iota

Second: Epsilon Epsilon

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee as a block as written

First: Eta Chi

Second: Iota Alpha

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Jurisdiction Committee as a block as written

First: Eta Sigma

Second: Gamma Omega

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Nominations Committee as a block as written

First: Eta Rho

Second: Delta Delta

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Programs Committee as a block as written

First: Delta Nu

Second: Iota Kappa

Eta Alpha moves to amend 8.205 to say shall instead of should

Gamma

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Amendment passes.

(Original Motion)

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to accept the changes for Ways and Means Committee as a block as written

First: Theta Pi

Second: Delta Omega

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Alumni Affairs Committee as a block as written

First: Eta Chi

Second: Epsilon Omega

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Sisterhood and Spirit Committee as a block as written

First: Delta Omega

Second: Theta Phi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the changes for Committee Chair Reports as a block as written

First: Epsilon Epsilon

Second: Theta Phi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to accept the report as written

First: Delta Nu

Second: Epsilon Upsilon

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Gamma Kappa moves to change all references to Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee to Joint Convention Site Committee.

Second: Delta Nu

Gamma Kappa moves to table motion

Second: Delta Nu

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to correct all grammatical and spelling errors and numbers as appropriate in the constitution.

First: Theta Phi

Second: Delta Nu

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 1:00 PM on Saturday March 23, 2013.

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## Closing Joint Session

**Saturday, March 23, 2013**

### **Fine Arts Center Auditorium, the University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The Joint Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 3:24 PM on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts.

#### **Announcements from the Presidents**

**Announcement of Precinct Meeting Dates and Locations** delivered by Allison Leemann and Ryan Largent

**Central Precinct:** West Chester University

**Northern Precinct:** Syracuse University

**Southern Precinct:** Christopher Newport University

Dates TBA

#### **2014 District Convention Site Bid Presentation:**

None

**Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee Final Report** presented by Jasmine Johnson,

TBΣ and Melissa Gehlbach, KKΨ

*Report available in Section IX*

Motion to accept report as written:

First: Eta Alpha TBΣ

Second: Delta Omicron KKΨ

TBΣ

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

KKΨ

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 3

Motion passes.

**NEDAA Final Report** delivered by Erica Hamilton

*Report available in Section XII*

First: Iota Delta KKΨ

Second: Delta Omega TBΣ

KKΨ

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 3

TBΣ

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Final Joint Presidents Report** delivered by Allison Leemann and Ryan Largent

*Report available in Section V*

Motion to accept report as read

First: Gamma Xi  $\mathbf{KK\Psi}$

Second: Eta Gamma  $\mathbf{TB\Sigma}$

$\mathbf{TB\Sigma}$

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 2

$\mathbf{KK\Psi}$

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 5

Motion passes.

**Council Announcement**

“Meet Someone Who” Winners

**General Announcements from the Floor**

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**NEDAA Announcements**

**Motion to adjourn Joint Session**

First: Epsilon Nu  $\mathbf{KK\Psi}$

Second: Delta Delta  $\mathbf{TB\Sigma}$

$\mathbf{KK\Psi}$

Oppose: 3

Abstain: 3

$\mathbf{TB\Sigma}$

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 2

Motion passes.

The Joint Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was adjourned at 4:03 PM on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

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## Closing Separates Session

**Saturday, March 23, 2013**

### **Mahar Auditorium, the University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 4:28 PM on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts.

Gamma Kappa moves to address tabled motion.

Second: Iota Alpha

Oppose: 25

Abstain: 0

Motion Fails. The name will remain Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee

### **Alumni and Historical Affairs Committee Final Report** presented by Christopher Lukasik

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Delta Omicron

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

### **Ways and Means Committee Final Report** presented by Kristen Walther

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Nu

Second: Epsilon Epsilon

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

### **2013-2014 Budget** presented by Kristen Walther

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Eta Rho

Second: Gamma Kappa

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

### **Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Final Report** presented by Jessica Gamble

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Eta Chi

Second: Epsilon Omega

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

### **Programs Committee Final Report** presented by Jacqueline Cotto

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Zeta Upsilon



Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Membership and Expansion Committee Final Report** presented by Madelyn Lauver

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Eta Sigma

Second: Delta Omicron

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Vision and Direction Committee Final Report** presented by Victoria Wolk

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta

Second: Eta Gamma

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Nominations Final Report** presented by Christine Jenkins

*Report available in Section VIII*

Motion to accept report as written

First: Eta Sigma

Second: Theta Pi

Oppose: 3

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Nominations Slate**

The Nominations Committee recommends the following slate for the 2013-2014 Northeast District Council:

President: Emily Anstey

VPM: Maddie Lauver

VPSP: Taylor Light

Secretary: committee chose not to slate a District Secretary because we felt the Secretary candidate could serve a different office, and did not feel like anyone of the other candidates were qualified nor did they show interest for this role.

Treasurer: chose not to slate a T

reasurer because no one in the committee felt strong enough in any of the candidates to slate them for that position

Alumni Secretary and Historian: Christopher Lukasik

**Final Report of the District President** presented by Allison Leemann*Report available in Section IV*

Motion to accept report as read

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Delta Delta

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

**Awards** presented by Allison Leemann

Top President: Taylor Light, Zeta Omicron and Maddie Lauver, Zeta Upsilon

**Final Report of the District Counselor** presented by Nicole Kemp*Report available in Section III*

Motion to accept report as read

First: Theta Phi

Second: Eta Rho

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

**Awards and Recognition** presented by Nicole Kemp

Recognition of the Host Chair: Kaitlyn Geary, Delta Delta

Committee Chairs Recognized

2012-13 District Council Recognized

Counselor's Award Finalists: Delta Delta, Eta Delta, Eta Gamma, Zeta Omicron

**Nominations and Elections****Election Process Explained by Nominations Committee Chair** by Christine Jenkins*President*

Motion to open the floor for nominations for President

Floor opened for nominations of NED President:

Emily Anstey automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.

Floor closed for nominations of NED President.

Open elections for NED President.

Motion to accept as NED President by acclamation

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Eta Gamma

In favor: 25

Oppose: 0

Motion Passes

**2013 – 2014 Northeast District President: Emily Anstey**

Elections closed for NED President

*Vice President of Membership*

Floor opened for nominations of NED Vice President of Membership:

Madelyn Lauver automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.  
Delta Nu nominates Kristen Walther, she accepts.  
Floor closed for nominations of NED Vice President of Membership.  
Open Elections for NED Vice President of Membership.  
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.  
Two Minute Caucus.  
Ballots given for voting.  
**2013 – 2014 Northeast District Vice President of Membership: Madelyn Lauver**  
Elections closed for NED Vice President of Membership.

*Vice President of Special Projects*

Floor opened for nominations of NED Vice President of Special Projects:  
Taylor Light automatically nominated by Nominations Committee.  
Delta Delta nominates Sarah Lenau, she accepts.  
Floor closed for nominations of NED Vice President of Special Projects.  
Open Elections for NED Vice President of Special Projects.  
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.  
Two Minute Caucus.  
Ballots given for voting.  
**2013 – 2014 Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects: Taylor Light**  
Elections closed for NED Vice President of Special Projects.

*Secretary*

Floor opened for nominations of NED Secretary:  
Epsilon Epsilon nominates Jessica Gamble, she respectfully declines.  
Delta Nu nominates Amber Smith, she accepts.  
Floor closed for nominations of NED Secretary.  
Open Elections for NED Secretary.  
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.  
Two Minute Caucus.  
Ballots given for voting.  
Vote of no confidence.  
**2013 – 2014 Northeast District Secretary: Vacant**  
Elections closed for NED Secretary.

*Treasurer*

Floor opened for nominations of NED Treasurer:  
Delta Delta nominates Sarah Lenau, she accepts  
Delta Nu nominates Kristen Walther, she accepts.  
Eta Iota nominates Kaitlyn Galtere, she accepts  
Floor closed for nominations of NED Treasurer.  
Open Elections for NED Treasurer.  
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.  
Two Minute Caucus.  
Ballots given for voting.

**2013 – 2014 Northeast District Treasurer: Kaitlyn Galtere**

Elections closed for NED Treasurer.

*Alumni Secretary and Historian*

Floor opened for nominations of NED Alumni Secretary and Historian:

Christopher Lukasik automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.

Floor closed for nominations of NED Alumni Secretary and Historian.

Open elections for NED Alumni Secretary and Historian

Motion to accept as NED Alumni Secretary and Historian by acclamation

First: Gamma Kappa

Second: Gamma Omega

In favor: 25

Oppose: 0

Motion Passes

**2013 – 2014 Northeast District Alumni Secretary and Historian: Christopher Lukasik**

Elections closed for NED Alumni Secretary and Historian

**Officer Installation** led by Nicole Kemp, NED Counselor

**Closing Remarks**

**Motion to adjourn Separates Session**

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Delta Delta

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 2

Motion passes

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was adjourned at 7:30PM on Saturday March 23, 2013.

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## SECTION TWO: AWARDS

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

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

*Music Education Awareness Award* was presented by Alana Leeti, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Theta Phi Chapter at Hampton University.

*Unsung Hero Award* was presented by Alana Leeti, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Rebecca Davidson from the Gamma Omega Chapter at Pittsburgh University.

*Phenomenal Sister Award* was presented by Alana Leeti, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Christine Jenkins from the Eta Delta Chapter at Howard University.

*The Golden Typewriter Award* was presented by Billy Ray Poli, NED Alumni Secretary and Historian. It was awarded to the Zeta Omicron Chapter at Virginia Tech.

*District Spirit Award* was presented by Allison Leemann, NED President. It was awarded to the Epsilon Omega Chapter at Morgan State University.

*The Most Improved Chapter Award* was presented by Allison Leemann, NED President. It was awarded to the Delta Omega Chapter at Bloomsburg University.

*The Counselor's Award* was presented by Nicole Kemp, NED Counselor. It was awarded to the Zeta Omicron Chapter at Virginia Tech.

*The Alumni Participation Award* was presented by Erica Hamilton, NEDAA President. It was awarded to the Eta Sigma Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Towson University.

*The Alumni Communication Award* was presented by Erica Hamilton, NEDAA President. It was awarded to the Eta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Howard University.

*The NEDAA Ritual Scholarship* was presented by Kat Tribulski, NEDAA TBΣ Vice President to the Delta Omicron Chapter at Clarion University.

*The Baton* was presented by Kevin Earnest. It was awarded to Taylor Light from the Zeta Omicron chapter at Virginia Tech.

*The Baton* was presented by Nicole Sanchez. It was awarded to Billy Ray Poli from the Eta Chi Chapter at University of Rhode Island.

*The Baton* was presented by Jonathan Markowski. It was awarded Allison Leemann from the Eta Gamma Chapter at Boston University.

## SECTION THREE: COUNSELOR'S REPORT

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

Greetings friends,

You have heard from each of your District Officers their accounts of all of the projects and programs, successes and challenges, that they have worked through this term. They talked about how they served you as a district, and how they worked with each chapter to create a better and stronger #onened. I am here now to share with you the spirit and zeitgeist of the term.

We had been given a Vision Statement by the district, one that you as a district voted on, one that outlined a dream of where we as a district would be in 20 years. This council focused their energies on that vision and all that it encompassed. It was a large task, and they were dreaming quite big, but I do believe that they feel as though they have made significant headway in the dreams of this district and have laid substantial groundwork for future councils to build upon. The council had also been handed a set of goals that supported the vision, and were charged with creating action plans and goals for their offices that aligned with the larger goals of the council. This methodology for achievement has proven to be a successful way to set a goal and to work through the goal to the vision. Of course if everyone was working from the same five or six goals, that meant that everyone had to do their part.

A great spirit of collaboration ignited in this council, and they became not only each individual officers, but a band of Sisters each playing their part, listening to one another and supporting one another in beautiful harmony. Their collaboration has aided in many great unified successes. Much of their collaboration was centered around listening to the active voices in the district, and one of the biggest movements centered around streamlining district communication. Streamlining communication was something that you all had been asking for, and something that the district needed. They created a plan for communication and the plan included some innovation.

You all by now have seen our district website - [tbsned.org](http://tbsned.org). The website is now more than static information sharing, it is a hub for communication. It allows you all to post and interact with the council, engaging in the ongoings of the district and of other chapters. You can share ideas in our new electronic database system the Activity Forums, which is beautiful because many of our committee charges involve some sort of activity or project database. Further, I get requests each year from members wanting to get to know the MEPs in other chapters, and the Activity Forums are ways that you can share all of that information with one another. On our website you can learn about district history, or use our calendar to remember all of your deadlines. As our engaging website became stronger, our need for an email listserv became less. In the coming year we expect that the website will allow you to filter information and follow that information, electing to have it sent directly to you should you prefer email communication. This website combines the efforts of all previous communication hubs, and we're looking forward to the future of what we are able to do. In the interim, our facebook groups and pages were a hit this year. Our officer groups became a medium for discussion and support. Our joint group became a way for us to celebrate our Brothers and share ideas with them as well. Our NED Photo Page group was one of the biggest hits of the year, offering everyone a chance to celebrate the diversities in our members and chapters and get to know one another as people.

This year we also worked to structure the training and development of our district officers, and to pass on this structure to you all as well. Through structured information sharing, one-on-one goals setting, personal check-ins, one on ones, and evaluations, our officers were kept very accountable this year and they worked very hard to keep you all accountable as well.

One thing that I think that they all learned was that communication is only successful if it is received properly - and that you all need to be communicated with in different ways. They worked really hard to reach out to you when they thought you might need an extra push, and sometimes we used friends and allies to help. We recognize that many chapters in the NED are small - some of you are doing two or three offices at a time, and so we don't take offense when you don't participate in every project or discussion. The goal is for us to work in ways that help you, and sometimes that meant asking chapters around the district to reach out and help you when we couldn't reach you. It's great to see such heightened correspondence efforts this year - with chapters reaching out to one another, pen pals both individual and chapter wide, the letter exchange, and of course our new District social events, Precinct Days.

With every great term, as we all know, comes challenges. There were many challenges this term both on council and challenges that you all faced. You all keep my email box and cell phone quite busy, and while I am always sorry for the challenges that arise I am always thrilled to help you work through them. Our district is one that works to not only help one another through the challenges, but to challenge ourselves to work harder and smarter - to meet these challenges in the middle, overcoming them and moving forward. As you each face challenges in your personal lives, on your councils, or in your chapters, face them with no regrets, working through the Tau Beta Sigma ideals to prescribe the answers to your challenges. As we wrap up this district term I am beyond pleased with how hard all of you and each of these district officers by my side have worked. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you this term and I am so proud of each of your successes. One of the biggest rewards of being the counselor is being able to watch your members grow through their term and leave your council even stronger leaders than they ever knew they could be.

Our council was quite a handful most of the time, but I would never look back on this term and wish for anything different than the goofy friendships that formed and the amazing support system that they were to one another and to each of you. While we are all at different points in our Tau Beta Sigma journey, I'm sure that all of those crazy kids in the back of the room (the alumni and National Leadership Team) will agree when I say that the journey never ends. Tau Beta Sigma is more than any of us could imagine, and I'm so fortunate to continue mine with you all. In my journey, I am continuously faced with paths that afford me continuous learning and growth as a leader, as a Sister, and as a person. My council, Ardella, Nick, Billy Ray, Kyle, Jess, Zara, Alana, Javonni, Emily, and Allison have been a delight to work with this year. The relationship that forms between a counselor and council is quite unique. A counselor is someone who advises her students both prescriptively and developmentally, making sure everything gets done but also making sure that everyone has learned, grown, and had a great time along the way. I've been awarded many nicknames this year from this council - Dumbledore, Headmaster, and LifeCoach. The best name that I have gained this year however, is friend. I am so proud of each of you, and so proud to welcome you to the next path in your Tau Beta Sigma journey. I consider each of you my friend, and look forward to our friendships growing as you find your next path in this circle.

If each of you -actives, alumni, council, national leadership- take nothing else from this term, take with you that this year and always, the Northeast District is striving to be better and stronger. #OneNED.

Thank you all for a great term!

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Kemp  
Northeast District Counselor for Tau Beta Sigma.

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## SECTION FOUR: DISTRICT OFFICERS' REPORTS

The final reports of each district officer are represented below.

### Northeast District President Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

What I'd like you to think about during my final report is what you have done in the past year and what direction you are headed when you get back to campus. What have you learned this weekend that you can directly apply to your bands, academics, and life? How will you improve? That is the whole purpose of why we come together for these Conventions.

I set high goals this year for myself as President, for the Council, and for progress within the District. During the District Leadership Convention in Orlando in July the following goals were set out in an action plan for the year - improved communication, leadership development and socialization, and program development.

The large goals for improving communication were centralization of information, facilitating discussion between Sisters in similar offices, and building our resources. This was done through a complete overhaul of tbsned.org, hosting Officer Chats online and Round Table discussions at Precinct Meetings, and involving National Council in our activities and Committees. Each of these initiatives brought Sisters closer to one another - physically and virtually - and established a strong communication base that has been expanded on in terms of quality throughout the year.

An important component of our organization is that we develop as leaders through our participation. As Sisters gain more experience in TBS they take on new roles. It is equally important that we get to know one another, and our Brothers, in and out of the Bond. At each Precinct Meeting we had a number of Sisters and Chapters present workshops ranging from Project Protect Music to Communication to Leadership and provided opportunities for Sisters and MCs to meet one another outside of a business setting. As a Joint Council we worked to expand District Days and facilitate multiple events throughout the year in different areas of our District. This comes from the idea that we make the best connections when we are in person with one another - that type of interaction is what I want to see promoted in the future. I created the Vision and Direction Task Force to have continuous discussion about the goals and initiatives of the NED and provide an opportunity for Sisters to participate at the District level throughout the year. Going forward I hope to see the Task Force expand in its involvement and outreach to Chapters. This makes it possible for us to discuss our goals and initiatives as a District and to evaluate how we go about achieving those goals.

In order to improve as an organization we must highlight the activities that we do and give them support while evaluating how they are run and look for ways to grow and change. In all discussions we as a Council have promoted evaluation and reflection of what we do - as individuals, Chapters, and at the District level. That evaluation will promote strategic planning of new projects and a review that looks for ways to improve. We created Activity Forums on tbsned.org for Chapters to share their service projects, membership, and social activities with one another and to be a resource for other Sisters to get new ideas and also are a way for Chapters to get feedback on what they are doing for their band, school, and community. Throughout this year and throughout Convention season we've promoted initiatives and programs like Scouting for Music, Women in Music Speaker, Project Protect Music, and the NIB. It has been exciting to see how these programs are taken on by our Chapters and to hear how the programs are

growing.

The Council and I set out six goals for the incoming Council to take on and continue to work toward the long-term goals of the NED. In order for any of these goals to be achieved we must each take ownership of them and of the District. My hope for the upcoming term is that you each do something to improve yourself. Improve in your service – push for evaluation of projects and strategic planning. Improve as leaders – step up into a new position, lead a project or fundraiser, take on a challenge. Improve as musicians – host a recital for your Chapter, get together for an hour a week with another Sister to practice, learn about a new style you’ve never played before. Improve as Sisters. Reach out to one another. Learn. Grow. That is my challenge and hope for all of you and for the future of the NED.

Serving as District President brings about new challenges every day, at any time of the day, but it also brings great moments of pride. In your Council for coming together through large changes, in the Chapter Presidents for supporting one another day in and day out – you are all officially “noobs no more!”, in individual Sisters when they share what it was like to run their first Committee meeting, in MCs when they talk about why they want to join. I am proud of this year. And I am very excited for where this District is going.

This is our District and we should be very, very proud. We are always striving to be better and stronger. One NED.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Leemann  
Eta Gamma Life Member #3003  
Northeast District President 2012-2013

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## Northeast District Vice President of Membership Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

First and foremost, thank you to all of you. Coming into an office midway through the term is overwhelming and a little scary. All of you immediately welcomed me with open arms. You all shared with me what makes your Chapters unique and special and allowed me to learn about your Membership processes.

This term has been a whirlwind of activity. The first and honestly one of the most enjoyable tasks that I undertook after my appointment was reading each Chapter's MEP. They are so informative and really give us a window into how the Chapters operate and what their values are. It was honestly a joy to read each of them. In conjunction with Nicole Kemp and Nicole Sanchez, we were able to offer an MEP 101 workshop at District Convention to make these already amazing documents even stronger and more functional for the Chapters in the NED.

This year saw the return of Project Good Member. This is a database of Chapter bonding and Continuing Education activities that was created by Nicole Kemp. This year Chapters were challenged to complete at least one activity from the document in an effort to create "good members" who had a better understanding of our ideals as Sisters. Thank you to all Chapters who participated! I sincerely hope that they benefitted you all as Chapters and Individual Sisters. In an effort to continue to think about our Purposes and also come together as a District, the NED Council hosted the first ever TBS NED Sisterhood Week. It was such a success and really ramped up the enthusiasm leading up to Convention. Again, Thank you all who participated!

In an effort to get our younger Sisters and Membership Candidates involved at a District level I hosted an online chat with each group this semester. Those nights were inspiring. To hear the stories of what they thought about being new to TBS and why they joined was so amazing. Watching them 'meet' and get to know one another as Sisters and people was exciting and I hope that some of those friendships continue to grow as they all grow in Tau Beta Sigma. Thank you to all the Membership Candidates and Sisters who attended. You are the ones who inspire me to be the best Sister and Officer I can be.

One of my goals coming into office was to educate Chapters about the National Initiative, the Win/Win Membership drive. I'm glad that Chapters were able to hear about the initiative at all Precinct meetings and hopefully more than a few of you submitted!

The creation of the Activity Forums was one of the biggest accomplishments of this year's Council and it will be such a great resource as we move forward. Thank you to Nick for creating the Membership Activity Forum based off the sketch of the fields that I wanted. No more will we have to look for that database of Membership Candidate activities or Continuing Education ideas! It is all in one place and the best part is that anyone can post and interact with any or all of the ideas.

A big thank you to my Joint Counterpart, Dalita Getzoyan. Her and I set many goals for next year's VPs at Winter Meeting but we also were fortunate enough to get started on some of them this year. We had a joint MC/Icebreaker workshop at each Precinct Meeting. Thank you to Jaime Hughes and Victoria Wolk for running those! Dalita and I also co-authored a new Joint Closing Passage to be debuted at the

Banquet of District Convention. Hopefully it will be a moment where we can come together as One NED of Brothers and Sisters

One of my favorite parts of this office has been interacting with the Chapter VPMs, AVPMs, and Membership Chairs. You all had so much to share with everyone on the Facebook group and at roundtables at Precinct Meetings. Thank you for allowing me to offer advice or to simply listen to your successes and challenges. You all achieved so much this year and have so much to be proud of both individually and concerning your Chapters.

Thank you to the 2012-13 Council. You all pushed me to be a better Sister and Officer. You welcomed me onto the team and made me feel right at home. You will never know how much that means to me. A special thanks to Nicole Sanchez for giving me all the information and resources I needed when I asked for them and for running the MEP 101 workshop. A shout out to my home chapter of Eta Gamma. Thank you for believing that I could handle both this office and my Chapter Office. You all lift me up and I'm so blessed that I can go home to you guys.

Finally, thank you to Allison and Nicole for giving me this opportunity. The faith you had in my abilities was a bit overwhelming at first but you both have pushed me to be the best VPM and District Officer I could be. Thanks for believing in me

My confession for the term is that I fell in love this year. I fell in love with each of the 27 Chapters. Your struggles and your triumphs have been inspirational to watch. Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of them.

Respectfully Submitted with Love in the Bond,

Emily Anstey

NED Vice President of Membership 2012-13

**Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects Final Report Chapter Goals**

- Worked with chapters who did not currently have a vision statement to create one
- Sent out survey to gather basic information of each chapter
- Used the survey and vision statement to help chapters create goals
- Most chapters did well with participating in this and found it to be helpful
- District Days
  - 20 members attended
  - Open options
  - Band related activity-Cabs at the Beach DCA show
  - Issue: Lack of attendance
  - Solution: Precinct Days
    - At least one will be held in each Precinct each semester
    - Chapters will apply to host their own rather than always being run by the VPSP and MAL
      - The VPSP and MAL will continue to host a summer event
- Create useful resources
  - Facebook group & chats to increase communication
    - Although the group was often fairly quiet, any ideas shared were well thought out and helpful
    - Chats were well attended and sparked a lot of great conversation
  - Activity forum
    - One of the biggest requests from Sisters was to have a resource they could reference for new service ideas
    - The forum was a slow to start, but has become a valuable resource now that it is beginning to fill up
    - Keep posting your great ideas and don't forget to rate and comment on each other's projects
  - Service Project Evaluation Form
    - This can be used to help plan an event or as a post project evaluation form
    - This is a great resource to help figure out areas for improvement and plan similar events in the future
  - Project Protect Music Guide
    - This beginners guide give a basic summary of the project as well as helpful advice on how to get started
    - Example service ideas can be found here as well
- Get more chapters involved on a district and national level
  - Frequently discussed ways to get involved during chats
  - Worked with the other District VPSPs to help Kevin Earnest create guides for the various national projects
  - Project Protect Music version 2.0
    - PPM was revamped to help increase chapter involvement

- Many more chapters participated than in years past!
  - Stand up if your chapter participated in some fashion
- Chapters are now reaching out to their communities to offer service
- More schools are being helped
- Chapters are able to donate time and man power rather than just money and instruments
- Projects can be adapted to fit the needs and abilities of the school and chapter
- Projects may be completed at any time of the year
- Overall, I'm beyond thrilled with the success of the new Project Protect Music. You should all be proud of your hard work, keep it up!
- Share your progress with the VPSP for a chance to be featured on the website!
- Final Thoughts
  - You have been so wonderful to work with and I just love hearing about all the magnificent ways you are all serving bands. I find you all to be a constant inspiration in my life. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President of Special Projects. You are all champs for putting up with my odd quirks, from watching my ridiculous videos to humoring me with a good ooo-ooo it has been such a joy working to serve you all. You have all reminded me what it means to be a Sister of Tau Beta Sigma. Never lose sight of why you serve; it will carry you through even the most stressful of times. Thank you for this life changing opportunity; it has truly been an honor to be selected to serve.

## Northeast District Secretary Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

It has truly been an honor to be selected to serve as your 2012 – 2013 Northeast District Secretary. While I cannot believe a year's time has passed so quickly, the increased enthusiasm for correspondence has made this year on Council nothing short of rewarding.

I ran for District Secretary on a lofty platform to increase National and District participation and the NED rose to the challenge. Immediately out of the gate, I messaged for sisters to attend the TBS National Student Chats and was met with an influx of sisters joining the conversation! I forwarded information about submitting for the fall Podium by May 1<sup>st</sup> and received several interesting and inspiring articles, several of which got published! Around the end of the academic year, I contacted each chapter to obtain officer information and encountered sisters who were willing to assist. This start really set the tone for the District's growth and success throughout this year.

One key initiative which I began this year with was “encourage friendships within district sisterhood... get to know a person.” Pen pals were chapter-chapter pairings in the fall and an individual-based pairing in the spring. While both tactics had their pros and cons, the ultimate goal of introducing sisters to other chapters and individuals was achieved. Furthermore, that people learned more about those people than just Sorority information – seeing that music is not our only common tie. We even did a small Joint pen pal initiative that I hope will grow and develop as our other projects have. Upon reading through your Golden Typewriter submissions, or just talking to you individually, I am awed and inspired by how much you have learned about each other and yourself this year. From participation in the TBS NED Photo Page, Officer Round Tables, National Chats, Pen Pals, Travel Season, etc., your feedback on this year's correspondence was as diverse as the District you come from. I was delighted and impressed by everything you submitted for me to review; the amount of information and ideas shared was incredible and I can only hope that the District increases upon their latest benchmark in the coming years. I charge the next Secretary to continue pen pal initiatives in whatever format they see fit and promote further the capabilities of technology for “face-to-face” chats or video sharing, forms of communication which take our present sharing initiatives a step further to add personality behind an image and idea!

We have been greatly developing our website as the hub for all information, including our Council publication, Turtle Talk. While my first few articles were in PDF format and received with a lot of great encouragement and feedback, I have absolutely loved the transition to [turtletalk.tbsned.org](http://turtletalk.tbsned.org) for the Council Newsletter. I cannot wait to see the development to come with the website in the next year and hope the NED will continue to utilize its resources and suggest new things, as needed or desired..

Finally, at Precincts, I had two goals: 1. To find more time for sisters to meet other sisters, and even brothers, and 2. To teach some steps, in order to increase the spirit-potential our District would bring to the National Convention we are hosting in July. With the need for important business to continue as usual, Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Member-at-Large, Seth Sacher, and I created a

brief worksheet entitled “Meet Someone Who...” to utilize the down time of Precincts and Districts as an opportunity for you to branch out and introduce yourself to new people. The success of this initiative increased over the course of travel season and I hope many of you participated this weekend! It is my charge to the next Secretary to keep working with the KKPsi NED MAL on Joint-bonding projects. To achieve the second goal, we had workshops, or brief stepping breaks, at two of the three Precincts; as well as charged the Sisterhood and Spirit Committee to keep the spirit and energy going! My experiences this travel season indicate to me that we are a diverse but united District that will arrive in Springfield to National Convention with more spirit than anyone else will know what to do with! I charge the sisters of the NED to present themselves at National Convention with the same enthusiasm and excitement as they did for Travel Season this year, to embrace the rest of the National organization the way we have come to interact with each other.

With that, I would like to take my final moment to thank people. First off, the District Council and Nicole Kemp for supporting me in tough times, challenging me to accomplish everything and anything, and helping me to achieve the personal growth I have this year. Particularly Nick Valinski, for teaching me to help you manage this site, helping me... putting up with me... suggesting anything I could imagine for the website and Turtle Talk. The capabilities of the Newsletter and the potential are beyond my wildest dreams. I would like to thank Kappa Kappa Psi Member-at-Large, Seth Sacher, for his interest in pursuing Joint initiatives and working with me on several projects, which I am excited to see develop for years to come. His excitement and eagerness to try anything and everything made working as Joint Councils so much fun! Thanks to the Jonathan \*whispers\* Markowski \*end whispers), National VPCR, for providing a lot of Secretary-specific support and putting us in a group to communicate with each other, also, for being on call for any and every question I had, as well as the rest of the National Council for their excellent feedback to our Council’s progress all year! Lastly, thank you to you, the Sisters of the Northeast District, for being receptive to everything the Council, myself included, presented to you, and achieving great success! It is your energy and feedback that has driven my work all year and any accomplishment I can claim is because of your involvement.

With the year being over, take everything you have learned, tried, experienced, and carry that passion for music, service, and Sisterhood into the next year! Keep talking, keep communicating; keep posting a ton of pictures, ideas, and stories on the website and Photo Page! Keep sharing with your Sisters – because we are each other’s greatest resource for ideas, inspiration, strength, encouragement, love, or whatever you may need on any particular day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zara Simpson  
NED Secretary  
2012 – 2013



## Northeast District Treasurer Final Report

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

It has been a great honor to serve as your district treasurer for this shortened term. Thank you so much for accepting me into the position mid-term and allowing me to grow as our district grew. Over these past couple of months I have communicated with chapters about budgets and fundraisers and helped ensure that none of our chapters are operating in the red. Hopefully, these chapters can continue to grow and reevaluate their fundraising efforts over the next couple of years. This year, I also ran the t-shirt fundraiser and began research into the possibility of applying for corporate and/or government grants as a way to fund the district.

I charge the next NED treasurer to focus raising money for the district from outside sources and looking into new ways to increase the district-level income. I also suggest that you encourage chapters to continue to look for innovative sources of income in order to move away from the tradition of a profit margin from sales to band members. Finally, the most important task for the upcoming term, communicate! Talk to the chapter officers, encourage them to talk to each other, and just enjoy talking to your sisters.

I want to thank all of the chapter treasurers, financial officers, and fundraising chairs for all of their hard work this year. All of you do great work for your chapters. Thank you to the rest of the council, to my joint officer, Dennis, and of course, to Nicole. You are all amazing people and I definitely would not have made it through this term without you.

Northeast District, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your treasurer these past few months, it has truly been a privilege.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Post

NED Treasurer 2012-2013

## Northeast District Alumni Secretary/Historian Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

It is with great honor that I present to you my final report for the 2012-2013 year. Looking back at the year we had, I cannot believe how far each and every one of us has come. As I stand here before you today, I stand with the highest of hopes for this District, because if any year was a test of how much we can withstand and fight through, it was this year.

When I became Alumni Secretary/Historian, I soon realized how much work had to be done in only this one short year. Within weeks after convention I had developed a timeline with the help of my fellow council members, and decided that the goal of the year was to make everything digital and public. The first thing I did was digitize all of the scrapbooks and yearbooks that were given to me at the 2012 convention and put them on the NED website. This included scrapbooks from as far back as a 1979 National Convention. Throughout the year, I was able to do some digging and made the following information accessible on our website: past to present District Convention Sites, Precinct Sites, Council Members, and founding information of every single chapter in this District. I also made a District Family Tree, so that all chapters can easily view their origins.

To go along with online social media I also created and monitored the Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Photo Page. It was a slow-starting page at first, but as the year progressed, more and more chapters started using this page to share chapter activities and much more. Not only was this a fun and easy way of documenting history, this was also a way to strengthen our District. To be able to support one another from afar is something that is hard to do, but not for us. From this page, I also created six slide shows that have been shown from the beginning to end of convention.

This year I also started the monthly History Quizzes and the monthly Alumni Secretary/Historian chats. The quizzes not only made chapters work as a group on something, but it also encouraged chapters to become more familiar with the NED website and the National website. The monthly chats were a way for me to get to know the Alumni Secretaries/ Historians of the District, and was also a way for them to get to know one another and bounce ideas off of each other.

Another new feature this year is the Counselors Corner on the NED website. Through the help of others on Council I was able to reach out to past Counselors and ask them a series of questions to answer about their time as Counselor. Not only was this an amazing experience for me to be able to talk to this amazing leaders, but it is a great way of documenting what was memorable to them then and what is memorable to us now.

This will be the second year that the NED will have a yearbook. Through the help of all my fellow council members, and chapters in this amazing District I was able to complete an amazing book that helps keep our history alive. For the first time, it will be uploaded to the website so everyone can see it.

This year was also the first year in over three years that there has been a District History Project. It was a two part project: the first part involved chapters introducing themselves (from the beginning to end, the good, the bad and the ugly.) During the second part, the challenge was to describe where they wanted to go as a chapter and future chapter growth. Chapters also had to pick one or two people that truly represented the 5 and the 8 and the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma. These projects would then be displayed at District Convention for all chapters to see.

This year was a catch-up year for the Office of Alumni Secretary/Historian, and I believe the office has finally caught up with the times. I charge the next Alumni Secretary/Historian to not only continue monthly quizzes, chats, gathering more information regarding past District Award winners, slide shows,

yearbooks and others, but to also conduct extensive outreach. It is now time for Alumni to shine. Get contact information right away so that we can always keep sisters informed on what and how we are doing as a District.

I would now like to take this time to thank some people, without whom I would not have survived this year. First and foremost is Kat Tribulski, NEDAA VP for Tau Beta Sigma. Thank you for all your advice, wisdom, and knowledge on everything. Secondly, I would like to thank this District council and Nicole. Thank you for all you have done for me as an officer, sister, and friend. Thank you. I would also like to thank Aaron Moore, Alumni Historical and Development Coordinator from National Headquarters, for always answering all my emails and questions so quickly. I would also like to take the time to thank Nick Valinski for not only dealing with me and the rest of council, but for taking the time and teaching others how to use our website. It is such an important tool for not only general use, but for also documenting history. So for this, I thank you. My last thank is to you, my fellow sisters. I know there were times I was bombarding you with quizzes, chats, projects and more, but you took all of those things and made them your own. You helped raise the bar of not only what is expected of you, but also what is expected of me and my fellow officers.

If I could leave you with one last bit of advice, this is it: take too many photos, laugh a lot, and always be there for your sisters through good times and bad ones. Because the memories you make today will be with you for the rest of your life.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Billy Ray Poli  
NED Alumni Secretary and Historian  
2012-2013

## SECTION FIVE: JOINT PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Brothers and Sisters of the Northeast District,

We can't believe that we have already reached the point in Convention for our final report. This year has been a great year - for the Chapters, for the individual organizations, and for the Joint Council.

This year began at District Leadership Conference in Orlando with the national leadership team and our fellow District Presidents. Most of the time was devoted to setting our individual action plans, but we also spent a lot of time getting to know one another, and, most importantly, formulating our Joint goals for the year. At the close of DLC, we had set the following as our Joint goals for District Convention: extended clinic time, mirrored schedules, and open workshops. Our overall goal was to provide opportunities for Brothers and Sisters to interact and learn from one another while participating in workshops that they could directly apply to their Chapters and bands.

In addition to our Convention-specific goals, we set out to have open communication between ourselves and the Councils, share the goals and initiatives we undertook separately and support one another, and have more interaction between the Councils.

As a Joint Council we offered the following this year:

- Meet Someone Who activity for interaction during Precincts Meetings and District Convention
- Mirrored schedules for District Convention
- NIB Audition recordings at Precinct Meetings and District Convention
- Creation of a Joint Closing Ceremony

We also held a goals session for the incoming Councils in how they can more actively work together and promote strong Joint relations at the Chapter level. Throughout travel season we established a strong working and social relationship.

During our Joint goals session at Winter Meeting each Officer pairing met and discussed ways in which they could expand what they do together and what types of programs they could bring to the NED as a whole. We discussed:

- The promotion of Precinct Days so that in-person events become commonplace within our District.
- Joint pen pals to promote the development of relationships between individuals.
- More opportunities for MCs to interact within one another during Precincts and Districts.
- A guide to assist Chapters in creating their own Joint Ceremony.
- Increasing interactivity during Meetings and Convention with activities similar to "Meet Someone Who".
- Creation of a Joint photo page and slideshow

Each of these ideas will bring our organizations closer to one another and are things you should look forward to in the future. As we come to the end of our term, and the end of our report, we must acknowledge the individuals who assisted us in the success of this year.

We would like to thank the National Councils and leadership for their support to us throughout the year. You were sounding boards to each of us at DLC and have continued to listen, provide feedback, and support our work throughout our term and leading up to this Convention.

Erica Hamilton and all members of NEDAA - Thanks for being a support to our District. We hope that in the future we are able to expand our relationship with you.

Marie, Casey, and Nicole - This year we worked to do more together as a Joint organization and for the promotion of One NED. Thank you for supporting our goals and for encouraging us to look at each idea from multiple perspectives to ensure that only quality projects were brought to the NED.

Thank you to our Joint Councils for working together this year and for pushing further than the business of Council to learn about one another and build friendships that will go on past this term. It has been an Honor to be selected to serve with you all.

And, finally, thank you to all the Brothers and Sisters of the NED. We hope you have enjoyed your time thus far at UMass for this Convention and that you will take back everything you've learned to your Chapters and bands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Largent and Allison Leemann  
Northeast District Presidents 2012-2013

## **SECTION SIX: COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS**

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

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## SECTION SEVEN: COMMITTEE CHARGES

The following section lists the charges for each committee. The chair, advisor and delegates were assigned by the District President. The charges were outlined by last year's committee, and new charges were added by the 2012-2013 NED Council.

### **Expansion and Membership:** *Madelyn Lauver Chair, Emily Anstey and Nicole Sanchez- Advisors*

1. Review the NED Constitution.
2. Review the 2012 NED Expansion and Membership reports.
3. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level membership activities as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
4. Discuss the protocol for colonization and what chapters and the district can do to aid the NVPCM's colonization efforts.
5. Provide an update from the NVPCM on what schools may be prospects for future colonization.
6. Review and update the Membership Activity Forum on tbsned.org and Project Good Member as needed.

### **Nominations:** *Christine Jenkins- Chair, Nicole Kemp - Advisor*

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

### **Ways and Means:** *Kristen Walther- Chair, Melanie Meehan- Advisor*

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution
2. Review the 2012 Committee Report
3. Perform Audit
4. Review 2012-2013 budget and recommend a budget for 2013-2014
5. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
6. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers
7. Brainstorm ideas for the 2013-2014 District fundraiser to be researched by the incoming District Treasurer
8. Try to experiment with fundraisers that do not need support from the band programs or individual chapters
9. Request that each individual chapter participates in District fundraising
10. Discuss fundraisers that don't work and why

### **Programs Committee:** *Jacqueline Cotto - Chair, Alana Leeti and Kevin Earnest- Advisors*

1. Review prior charges to Programs Committee
2. Review NED Constitution 2012
3. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed
4. Evaluate TBΣ and Joint list-servs
5. Review District Award requirements
  - a. Golden Typewriter

- b. All Star Service
  - c. Life Member Scholarship
- 6. Evaluate new programs presented by the District Counselor, District President, or District Council.
- 7. Create new projects for NED
- 8. Review NED programs including
  - a. Precincts
  - b. Districts
  - c. District Daze
  - d. Sisterhood Week

**Jurisdiction:** *Tiffany Smith- Chair, Jonathan Markowski- Advisor*

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution.
2. Check that all information in the constitution corresponds with current practices in the district.
3. Compare the NED Constitution to the National Constitution for discrepancies.



**Alumni and Historical Affairs:** *Christopher Lukasik- Chair, Billy Ray Poli, Sue Carr, and Kat Tribulski – Advisors*

1. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
2. Review NEDAA and any new activities
3. Review projects of the Alumni Secretary/Historian
4. Create a list of ideas for promotion/education/increase incentives of life membership, NEDAA, TBΣAA and other alumni associations and charge that list to the incoming officer.
5. Review alumni and history workshops at precincts and district convention and determine their effectiveness; brainstorm ideas for future workshops

**Sisterhood and Spirit:** *Jessica Gamble- Chair and Kathryn Garrett Kelly- Advisor*

1. Discuss ideas for joint social and service events and apply new ideas to individual chapters.
2. Review what opportunities already exist and recommend ideas for promotion.
3. Continue the spirit box and come up with ways to involve all at the convention.
4. Review the NED chant and step and incorporate changes brainstormed at Precinct Meetings into the step.
5. Review chapter spirit throughout Precinct Meetings and Districts Convention as well as the spirit banners and recommend candidates for the District Spirit Award to the NED President. Review and update the Social Events Forum on the tbsned.org

**Vision and Direction:** *Victoria Wolk- Chair and Allison Leemann- Advisor*

1. Review the NED Vision Statement as well as the National Vision and Mission Statements (for reference).
2. Evaluate the progress of the 2012-2013 Council.
3. Review the report from the Vision and Direction Task Force.
4. Discuss any possible changes to the Vision Statement
5. Review the goals set forth by the 2012-2013 Council for the 2013-2014 Council
6. Propose any changes or additions to the goals for the 2013-2014 Council
7. Discuss any suggestions for future ad hoc committees

*Joint Committees*

**Convention Site and Publication:** *Jasmine Johnson and Melissa Gehlbach, Chairs and Meg Bowers- Advisor*

1. Review the District Constitutions
  2. Review presentations of all District Convention and Northeast Notes bids.
  - 3 Make a recommendations for the Host Chapter for the next year's District Convention and publishing Chapter for Northeast Notes.
  4. Review the worth of Northeast Notes as an online publication and make a recommendation to the Councils for the future of Northeast Notes Online.
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## **SECTION EIGHT: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

## Expansion and Membership

### Expansion and Membership Committee Report

March 22nd, 2013

Chaired by Madelyn Lauver, Zeta Upsilon

Advised by Emily Anstey, Eta Gamma, NED VPM 2012-2013

Advised by Nicole Sanchez, NVPCM

#### **The charges for the 2013 Expansion and Membership Committee are as follows:**

1. Review the NED Constitution.
2. Review the 2012 NED Expansion and Membership reports.
3. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level membership activities as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
4. Discuss the protocol for colonization and what chapters and the district can do to aid the NVPCM's colonization efforts.
5. Provide an update from the NVPCM on what schools may be prospects for future colonization.
6. Review and update the Membership Activity Forum on tbsned.org and Project Good Member as needed.

#### **1. Review the NED Constitution**

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

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

*b. To administer all programs concerning membership education.*

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

*d. To notify chapters semi-annually regarding colonization processes within the District.*

*The Vice President of Membership is also responsible for communicating dates of colony degrees to all chapters within the District at least two (2) weeks prior to the degree.*

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

*8.201 The Expansion/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. This committee will also be charged with discussing possibilities for expansion, identifying potential locations for new colonies and assisting current colonies with issues pertinent to them. At the discretion of the committee chair and advisor, the committee may split into an Expansion subcommittee and a Membership subcommittee in order to accomplish the goals set forth. The Expansion subcommittee may meet jointly with the Expansion Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi as necessary.*

The committee reviewed the previous articles in the NED Constitution and has seen fit to keep them as written.

#### **2. Review the 2012 NED Expansion and Membership reports**

During the meeting we discussed the information provided in the 2012 report and made changes where they were deemed necessary, as discussed below.

### 3. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level membership activities as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist

#### Project Good Member

- Way to continue post-initiate membership standards to live up to the ideals of the sisterhood
- Things people did:
  - 8&5 Notebook: Helps sisters be more aware and reflect
  - Sister of the Week Mug: Mug filled with goodies and given at chapter meetings to a Sister
  - Sister of the Month: vote at chapter, who and why. Even if you do not win you see what good things people recognize you doing. Get to keep a gnome for the month
  - Shout-outs every week. Recorded in the minutes
  - Collages of Sisters and their interests
  - Positive Book: A sister gets it for a week and you write a letter, now incorporating the 8&5
  - Coconut Challenge: If you get recognized for doing good things you get to keep the coconut for a week and take crazy pictures with it. Based on PME type quizzes every week
  - Assign MCs which ideal the Sisters think they best personify
- How have they helped the chapter be better member?
  - Helps recognize what people are doing well and how to better improve upon yourselves

#### Collection and Distribution of Membership Education Programs (MEPs)

Nicole Sanchez discussed what an MEP is and how it should be utilized within chapters.

- An MEP is a Membership Education Program. It is essentially your entire process typed up in a word document in one place. This is handy and makes sure it is written down on paper so you can accomplish all of your goals and work on continuity from year to year. This is also used for the National Council to check that all chapters are working towards our goals and ideals.
- The MEP should not be made just by the VPM; Membership concerns everyone. The chapter should all be involved.
- This is not just for the New Membership Program it can also contain things for Post Membership etc. We are working for continuity.

#### Win-Win Membership Drive

- Rewarding chapters that increase their membership. For every 10% increase in your membership you get an entry into a drawing for a free delegate fee! You can have an entry for each membership class!
- This starts now! After this Districts, 3/22/2013 you can submit for next year's District Convention

#### Sisterhood Week

The Precincts were charged with participating by submitting a picture on the NED Photo Page each day leading up to NEDCon2013 according to the themes laid out. This contributed to the Spirit Award and gave chapters/members who weren't able to attend NEDCon2013 a way to participate.

The Days were:

- Band you Serve

- White and Blue
- Pin Attire. Leadership!
- Other NED School's Colors
- Picture with another Music Greek Organization
- Districts! (school spirit and UMass spirit)

It was agreed that Sisterhood Week is a great way for Sisters to participate and stay connected with other chapters in the District. We then split up into small groups to discuss ideas for new themes. The ideas we came up with were:

- Turtle Day & 5&8!: For example, Physical powers quality dressed up in green like turtles and wear your pin!
- 30 Day Photo Challenge continuing. Instagram?
- Take a picture with a Sister you do not know as well
- Take Pictures with your section in the band
- Take a picture with Your Big/Little
- Matching class letters
- Wild card day: Go crazy!!
- When you went through wear a specific color across the NED (ex. Fall 09 wears red)
- Family Letters
- Music Appreciation Day
- Sisterhood Day: Take pictures of bonding activities

#### **4. Discuss the protocol for colonization and what chapters and the district can do to aid the NVPCM's colonization efforts**

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#### **5. Provide an update from the NVPCM on what schools may be prospects for future colonization**

Nicole Sanchez clarified Northeast District's role in Colonization and Expansion:

- Communicating with the Students
  - If you play a football team without a Tau Beta Sigma chapter, send them a gift basket with some information
  - Service Projects for universities without chapters
    - Make sure you clear this through the national council, because they need to get in contact with the band director of the university
- Any new schools we would like to try and colonize?
  - Penn State Blue Band
  - Cheney University (Near West Chester)

#### **6. Review and update the Membership Activity Forum on tbsned.org and Project Good Member as needed**

We discussed the Membership Activity Forum, including walking through how to log on and post a submission. Through small group discussion we came up with the following ideas for suggestions that would make the forum more streamlined and easier to use:

- The capability to add pictures as a way to clarify activities
- Some way to sort by category, such as check boxes when posting (Rush events, MC activities, Post Membership Activities, etc.)

- The ability to search by keyword
- An explanation paragraph on the main page to give information about what should be posted in the forum

### **7. Joint Relations (Additional Discussion)**

What we do already and what could be implemented on a chapter or district level:

- Joint Bigs/Littles
- Service Projects
- Brotherhood/Sisterhood day full of sports and BBQ
- Socials
- Joint Appreciation Week: Surprise and Do something nice for them
- Family Outings with all four Music Organizations (specifically PMA and SAI)
- Joint Pin Boxes made by the Joint Big
- Joint Thanksgiving and other Social Events
- Joint Rush Events
- Mid Semester Bowling where the Joint Big takes out their Littles
- Wava Bowl and Kappa Bowl: a friendly football game where the joint corresponding organizations cheer for each other, make signs and put on a half time show!
- Joint end of the year picnic full of food, music and games.

### **The charges for the 2014 Expansion and Membership Committee are as follows:**

1. Review the NED Constitution.
2. Review the 2013 NED Expansion and Membership reports.
3. Discuss how chapters can continue to improve participation at the district level membership activities as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
4. Focus less on colonization efforts and more about strengthening the members and chapters currently existing within the District
5. Discuss Joint Relations on both a chapter and district level and how we can strengthen our Bond
6. Review and update the Membership Activity Forum on tbsned.org and Project Good Member as needed.

### **The charges for the 2013-2014 District Vice President of Membership are as follows:**

1. Strengthen the Membership Activity Forum and promote Project Good Member
2. Assist chapters with advertising their activities and events to the District to increase participation at different events
  - One way to consider doing this would be to get assistance from the NED Webmaster in implementing a universal calendar or email system for VPM's for ease of communication
3. Increase interaction with universities that do not have a Tau Beta Sigma chapter to boost interest in colonization
5. Remind chapters that membership includes all kinds of membership, not just the candidacy process; make sure Post Initiate Education projects aren't lost in the process
6. Review the 2012 committee report and pass on important info to chapters

Respectfully submitted,

Madelyn Lauver, Zeta Upsilon (Chair)  
Emily Anstey, Eta Gamma, NED VPM 2013-2014 (Advisor)  
Nicole Sanchez, NVPCM (Advisor)

Members Present

Madelyn Lauver- Zeta Upsilon, Chair

Emily Anstey- Eta Gamma, NED VPM, Advisor  
Nicole Sanchez- NVPCM, Advisor

Adrienne Bailey- Iota Pi  
Alessandro Ameita- Gamma Kappa  
Angela DeMarro- Delta Delta  
Armani Paige- Iota Pi  
Becky Waghorne- Eta Alpha  
Brittany Rogan- Gamma Kappa  
Brittany Wallace- Eta Delta  
Colleen Graely- Delta Delta  
Elisabeth Hoover- Epsilon Upsilon  
Ellen Valley- Gamma Kappa  
Emily Roy- Delta Delta  
Erin Kelley- Gamma Kappa  
Katie Huftalen- Eta Chi  
Kaycie Harmon- Eta Delta  
Kyle Moore- Delta Omega  
Megan Miranda- Eta Alpha  
Rachel Smith- Gamma Chi  
Raeshayla Murphy- Epsilon Omega  
Rosie Mastroianni- Iota Alpha  
Taylor Gray- Gamma Kappa

Alex Rector- Epsilon Omega MC  
Chance Wheeler- Zeta Upsilon MC  
Meghan Quinn- Eta Chi MC  
Victoria Giroux- Eta Chi MC

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## Nominations

Sisters,

This year's Nominations Committee had an extremely difficult task and this could not be more beneficial for the district. All the candidates were found not only constitutionally eligible but also extremely well qualified and enthusiastic. Thank you to all the Candidates for submitting packets. I would credit this to the 2012-13 District Council for presenting themselves extremely well throughout this past year. They are the reason why we had the quantity and quality of candidates for this upcoming term. I would like the Nation's Elite District to use one another strengths and weaknesses to build a greater NED. All 27 chapters are highly diverse and face a number of obstacles. The nominations committee and my self would like to let the district know that we can rely on one another, the council, and the district counselor for anything that we need. We can't grow as a district without the input and cooperation of everyone, no matter color, creed, or background. We should treasure our diversity, as we are "One NED." Lastly, I would like to thank my committee and my advisor, Nicole Kemp.

**We reviewed all the charges given to us from the 2013 nominations committee**

Charges for the 2013 Nominations Committee:

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

Charges for the 2014 Nominations Committee:

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

1. Review the district and national constitution

**As a committee we reviewed the district and national constitutions and we found that no changes needed to be made**

National Constitution

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

**District Constitution**

**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 Alumni Secretary and Historian, and District Treasurer. 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.

After reviewing the district and national constitutions we did not find any changes to be presented to the Jurisdiction Committees.

**2. This is the first time for the NED council to require all platforms to be submitted on the tbsned.org website one week ahead of District Convention. Also the first year that we had nominations meet during a working lunchtime. Carefully investigate eligibility of candidates for election. At this time the committee advises to continue having candidates submit platforms a week before convention**

**We are have to say that we found all of the following candidates to be eligible for district offices.**

**3. As a committee we Review/create questions to interview candidates (general, president, VPM, VPSP, secretary, treasurer, alumni secretary/historian) and interviewed all candidates and were found eligible, all was well**

**President:**

- How would you work to maintain good joint relations with district Kappa Kappa Psi council and district as a whole?
- How will you work with you busy lifestyle so that you may better accomplish your goals?
- How will you communicate and work with other districts?
- How will you delegate responsibilities within your council?
- How will you lead the council through your specific her management style?

**VPM:**

- Describe your plans to reach out to individual VPM's?
- Coming from a small chapter, how will you be a valuable resource to us?
- How are you familiar with the MEPs from other chapters and how would you get other chapters to share their MEP's with other chapters to better their MEP?
- If you were to become VPM, how would you use your role and goals you set to work with other officers both sister and jointly?
- How do you plan on dealing with chapter's diversities, and how will you understand those diversities to make them comfortable with you?

**Secretary:**

- How do you plan on working to improve joint relations and encouraging joint relations within chapters?
- How would you use social media to communicate within the district?

**Alumni Secretary/Historian:**

- How do you plan on working to improve alumni relations within chapters?
- How would you encourage chapters to work on their alumni program?
- What do you plan on doing to preserve our district? How would you help chapters to preserve/know/keep their history?
- How would you continue to preserve and make accessible our history?

**4. We also Conducted the meet-the-candidates session as charged.**

Time was allotted during the convention for a designated Meet-the-Candidates session. We also encouraged all candidates to take it upon themselves to meet with chapters individually to discuss their platforms.

**5. Interview all candidates found eligible.**

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

**6. Create a slate of recommended candidates**

**And Now I will reveal the slate**

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

President: Emily Anstey

VPM: Maddie Lauver

VPSP: Taylor M. Light

Secretary: committee chose not to slate a district secretary because we felt the secretary candidate could serve a different office, and did not feel like anyone of the other candidates were qualified nor did they show interest for this role.

Treasurer: chose not to slate a treasurer because no one in the committee felt strong enough in any of the candidates to slate them for that position

Alumni Sec: Christopher Lukasik

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Jenkins

Nomination Committee Chair 2013  
Eta Delta Howard University  
Ethan Hiscock  
Gamma Kappa University of Connecticut  
Kerry Joy  
Epsilon Epsilon Kutztown University  
Brittany Jenifer  
Theta Phi Hampton University  
Kelly Callahan  
Eta Rho James Madison

## Alumni and Historical Affairs

The 2013 Alumni Affairs Committee was charged with the following:

1. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
2. Review NEDAA and any new activities
3. Review projects of the Alumni Secretary/Historian
4. Create a list of ideas for promotion/education/increase incentives of life membership, NEDAA, TBΣAA and other alumni associations and charge that list to the incoming officer.
5. Review alumni and history workshops at precincts and district convention and determine their effectiveness; brainstorm ideas for future workshops

Throughout our discussion, we discovered that many chapters communicate differently with their alumni. Some chapters throughout the district use email list-servs, Facebook groups and even a phone tree to communicate with the alumni has proved to be effective. We decided that if it works for the chapter, use it. We discussed activities that each chapter does with their alumni, ideas that were discussed include: alumni picnics, alumni weekend activities, potlucks, and charter week activities. We agreed that when free food is involved, more people would feel more inclined to attend the activities.

We had a very in depth conversation about NEDAA and what they have provided for us in the past year. The NEDAA projects include the Keynote Speaker and the Ritual Scholarship, which had great success this year. We found the Keynote Speech by a Theta Phi Sister to be fantastic. It was revealed that there were not many submissions for the Ritual Scholarship and the winners received replacement books, which will update that chapter's ritual. We believe that with more promotion by NEDAA and the next Alumni Secretary and Historian we believe that there will be more submissions. We also talked about the near future projects that NEDAA will be promoting, which include the National Intercollegiate Band Scholarship and the National Convention Delegate Scholarship. Those will be advertised after District Convention is over. The main concern that the committee had was the fact that not many people are aware that these awards exist. We would like the next Alumni Secretary and Historian to work with the District Webmaster to create a page designated for the Alumni, NEDAA and TBΣAA.

These are the projects of the 2012-2013 NED Alumni Secretary and Historian:

1. Made all the scrapbooks and yearbook online
2. Made a NED Family Tree
3. Made A Chapter Information Page
4. Made A NED History Page
5. Made a up-to-date list of all past council members and Counselors
6. Made monthly history Quizzes
7. Held Monthly Chats
8. Came up with a History Project

9. Made a yearbook
10. Made Slideshows
11. Interviewed past Counselors and created a Counselors Corner on the website
12. Made a data base of Past Precinct Sites and Convention Sites
13. Made a TBS NED Photo Page on Facebook

Overall, as a committee, we are incredibly impressed with the amount of work that Billy Ray Poli has put into the office. We discussed each project and whether or not we believe that the project can be improved on or whether the next Alumni Secretary and Historian has to keep updating the material. One project that does not need to be continued is the digitalization of the scrapbooks and yearbooks, Billy Ray was able to get everything on the tbsned.org website. We talked about having the next Alumni Secretary and Historian continually updating: NED History page, list of all past council members and Counselors, the database of Past Precinct Sites. We discussed that we would like to see more creative ways to display our history with our main example of having the next Alumni Secretary and Historian to create an actual tree diagram of the NED Family Tree, the current one looks a little boring. We discussed the possible idea of having the next Alumni Secretary and Historian try to collect former bids for Precinct Meetings and District Conventions. Our reasoning behind this would be to help chapters who want to host be able to look back if their chapter hosted in the past. We believe that all projects listed above (except for the digitalization of scrapbooks and yearbooks) should continue with the next Alumni Secretary and Historian but some changes to those projects can be found in the new set of charges.

When we began to discuss Life Membership, the cost was a big part of the discussion. Unfortunately, there is nothing we could do with the cost of Life Membership. We can only provide incentives for people to purchase life membership. We discussed the rights that are afforded to Life Members. It is commonly unknown to Life Members that they have certain rights. We would like to see the next Alumni Secretary and Historian work with the District Webmaster to create a “Know Your Rights” page on tbsned.org designated towards the promotion of purchasing Life Membership. We also talked about possibly having the district create a fund where chapters can donate money towards having multiple Life Membership Scholarships. We would like the next Alumni Secretary and Historian work with the District Treasurer and District VPSP to create multiple scholarships for Life Membership. These scholarships can be full scholarships or partial scholarships; that would be to the discretion of the District Council. We would also like to see chapters start their own fund towards a full or partial scholarship for Life Membership. Our reasoning behind this is that there are so many deserving Sisters in our District, we would like to recognize as many as we can.

When we talked about NEDAA and TBΣAA, we found that a lot of members on the committee didn’t know much about the organizations, we focused on one idea which is having the Alumni Secretary and Historian collect bi-monthly news articles/updates from NEDAA and TBΣAA to include in Turtle Talk,

the District Council's monthly publication. This way, the NED is able to read what is going on with these organizations on a regular basis.

The workshops at District Conventions and the Precinct Meetings were the following:

Kat Tribulski's Alumni Presentation – Precinct Meetings

NEDAA Luncheon – District Convention

“Stop and Go” Ritual Workshop – District Convention

We believe that Kat's Alumni workshop was incredibly informative about how to handle alumni. We liked that it covered all aspects, even the bad (because sometimes the bad is inevitable).

The purpose of the NEDAA Luncheon is to bring all graduating seniors into one place and discuss the benefits of being a member of NEDAA, this way, everyone is in the same place at the same time not being distracted by other business, it is during a lunch block.

The “Stop and Go” Ritual Workshop was a great way for Sisters to ask questions throughout ritual and ask questions as we went through. Sue Carr and Jonathan Markowski presented this workshop. They covered how ritual used to be like and compared it to how we perform our ritual now. Chapters were able to discuss about their traditions.

What we mainly talked about in this discussion was the fact that there were not many workshops on Alumni and History topics. We would like to see the District Council hold at least one workshop with regards to Alumni topics and one workshop with regards to History topics in the Spring of 2014. We would prefer these workshops to be run by Active members, this gets chapters involved and have the ability to compare and contrast on how other chapters operate in the Alumni and History areas. This way, chapters can learn from each other.

The Alumni Affairs committee charges the 2013-2014 NED Alumni Secretary and Historian with the following:

1. Reach out to NEDAA and TBΣAA for bi-monthly updates to include in Turtle Talk.
2. Create a tab on the District Website to promote the education of TBΣAA, NEDAA and Life Membership
3. Create a digital NED Family Tree
4. Work with the NED Webmaster to get every chapter's historical and current information on the District website.

5. Keep the following pages up to date:
  - a. NED History Page
  - b. Past Council Members and Counselors
  - c. Past Precinct Sites
  - d. Past Convention Sites
6. Continue Monthly NED History Quizzes which will now include Joint Questions and also promote these quizzes through the use of the TBSNED Official Facebook Page, Twitter Handle, Email, Facebook Groups, and District Website
7. Continue with the NED History Project and choose a topic.
8. Hold more chats for different purposes (for example, work with the District VPM to have a History Based Candidate Chat)
9. Work with the Kappa Kappa Psi NED Historian/Alumni Liaison to create a Joint Yearbook
10. Create one or multiple slideshows showing the recent year to be displayed at District Convention
11. Assign Active Sisters as “official photographers” for any District Events and create a place for all pictures to be uploaded to.
12. Gather past bids for Precinct Meetings and District Conventions to distribute in the case that a chapter would like to look at previous bids.
13. Create a standing committee to assist with any of these charges if he or she so chooses.

The Alumni Affairs committee charges the Northeast District Council with the following:

1. Hold at least one student-run Alumni affairs workshop at a 2014 Precinct Meeting or District Convention
2. Hold at least one student-run History affairs workshop at a 2014 Precinct Meeting or District Convention

The Alumni Affairs committee charges each Chapter in the District with the following:

1. Create a scholarship to help fund full or partial payment for Life Membership

The 2014 Alumni Affairs Committee is charged with:

1. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
2. Review NEDAA and any activities
3. Review charges set by the 2013 Committee to the Alumni Secretary and Historian
4. Brainstorm ideas for promotion/education/increase incentives of life membership, NEDAA, TBSAA, and other alumni associations and charge that list to the incoming officer.
5. Review alumni and history workshops at precincts and district convention and determine their effectiveness; brainstorm ideas for future workshops.
- 6.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Lukasik

*Committee Chair – Delta Delta*



Billy Ray Poli – NED Alumni Secretary and Historian *Committee Advisor – Eta Chi*

Kat Tribulski – NEDAA VP of TBΣ *Committee Advisor – Zeta Upsilon*

Sue Robash Carr – TBΣAA Chair Committee Advisor – Delta Delta

Amanda Pennypacker – Eta Rho

Adrienne Dibrell – Eta Delta

Katie Gardner – Zeta Omicron

Cynthia Kirscht – Eta Sigma

Caitlyn Murphy – Iota Alpha

Amber Smith – Epsilon Upsilon

Bobbi Berr – Theta Phi

Alonna Williams – Theta Phi

Biance Nicole Jones – Eta Delta

Artesia McPhail – Iota Pi

Ashley Furman – Delta Omega (Life Member)

Jena Lyn Igel – Delta Delta (TBΣAA Member)

Eva Gleason – Delta Delta

Stephanie Joy Maker Tupper – Delta Delta (Life Member)

Caleb Duffy – Zeta Upsilon

Daniel Koob – Eta Sigma

Hillary Bylicki – Delta Delta MC

Shannon Mackey – Delta Delta

Kevin Closter – Gamma Kappa

Brittany Dodson – Zeta Omicron

## Ways and Means

March 22nd and 23rd, 2013 **Chair:** Kristen Walther, Delta Nu

**Advisor:** Melanie Meehan, Delta Delta, Board of Trustees

Ways and Means Committee duties outlined by the NED Constitution:

**8.206** The Ways and Means Committee shall submit an annual budget for the allocation of funds. In addition, the Ways and Means Committee shall consider district fundraising possibilities, book-keeping innovations, and other related items as charged. Revision and implementation of reimbursement deadlines shall be considered and charged to the Jurisdiction Committee as needed. The Ways and Means Committee shall also conduct an annual audit of the District Books.

The charges for the 2013 Ways and Means Committee were as follows:

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution
2. Review the 2012 Committee Report
3. Perform Audit
4. Review 2012-2013 budget and recommend a budget for 2013-2014
5. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
6. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers
7. Brainstorm ideas for the 2013-2014 District fundraiser to be researched by the incoming District Treasurer
8. Try to experiment with fundraisers that do not need support from the band programs or individual chapters
9. Request that each individual chapter participates in District fundraising
10. Discuss fundraisers that don't work and why

## Discussion:

1. Review the 2012 NED Constitution No revisions are necessary at this time
2. Review the 2012 Committee Report Report was reviewed
3. Perform Audit We reviewed and justified this year budget
4. Review 2012-2013 budget and recommend a budget for 2013-2014 We came up with a proposed budget for next year
5. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary Not necessary
6. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers
  - Merchandise sales – examples include bracelets (Eta Chi did paracords), t- shirts (or windbreakers /sweatshirts), magnets, candy, chocolate, knit turtles, homemade scarves, hand-decorated Christmas ornaments
  - Bake sales – some do weekly, some do semesterly, some walk around with baked goods.
  - Auctions – bid on Sisters for a “date” (especially Valentine’s Day), service hours, dinner,
  - Marching band survival kits – first years are biggest buyers --- Clinics with admission fee -
  - Raffle paddles --- Restaurant fundraisers
  - Selling flowers (roses) at concerts --- Open mic nights --- Joint sport arena clean-ups -
  - Drill spot raffle – people pay to march a band person’s drill during a rehearsal --- Bingo
  - Pay to play (donated prizes)
  - Breakfast in the music building – coffee, donuts --- Lincoln for Lincoln – send a penny, receive a larger donation back
7. Brainstorm ideas for the 2013-2014 District fundraiser to be researched by the incoming District

## Treasurer

We would like to see the NED treasurer look into a restaurant fundraiser near each site of our precinct meetings and district convention.

During conventions pie in the face and raffling paddles /baskets has been pretty successful and it could continue to be a good source of income during convention. A cost effective method would be to seek donations for items to raffle.

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

Alumni donations could be a possible resource to utilize. Using the Lincoln to Lincoln idea on a district level could be effective.

9. Request that each individual chapter participates in District fundraising

A competitive component to fundraising would offer great incentive for Chapters to participate.

Examples could be a financial incentive like a delegate fee waiver, or have an award connected to it.

10. Discuss fundraisers that don't work and why. Turned into talking about improvements to fundraisers the district already does.

Selling t-shirts /sweatshirts are good, but don't always make enough profit. They need to be promoted a lot to be most successful. We recommend looking into other forms of merchandise, like Yankee Candles.

Establishing a fundraising activity forum would supply Chapters with ideas from scratch or even improving something they already do.

The charges for the 2014 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2013 NED Constitution
2. Review the 2013 Committee Report
3. Perform Audit
4. Review 2013-2014 budget and recommend a budget for 2014-2015
5. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
6. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers
7. Brainstorm ideas for the 2013-2014 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming District Treasurer
8. Try to experiment with fundraisers that do not need support from the band programs or individual chapters
9. Request that each individual chapter participates in District fundraising
10. Discuss improvements to fundraisers the District already does.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Walther 2013 Ways and Means Committee Chair

Melanie Meehan 2013 Ways and Means Committee Advisor

Delegates:

Samantha Bowman, Delta Omega

Delana Williams, Eta Alpha

Barbara Carl, Eta Iota Proxy (*Zeta Upsilon*)

Deann Marnes, Theta Pi Proxy (*Epsilon Omega*)

Peter Kosanovich, Iota Kappa Proxy (*Eta Rho*)

Others present:

Glen Ullman, Gamma Kappa  
Kyle Donelan, Gamma Kappa  
Leah Cohen, Gamma Kappa  
Morgan McGrane, Delta Delta  
Lauren Matzoni, Delta Omega  
Cody Wright Epsilon Upsilon  
Janai Jackson (*MC*), Epsilon Omega  
Dominique Landrum, Zeta Upsilon  
Kaitlyn Galtere, Zeta Upsilon  
Yu Zhou, Eta Gamma  
Amy Hahn, Eta Alpha  
Camille Little, Eta Delta  
Debra Samuel, Eta Delta  
Taliah Royal, Eta Delta  
Tori Romano, Eta Chi  
Trisha Whipple (*MC*), Eta Chi  
Marrisia Moore, Iota Pi\_

## Sisterhood and Spirit

Sisterhood and Spirit Committee – March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

The charges for the 2013 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee are as follows:

1. Discuss ideas for joint social and service events and apply new ideas to individual chapters. Review what opportunities already exist and recommend ideas for promotion.
2. Continue the spirit box and come up with ways to involve all at the convention.
3. Review the NED chant and step and incorporate changes brainstormed at Precinct Meetings into the step.
4. Review chapter spirit throughout Precinct Meetings and Districts Convention as well as the spirit banners and recommend candidates for the District Spirit Award to the NED President.
5. Review and update the Social Events Forum on the tbsned.org

First major topic we talked about was joint social and service events. We had a fantastic and lengthy conversation about these two joint relations. We first went through the social events forum on the website and review the ones listed there. Mostly everyone had either previously used the ones listed or were going to implement them in the future. Everyone in this committee split up into groups, and discussed among themselves different ideas for joint social and service events, whether their home chapter does or knew ideas they came up with. Then we reconvened as a whole, and discussed a plethora of different ideas that will added/updated to the Social Events Forum. Some of the main ideas we came up with for the Social Events forum are:

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| -Potluck           | -Spring Formal       |
| -Family Feud night | -Thanksgiving dinner |
| -Speed dating      | -Kickball            |

Some ideas for Joint service:

- Sorting band uniforms -Polish & clean instruments
- Febreeze uniforms -Survival Kits
- Trick-Treat for canned goods – Adopt-A-Highway

We continued the spirit box and spent some time working on letter writing. Each individual in the committee wrote at least one note/draw a picture to another chapter and put into the spirit box. Everyone in the committee was asked to spread the word to other chapters about the blue spirit box and what it is used for. Will distribute notes either before/during banquet.

During the second-half of our committee session we took the time to complete our 3<sup>rd</sup> charge, which was reviewing the NED chant and step. This was a great opportunity for the MC's in the committee to learn the NED chant. Then as a whole, the lovely Kathryn Garrett Kelly taught up the stroll to the NED

chant, which was a ton of fun. It was really cool to learn it, then see it all put together as a whole. We also went through and learned the Alphabet song, which was a lot of fun as well.

The last charge we were given and completed was chapter spirit. As a committee we did see a few chapters that really stood out to us as a whole and did pass a long the names of those chapters to the District Council for consideration for the Spirit Award. We all went through a looked at the different tri-folds displayed in the Fine Arts Center and we would like give a shout out to the Zeta Omicron Chapter at Virginia Tech and the Delta Nu – University of Maine for outstanding work.

The Charges for the 2014 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee are as follow:

1. Discuss ideas for joint social and service events.
2. Discuss different ideas for bonding to take back to your chapter
3. Learn and review the NED chant and stroll. And continue the Alphabet Step
4. Add decorations to spirit box and continue spreading the word
5. Reviewing the affirmation and loyalty song

We charge individual chapters to:

1. Branch out to other chapters to share in the mutual bond and culture
2. Reach out and have a meal with another chapter during precincts & convention
3. Visit or host another chapter events
4. During precincts and convention reach out to Membership Candidates in other chapters

The Charges for the 2013-2014 District Council are as follow:

1. Continue to work on joint relations
2. Spirit Box at precincts and conventions. Announce in the beginning for people to know where it will be located, what it is.

During this committee I had an absolutely fantastic time. Everyone was so full of new ideas and was so eager to get started. I truly hope everyone took away from this committee as much or more than I did.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Gamble

Tau Beta Sigma – Delta Omega

2013 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Chair

Kathryn Garrett Kelly

Tau Beta Sigma – Honorary Member 2013 Advisor

2013 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Members:

Devon Drohan – Delta Delta

Erica Davignon – Delta Delta (MC)

Leigh-Anne Valleley - Eta Chi

Billy Haupt – Eta Chi (MC)

Cheyenna Fournier – Gamma Kappa (MC)

Carson Poli – Gamma Kappa (MC)

Amanda Abrams – Gamma Kappa

Emma Gatley – Gamma Kappa  
Jennifer Beaty – Gamma Kappa  
Laura Edet – Epsilon Omega  
Teandra Stewart – Epsilon Omega  
Asia Quick – Eta Delta  
Charissa Moye – Eta Delta  
Victoria Samuels – Eta Delta  
Kelly Carroll – Zeta Upsilon  
Sarah Currie – Epsilon Upsilon  
Kylie Woodmansee – Eta Chi  
Megan Murphy – Eta Sigma (MC)  
Jonathan Davenport – Eta Sigma  
Alessandro Amenta – Gamma Kappa  
Erin Kelley – Gamma Kappa  
Sophie Tenaglia - Zeta Omicron (MC)  
Lily Nealon – Zeta Omicron  
Katie Hale – Zeta Omicron  
Monika Mark – Epsilon Sigma  
Brittany Dodson – Zeta Omicron

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## Programs

**Programs Committee-** March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

**The charges for the 2013 Programs Committee are as follows:**

1. Review prior charges to Programs Committee
2. Review NED Constitution 2012
3. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed
4. Evaluate TBS and Joint list-servs
5. Review District Award requirements
  - a. Golden Typewriter
  - b. All Star Service
  - c. Life Member Scholarship
6. Evaluate new programs presented by the District Counselor, District President, or District Council.
7. Create new projects for NED
8. Review NED programs including
  - a. Precincts
  - b. Districts
  - c. District Daze
  - d. Sisterhood Week

### Review NED Constitution

The programs committee discussed changes to the constitution adding Precinct days.

### Review the NED Website

- Some issues with uploading multiple pictures to website- Webmaster will look into it
- Recommended adding a link to the National Website
- Website is very effective due to all the interactive features.

### Evaluate TBS and joint list-servs

- Recommend moving more towards using Facebook and website as a main way to communicate within the District.
- Website in future- working towards having a list-serv feature
- Recommend stop using Wiggio

### Review District Awards

#### Golden Typewriter

- Committee approved of requirements and like how it is more eco-friendly
- Next year show some of the previous winner's typewriters as an idea for formatting.
- Recommend using hyperlinks and a table of contents to make it more efficient and organized.

#### Outstanding Service Award

- Next year show some of previous winner's examples for format.
- Recommend adding a letter of recommendation requirement either from a Sister or advisor.



- For questions add allow a bigger word requirement or be able to add a PDF file containing more details of the project.

#### **Life Membership Scholarship**

- Recommend adding another essay portion that asks “What has Tau Beta Sigma done for you and why do you want to keep Tau Beta Sigma in your future?”
- Possibly have recognition at Districts
- Keep all other requirements.

#### **Evaluate new programs presented by the District Counselor, District President or District Council**

##### **Precinct Days**

- Committee approves of Precinct days in that it is more local and the opportunity it gives for all the chapters to participate.
- Improve promotion and advertisement.
- Events at Precinct days may be more successful if there are cheap/free materials provided (meal, discounted tickets, etc.)
- Be specific on events when applying to ensure successful events.

##### **Project Protect Music 2.0**

- Committee approves of how possibilities are open-ended. Don’t add restrictions
- Project has increased district participation.
- No changes were recommended.

#### **Create new projects for the NED**

- Annual Wava day- appreciation for Wava
- Service display- similar to History project but for service project
- Have a cultural workshop at Districts and/or Precincts
- Celebrate women in music by promoting them on the website (monthly or weekly)
- Alumni networking/ more alumni features on website
- Feature honoraries on website.

#### **Review NED Programs including the following:**

##### **Precincts**

- Have more MC events
- More joint workshops
- Committee approves of how Precinct meetings are run.

##### **Districts**

- Committee recommends more activities for ice breakers
- Possibly have a service project during districts
- Consider having more music related workshops

##### **Sisterhood Week**

- Fun and interactive
- Have something similar in the fall so Sisters are connected both in the fall and the spring.
- Compile pictures onto an album onto the website.

##### **History Project**

- Provide some examples on how the history project can be formatted.
- No changes to the requirements.

#### **Cultural Workshops**

- No longer going to continue.

#### **Activity Forums**

- Activity forums are a great resource for the chapters.
- No changes were recommended.

#### **The charges for the 2014 Programs Committee are as follows:**

1. Review prior charges to the Programs Committee.
2. Review NED Constitution 2013.
3. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to the Webmaster if needed.
4. Review District Award requirements
  - a. Golden Typewriter
  - b. All Star Service
  - c. Life Member Scholarship
5. Evaluate new programs presented by the District Counselor, District President, or District Council.
6. Create new projects for NED
7. Review NED programs including
  - a. Precincts
  - b. Districts
  - c. Sisterhood Week
  - d. History Project
  - e. Activity Forums

#### **The charges for the 2013-2014 Vice President of Special Projects are as follows:**

1. Consider hosting cultural workshops at Districts
2. Attempt to include more emphasis on celebrating and promoting women in the band profession (Via projects, website, etc.)
3. Continue and expand upon the activity forums.
4. Consider utilizing Facebook and the website for communication more than the Wiggio groups.

#### **Respectfully submitted,**

Jacqueline Cotto, Zeta Upsilon (Chair)  
 Alana Leeti, NED VPSP (Advisor)  
 Kevin Earnest, National VPSP (Advisor)  
 Brittney Arrington, Zeta Omicron  
 John Mannino, Delta Nu  
 Abby Kulenguskey, Delta Omega  
 Devon Farquharson, Gamma Kappa  
 Jonathan Singngam, Gamma Kappa  
 Shaun Basnett, Gamma Kappa  
 Crystal Green, Epsilon Epsilon  
 Jameela Hendricks, Epsilon Omega

Kirsten Peterson, Delta Delta  
Lindsay Tomlin, Epsilon Upsilon  
Elizabeth Streifield, Delta Delta  
Tiana Singletany, Theta Phi  
Ijah Wilson, Theta Pi  
Connor Sullivan, Gamma Kappa  
Glen Ullman, Gamma Kappa  
Kristen Miller, Epsilon Epsilon

## Jurisdiction

Sisters of the NED,

It's been a long couple of days being in charge of the jurisdiction committee. After many discussions, we have made many changes that will help improve the district. These are the proposed changes that the committee has come up with:

### Counselor awards

#### Original:

2.101 The District Counselor shall award the Counselor's Awards at each NED Convention. The qualifications for this award shall be left to the discretion of the District Counselor and will be communicated to the District at least 3 weeks before District Convention.

#### Proposed Change:

2.101 The District Counselor shall award the Counselor's Awards at each NED Convention. 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:

-Revised for consistency between all announcements of awards and information about Convention.

#### Original:

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

- a. To travel and visit chapters as necessary.
- b. To correspond with National, District and Chapter officers on a regular basis.
- d. To attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the District Council including Summer and Winter Council Meetings

#### Proposed Change:

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

- a. To travel and visit chapters as necessary.
- b. To correspond with National, District and Chapter officers on a regular basis **including electronic, virtual, and in-person visits.**
- c. **To maintain groups for correspondence and discussion via listservs, forums, or social media.**
- d. To attend all regularly scheduled **conference calls or video conferences** of the District Council including Summer and Winter Council Meetings

#### Rationale:

-3.401b Revised to reflect current practice.

-3.401c. Added to reflect current practice.

-3.401d Revised to reflect current practice.

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## NED Appointed Positions Information

### Original:

4.101 The appointed positions of the Northeast District shall be Convention Parliamentarian and District Webmaster.

4.103 All appointed positions shall receive reimbursement as deemed appropriate by the Ways and Means Committee are incurred.

4.104 All appointed officers shall serve from District Convention to District Convention.

### Proposed:

4.101 The appointed positions of the Northeast District shall be **District Parliamentarian** and District Webmaster.

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.**

### Rationale:

4.101: The position is known as the District Parliamentarian, not Convention Parliamentarian.

4.103: The process for reimbursement as outlined by National Headquarters is approval by the District Council and Counselor.

4.104: The new president should choose who the district webmaster is.

4.015: This is so they are prepared for district convention.

### Original:

4.203 A candidate for an appointed position shall have completed one semester of active membership in the sorority and if a candidate for Convention Parliamentarian, served as an officer or head of a committee.

### Proposed:

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.**

### Rationale:

4.203: Revised for clarity and equivalent requirements of both positions. The letter of recommendation is being added to give heuristic value to the Candidates.

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## NED President

### Original:

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

a. To request applications for the Convention Parliamentarian no later than two weeks prior to the first Precinct Meeting, and to appoint the Convention Parliamentarian on the Monday following the last Precinct Meeting.

b. To request applications for the District Webmaster no later than two weeks prior to District Convention, and to appoint the District Webmaster within two weeks following District Convention.

- c. To supply committee chairs with tentative charges at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
- d. To supply each chapter with one (1) copy of all tentative charges at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the District Convention.
- f. To send Candidates for District Office candidate information and District Office information material at least one month prior to the District Convention.
- g. To award the Most Improved Chapter and the Spirit Paddle at each Northeast District Convention. The qualifications for these awards shall be left to the discretion of the District Council.

**Proposed Change:**

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 Webmaster no later than two weeks prior to District Convention, and to appoint the District Webmaster within two weeks following District 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 thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention.
- 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:**

- 3.402a Revised to reflect current practice, recognize District Parliamentarian and District Webmaster as their given names, and combine with information stated in 3.402b
- 3.402b Removed and combined with information in 3.402a
- 3.402c Revised to reflect current practice and behavior to promote transfer of information and efficient committee meetings. Changed 2 weeks to 14 days to keep this consistent.
- 3.402d Revised for consistency of all information about Convention.
- 3.402f Revised for consistency of all information about Convention.
- 3.402g The award is referred to as the District Spirit Award, not the Spirit Paddle.

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**District VPM**

**Original:**

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

- a. To work with the Tau Beta Sigma National Vice President for Colonization and Membership and the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi towards expansion within the District.
  - b. To administer all programs concerning membership education.
  - d. To notify chapters semi-annually regarding colonization processes within the District.
- The Vice President of Membership is also responsible for communicating dates of colony degrees to all chapters within the District at least two (2) weeks prior to the degree.
- e. To collect and review chapter Membership Education Packets for input and future reference

**Proposed Change:**

- 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 within the District
  - ~~b. To administer all programs concerning membership education.~~
  - d. To notify chapters semi-annually regarding colonization processes within the District. The Vice President of Membership is also responsible for communicating dates of colony degrees to all chapters within the District at least two (2) weeks prior to the degree.
  - e. To collect 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 through the Activity Forum on the District website.

**Rationale:**

- 3.403a: The district is not in charge of expanding
- 3.403b: Removed because the relevant information to current practice is reflected in 3.403f
- 3.403e: Revised to reflect current practice.
- 3.403f: Added to reflect current practice and changes within the District Website.

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**NED VPSP**

**Original:**

- 3.404 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Special Projects shall be as follows:
- a. To make available to chapters all award applications, select the winners, and announce them at District Convention.
  - c. To compile and distribute to each Northeast District chapter a list of Service Project ideas, and to maintain a Service Projects Digital Database.

**Proposed:**

- 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, Phenomenal Sister Award. The Life Membership Scholarship shall be due no later than December 1 and shall be awarded before the end of the fall semester. The remaining awards shall be due at least two weeks prior to the start of District Convention and shall be awarded at District Convention.
  - c. To maintain and make available a database of programs for service and special projects through the Activity Forum on the District website.

- e. To maintain Project Protect Music, incorporating and developing ways for chapters and the district to protect and support music programs in our region.
- f. To facilitate chapter participation with all national programs.

**Rationale:**

- 3.404a: Revised for clarity and to reflect current practice.
- 3.403c: Revised to reflect current practices and changes to the District Website.
- 3.404e: Added to reflect current practice and ensure that the program is continued from year to year.
- 3.404f: Request from the national council

**Original:**

- 3.405 The responsibilities of the District Secretary shall be as follows: a-j listed.

**Proposed:**

- 3.405k. To take minutes at all meetings of the District Council and distribute them to the District and National Councils.
- 3.405l. To serve as the advisor to the Sisterhood and Spirit Committee.

**Rationale:**

- 3.405k: Added to reflect current practice and promote transparent Council action.
- 3.405l: Added to reflect current practice.

**NED Treasurer****Original:**

- 3.406 The responsibilities of the District Treasurer shall be as follows: a-f listed.

**Proposed:**

- 3.406g. To maintain and make available a Fundraising Activity Forum on the District website.
- 3.406h. To provide chapters with a sample budget and to collect chapter budgets and provide constructive feedback.
- 3.406i. 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:**

- 3.406g: Added to reflect current practice and changes to the District Website.
- 3.406h: Added to reflect current practice.
- 3.406i: Add to reflect current practice and advisement from National Headquarters.

**NED Alumni Secretary/Historian****Original:**

- 3.407 The responsibilities of the Alumni Secretary and Historian shall be as follows:
  - d. To create an alumni resource containing instructions and advice on local alumni associations, NEDAA, Life Membership, alumni communication, and alumni events.
  - f. To act with the Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to improve alumni relations on a joint basis.



- g. To work with District Webmaster to create and maintain a page on the district website with the information contained in the items above.
- h. To compile, enlarge and maintain a Historical Archive of the Northeast District including a digital database of all past district officers, District Conventions, and award recipients.
- j. To be responsible for providing access to the Historical Archives upon request.
- k. To be responsible for collecting and compiling information from the past academic year for addition to the Historical Archive
- n. To provide chapters with information on creating and/or purchasing ritual items.

**Proposed:**

3.407

~~d. To create an alumni resource containing instructions and advice on local alumni associations, NEDAA, Life Membership, alumni communication, and alumni events.~~

~~g. To work with District Webmaster to create and maintain a page on the district website with the information contained in the items above.~~

h. To compile, update and maintain a page 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.

~~j. To be responsible for providing access to the Historical Archives upon request.~~

~~k. To be responsible for collecting and compiling information from the past academic year for addition to the historical archive~~

**Rationale:**

3.407d: Combined with information in 3.407h.

3.407g: Combined with information in 3.407h.

3.407h: Revised to reflect current practice and provide clarity on what information should be updated on a yearly basis.

3.407j: Removed to reflect current practice. The historical archive is held within the District Website and is accessible to all users.

3.407k: Combined with information in 3.407h.

**District Parliamentarian****Original:**

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

c. To revise and publish the District Constitution, and to distribute copies of the Constitution to all chapters in the District, each District Officer, the District Counselor, each National Officer, and the National Headquarters within two (2) weeks of the close of the convention. Exceptions must be approved by the District Counselor.

d. To revise the Guide to Policy and Procedure, and to publicize these files on the District Website and the COMB CD.

g. The District Parliamentarian shall serve from Convention to Convention.

**Proposed:**

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

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 revise the Guide to Policy and Procedure, and to publicize these files on the District Website and the COMB CD.~~

g. The District Parliamentarian shall serve from the start of the term to the end of the term.

**Rationale:**

4.301: The position is referred to as the District Parliamentarian, not Convention Parliamentarian.

4.301c: Revised to reflect current practice.

4.301d: Removed to reflect current practice. The Guide to Policy and Procedure is not maintained or monitored by the National Council and COMB CD is no longer a CD, but a file that is shared by the Secretary.

## District Webmaster

**Original:**

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

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

**Proposed:**

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

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.

**Rationale:**

4.302c: Revised to reflect changes in Northeast Notes and changes to the District Website.

4.302d: Added to provide continuity from term to term and a resource for the Council to use for working with the website.

**Original:**

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 in question has been vacated.

**Proposed:**

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.

**Rationale:**

4.401: Revised for clarity and succinctity.

## District Convention Information

### Original:

5.104 Each district officer shall provide immediate reports by e-mail or postal mail to the District Treasurer and Counselor accounting financial activities for the month.

### Proposed:

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.

### Rationale:

5.104: Revised to reflect current practice and is based on advisement from National Headquarters.

### Original:

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. 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 reviews by the Joint Council. The Joint Council, the Governor(s) and Counselor shall decide the amount reimbursement, if any.

### Proposed:

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 reimbursement, if any.

### Rationale:

5.107: Revised to reflect current practice and locations where information can be found.

### Original:

6.104 The date of the District Convention shall be determined by the host chapter. 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.

### Proposed:

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.

### Rationale:

6.104: Revised to reflect current practice and necessary advisement from Counselor(s) and Governor(s).

### Original:

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.

**Proposed:**

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:**

6.107: Revised to reflect current practice and give clarity on when information is to be shared with Council.

## District Bids

**Original:**

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

- f. Financial Statement from each Chapter to include:
  - i. Current Bank Statement
  - ii. Summary of Financial Activity for the past year
- g. Financial Statement of joint chapter (if applicable)
  - i. Current Bank Statement
  - ii. Summary of Financial Activity for the past year

**Proposed:**

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

- 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. Financial Statement of joint chapter (if applicable)~~
- ~~i. Current Bank Statement~~
- ~~ii. Summary of Financial Activity for the past year~~

**Rationale:**

6.204f: Revised to be consistent with the KKPsi NED Constitution and to obtain relevant information from potential Host Chapters.

6.204g: Content is merged into 6.204f.

**Original:**

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, National Alumni Association Director, 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.

**Proposed:**

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, ~~National Alumni Association Director~~, 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:**

6.208: Remove because it is redundant.

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**District Committees (2 at a time)****Original:**

8.202 The Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee shall recommend a host chapter for the next year's District Convention and a publishing chapter for the District Newsletter. Guidelines from the previous Convention's committee report shall be reviewed, revised if necessary and included in the committee report for each year.

**Proposed:**

8.202 The Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee shall recommend a host chapter for the next year's District Convention ~~and a publishing Chapter for the District Newsletter~~. Guidelines from the previous Convention's committee report shall be reviewed, revised if necessary and included in the committee report for each year.

**Rationale:**

8.202: "Northeast Notes" will be monitored by the Joint District Council.

**Original:**

8.203 The Jurisdiction Committee shall review, approve, and submit any proposed changes to the Northeast District Constitution at the District Convention immediately following the biennial National Convention. 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. In interim years the Jurisdiction Committee shall review the Guide to Policy and Procedure and recommend any changes or additions to its content, will be given to the Convention Parliamentarian for publication on the District Website and the COMB CD.

**Proposed:**

8.203 The Jurisdiction Committee shall review, approve, and submit any proposed changes to the Northeast District Constitution. ~~at the District Convention immediately following the biennial National Convention~~. 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. ~~In interim years the Jurisdiction Committee shall review the Guide to Policy and~~

~~Procedure and recommend any changes or additions to its content, will be given and give it to the Convention Parliamentarian for publication on the District Website and the COMB CD~~

**Rationale:**

8.203: Revised to reflect current practice. The Guide to Policy and Procedure is not used or monitored by District or National Council. The District Constitution needs to be reviewed and amended, if necessary, every year by the Jurisdiction Committee to reflect current practices and be up-to-date with recommendations from National Council and Headquarters.

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**Original:**

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 Alumni Secretary and Historian, and District Treasurer. 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.

**Proposed:**

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.

**Rationale:**

8.204: Revised to reflect the proper order of offices on the District Council.

**Original:**

8.205 The Programs Committee shall review the Chapter Operations Materials Binder, and shall propose any necessary revisions. The Programs Committee shall review and revise the job descriptions of existing District Officers and create job descriptions for any proposed offices, first determining whether the new office is necessary to the operation of the District. Finally, the Programs Committee shall consider and/or review new programs as charged by the District Council.

**Proposed:**

8.205 **The Programs Committee should review and offer suggestions for District programs at the recommendation of the District President. The Committee shall make recommendations for program growth and recommend any new programs. The Programs Committee shall also review any recommendations for addition, deletion, or change of officer roles.**

**Rationale:**

8.205: Revised to reflect current practice and provide clarity between the roles of Committees and give more direct connection between Committees and their corresponding District Officer as Advisor.

**Original:**

8.206 The Ways and Means Committee shall submit an annual budget for the allocation of funds. In addition, the Ways and Means Committee shall consider district fund-raising possibilities, bookkeeping innovations, and other related items as charged. Revision and implementation of reimbursement deadlines shall be considered and charged to the Jurisdiction Committee as needed. The Ways and Means Committee shall also conduct an annual audit of the District Books.

**Proposed:**

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.

**Rationale:**

8.206: Revised to reflect current practice and give clarity for what the Committee should be doing to make their time purposeful and efficient.

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**Original:**

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. The Alumni Affairs Committee shall promote measures to improve relations between undergraduate 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.

**Proposed:**

8.207 The Alumni and Historical 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 undergraduate 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.

**Rationale:**



8.207: The word undergraduate should be removed because there are graduate students that are Active. Other changes reflect current practice and aim at providing clarity for how the Committee can work to improve alumni relations within the District. For now on this committee will be called the alumni and historical affairs.

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### **Sisterhood And Spirit Committee**

#### **Original:**

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.

#### **Proposed:**

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:**

8.208: Revised to reflect current practice and provide clarity for how the Committee can work to improve communication between Sisters and work toward the long-term goals of the District.

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### **Committee Reports**

#### **Original:**

10.101 The committee chairpersons shall submit sufficient copies of their respective reports to the delegates and District Council prior to the reading of their reports. The District Officers shall submit sufficient copies of their respective reports to the outgoing District Secretary prior to the reading of their reports. These reports will be distributed as follows:

- a. One (1) copy to the District Counselor to be kept on file.
- b. One (1) copy to each District Officer to be kept on file.
- c. One (1) copy to the District Secretary to be incorporated in the convention minutes.

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

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

#### **Proposed:**



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 (was 10.102) 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:**

10.101: Revised to reflect current practice. Reports are not distributed prior to reading the summaries.

New 10.102: Revised to reflect current practice.

10.103: Revised to reflect current practice.

10.104: Revised to reflect current practice.

The experience of being on this committee has been rewarding and I learned a lot from being on it in which I hope to take back to my chapter to help improve our own constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Smith

## Special Committee: Vision and Direction

Vision and Direction:

March 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

Chaired by Victoria Wolk- Delta Delta

Advised by Allison Leemann- Eta Gamma, NED President '12-'13

The charges for the 2013 Vision and Direction Committee are as follows:

1. Review the NED Vision Statement as well as the National Vision and Mission Statements (for reference).
2. Evaluate the progress of the 2012-2013 Council.
3. Review the report from the Vision and Direction Task Force.
4. Discuss any possible changes to the Vision Statement
5. Review the goals set forth by the 2012-2013 Council for the 2013-2014 Council
6. Propose any changes or additions to the goals for the 2013-2014 Council
7. Discuss any suggestions for future ad hoc committees

1. The committee reviewed the NED Vision Statement and National Vision and Mission Statement to guide our discussion with the ideals in mind.
2. The committee discussed each initiative the council has taken on this year and determined ways in which they could be improved upon and where they would like to see these go as they were written in the Task Force Final Report.

### Improved Communication:

- The committee feels that sisters who were not officers were not aware of specific ways to get involved or ways of communication. There needs to be a push to get non-officers involved as well as more of an education of how to get to all of our communication outlets.
- Implementing monthly NED student chats would be beneficial, however, the committee would like to advise that the council analyze what is going on in chapters and the district so that conversation topics are worthwhile. There should also be plenty of notice about these chats.
- In terms of getting alumni involved, there needs to be a push from NEDAA (more programs, activities, etc) in order to get alumni involved. This shouldn't be coming from the active chapters, but from the alumni themselves.
- Ways to feature a chapter's uniqueness can be having the webmaster post videos and photos of other bands and what they're doing. Some possibilities are a "did you know" page to be updated weekly about a different chapter and/or a reach out week where chapters can look at others websites to learn something new.

### Leadership Development and Socialization:

- The committee would like to see other chapters continue to run workshops, however, the committee would like to see more audience involvement and more variety in the types of workshops.

- The committee would like to see precinct days continue, however, as an incentive to travel more and participate in days such as these, the committee recommends that a travel award be given.

Program Development:

- The committee would like to see the activity forums continue, with some modifications related towards advertising the forums so more sisters know about them. The committee believes this is a worthwhile program, however, they would like to see it used as more of a conversation becoming more of a useful resource. They would also like to see a fundraising forum created.
  - The committee would like to see the National programs pushed in the same way the district programs are. In addition, they would like to see more Nationals Days to celebrate the Women in Music.
3. The Vision and Task Force Report was discussed as a whole in order to determine improvements from initiatives from the 2012-2013 council term and to determine recommendations for the 2013-2014 council term including the future of the Vision and Direction Committee.
  4. The committee reviewed the statement "We are elite" and recommends the suggested change "Always striving to be better and stronger. One NED." The reasoning being that we are not currently at our fullest potential, but rather we should be working towards that potential over the span of which the vision statement tells us to. "We are elite" always comes off, unintentionally, as a tad stuck up which is not how we would like to be viewed.
  5. The Committee reviewed the recommendations for the 2013-2014 council and made the following comments on each recommendation:

Promote Joint initiatives and relations at both the District and Chapter level:

- The concern is that there are a lot joint initiatives and it may take away from the time we spend on only sister initiatives. Furthermore, not all chapters have good joint relations and the committee would like to make sure this taken into consideration.

Connect Chapters to learn from one another and celebrate diversity through participation in District initiatives that promote an appreciation and understanding of our differences:

- The committee believes there are plans in place and that the NED is already headed in the right direction with this. They would like to see the facebook page taken to the next step.

Provide leadership development tools that Sisters can utilize at all levels of participation:

- This goes back to giving sisters a guide on how to communicate within the District. This would ultimately give sisters the tools to voice their opinion. Furthermore, if sisters are able to communicate more they will be able to find new avenues to get involved, however, offering new ways to get involved is always a plus. The more the District is exposed to all forms of participation, the more they will be involved, but if there is no exposure there will be no involvement.

Provide learning opportunities and find avenues for all Sisters, particularly non-officers and MCs or new members, to participate in District activity:

- This is paired with the opportunities to get to know other chapters (unique specificities of the band, chapter, etc.) who can in turn be featured on the

District website. The committee would like to see more initiatives opened or advertised to MC's because the more they are exposed to things as MC's the more they will want to be involved when they become sister's, and they will know how to be involved.

Reach out and encourage Chapters who do not participate or communicate often to be involved:

- The committee would like the council to have open conversations with the chapters who do not participate to fully understand why they do not. From this point the council can make adjustments to the program seeking participation or at the very least have an understanding for the lack of participation. The committee recommends that the council suggest ways to get involved, including how to get involved, and to do so in the fall rather than the spring before everything is over. This way the chapters can build a bond with the council as well.

Find sources of funding outside the Active Chapter so the District can provide new and more opportunities to Sisters:

- The examples provided by the Task Force were sufficient. One recommendation would be to get involved with Shop for a Cause by Macy's.
6. All recommendations of the goals for the 2013-2014 Council have been stated previously. The committee would like to see:
- A bigger push for how to get involved and sooner in the academic year.
  - The activity forums expanded and used as more of a conversation resource.
  - The council to understand why chapters do not participate and to adjust programs to better fulfill needs or simply understand the lack of participation.
  - More of an effort to get non-officers and MC's involved so they are aware of all forms of communication and programs therefore being exposed to everything the District has to offer.
7. The future of the Vision and Direction Committee was discussed and resulted in the following conclusion:
- Because the President needs feedback from the District about how the council, their initiatives, and the District are running. The committee would like to request that Jurisdiction propose the President request feedback from the Task Force on a regular interval. The President will then discuss this feedback with the council and be able to make adjustments. The Task Force will no longer be communicating "goals" to the council but rather "recommending objectives". The Task Force should continue with an open invitation to one person per chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair- Victoria Wolk, Delta Delta

Committee Advisor- Allison Leemann, Eta Gamma NED President '12-'13

Jaime Hughes, Zeta Upsilon

Alyssa Serville, Gamma Kappa

Alexis Best, Theta Phi

Kim Moyer, Epsilon Upsilon

Kristen Ulloa, Eta Sigma

Ijah Wilson, Theta Pi

## SECTION NINE: JOINT COMMITTEES

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

### **Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee**

Convention Site and Publications-March 22nd and 23rd 2013

I. The charges for the 2013 Convention Site and Publications Committee were as follows:

1. Review the District Constitutions
2. Review presentations of all District Convention and Northeast Notes bids.
- 3 Make a recommendations for the Host Chapter for the next year's District Convention and publishing Chapter for Northeast Notes.
4. Review the worth of Northeast Notes as an online publication and make a recommendation to the Councils for the future of Northeast Notes Online.

II. The committee reviewed the district constitutions. District Council had proposed amendments to the constitutions regarding the Northeast Notes. The committee discussed these amendments, gave some feedback to both councils, and agreed on the final jurisdictional changes. Since no bids for hosting District Convention were received by the committee, we discussed ways in which we could make this process easier and encourage bids to be submitted on time at District Convention. As a result we charge the District Council with the following:

1. Utilize resources to make District Convention bids easier to access and more transparent. Some examples include but are not limited to, videos, fact sheets with FAQs and previous district's contact info, example packets and templates for info sheets.
2. Increase advertising for hosting District Convention
3. Run workshops or make them available at Precinct meetings regarding hosting these large events, such as Precincts or Districts.
2. Run the Northeast Notes blog online publication. Consider having one precinct in charge of content for each year.
3. Spotlight certain chapters each month or semester in the Northeast Notes to support the accomplishments of our individual chapters.

III. The Charges for the 2014 Convention Site and Publication committee are as follows:

1. Adding to Constitution details related to criteria decided upon by District Officers.
2. Evaluate the progress of convention bids, resources and tools created by District Officers and how they can be improved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jasmine Johnson, Zeta Omicron- Tau Beta Sigma (Chair)  
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Kyle Ruempler, Beta Chi- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Anthony Ray, Mu Sigma- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Brittney Beland, Iota Phi for Epsilon Upsilon- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Ryan Walsh, Delta Omicron- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Victoria Outhouse, Delta omicron- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Rhannon Milliard, Mu Epsilon- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Michael Knee, Epsilon Upsilon- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Leah Desroechers, Iota Phi- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Kara Fleck, Mu Epsilon- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Justin Rosenthal, Nu Gamma- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Brian Compere, Gamma Xi- Kappa Kappa Psi  
Kevin Mok, Gamma Xi- Kappa Kappa Psi

## Section Ten: 2013-2014 BUDGET

Line Item	Title	2012-2013 Budgeted	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budgeted	2013-2014 Actual	Explanation	2013 Ways & Means Committee Comments
1	Opening Balance	\$ 3,859.08	\$ 3,859.08	\$ 1,834.08			
2	Income						
2.1	Fall Allocations	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,117.33	\$ 1,100.00		money given to us from NHQ based on dues that were turned in on time	
2.11	Spring Allocations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00		money given to us from NHQ based on dues that were turned in on time	Spring 2012 allocations will be updated soon
2.12	NEDAA Donation	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -		Donation from NEDAA	NEDAA does not donate \$ to the District Funds.
2.13	Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 575.00	\$ 800.00		Any money made from district fundraisers	As of 3.18.13: 575; Nicole recommends \$1,000 for 2013/14
2.14	Convention Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		Any extra money made from conventions	
2.15	Delegate Fee	\$ 810.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 810.00		Money from the District Convention Delegate Fees	
2.16	Project Protect Music Collection	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Any monetary donations made to PPM (this line item is a source of tracking as the money will be turned over to the schools in need under expenses)	
2.17	Misc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
3	Total Income	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 2,542.33	\$ 2,910.00			
4	Total Assets	\$ 6,369.08	\$ 6,401.41	\$ 5,409.52		\$ 6,369.08	
5	Expenses						
5.1	Summer Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ 246.42	\$ 300.00		Travel, Food, and Lodging expenses for council for the summer meeting	
5.11	Winter Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 300.00		Travel, Food, and Lodging expenses for council for the winter meeting	
5.12	Delegate Travel Grant	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		Travel Grant Award	
5.13	Mediation	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -		In case a member of the council needs to travel to a chapter	
5.14	NE Notes Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		NE Notes is now all online	
5.15	Life Membership Scholarship	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00		Annually awarded by the VPSP	
5.16	Fundraising	\$ 400.00	\$ 548.91	\$ 400.00		Any expenses for fundraising activities (sweatshirts, pie in the face, etc.)	
5.17	New Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		Any new projects that come up	
5.18	NED Convention Activities	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -		Activities for the District convention that need to be paid	
5.19	Project Protect Music Donation	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Outgoing PPM donations (from the income line)	
5.2	Save our Rep Contribution	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -		Contributions to the National Save Our Rep initiative	
5.21	National Convention/DLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00		Travel, Food, and Lodging expenses for council for National Convention and DLC	
5.22	Honorary Member Dues	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00		Paying the dues of any Honorary Members of the TBS NED	suggest one honorary a year
5.23	Website Material	\$ 100.00	\$ 178.20	\$ -		Hosting, Domain Name, etc.	\$178.20 paid 2012/13 covers until summer 2015
5.24	Misc.	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -			what would misc expenses entail?
6	Total Project Expenses	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 2,083.53	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -		
7	Officer Budgets						
7.1	President	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -		Misc. officer expenses/expenses used for officer projects	
7.11	VPM	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -		Misc. officer expenses/expenses used for officer projects	
7.12	VPSP	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -		Misc. officer expenses/expenses used for officer projects	
7.13	Secretary	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -		Misc. officer expenses/expenses used for officer projects	
7.14	Treasurer	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -		Misc. officer expenses/expenses used for officer projects	
7.15	Alumni Secretary/Historian	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -		Misc. officer expenses/expenses used for officer projects	
7.16	Officer travel - Precincts	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00		Council travel, lodging, and food expenses for Precinct Conventions	7.16 Split from "Officer Travel" into 2 items: "Officer Travel Precincts" & "Officer Travel Districts"
7.17	Officer travel - Districts	n/a	n/a	\$ 500.00		Council travel, lodging, and food expenses for District Conventions	
8	Total Officer Expenses	\$ 1,660.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,000.00			
9	Total Expenses	\$ 4,535.00	\$ 3,613.53	\$ 2,900.00			
10	Closing Balance	\$ 1,834.08	\$ 2,787.88	\$ 2,509.52			

## **SECTION ELEVEN: CHAPTER REPORTS**

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



### **Gamma Kappa**

The Gamma Kappa chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has had a year full of reflection, progress, service, and music and we are so proud to share that with the NED at Convention this year! A good amount of this year for Gamma Kappa has been focused on getting ready for our 50th year anniversary, which will be taking place next year. We started by creating the 50th Year Chair along with a brand new Core Committee. This committee consists of the 50th year chair, website chair, alumni liaison, historian, and President. These chairs were selected to run this committee because we believe that they each represent a crucial part of our 50th year, and its planning. We started our preparations by trying to contact the very people who got us where we are today, our alumni. We have combined our Gamma Kappa and band databases and searched social media, but our most effective alumni contact method was found by each sister trying to contact as far back in their family lines as possible. This not only boosted and refreshed our alumni database, but also gave us a much more personal and direct line to our families. From here we are planning small events and ways to give back to the band which include giving out freshman band survival kits at preseason, supplying snacks periodically during band rehearsal, hosting an ice cream social for the UCMB, and finally giving a large gift to our marching band program as a thanks and celebration of 50 years of service. We'll be kicking off our celebration with an alumni picnic at the end of this year, and are planning on a huge ball at the end of next year! Gamma Kappa is very excited as we look to the future, while simultaneously celebrating our rich past.

With our fundraising efforts this year, we have aimed to raise money to not only fund our future events, but also to help us do service. Some fundraisers we have done are chair setups in UConn's largest performing venue, bake sales for our exhibition trips, bottle drives, selling/making letters for sisters who may not be as creatively inclined, Rose Sales at UConn performing ensemble concerts, selling mini crocheted turtles and pre-made letters at Convention, and selling concessions at band festivals. One of our biggest fundraisers this year was our Open Mic night. We encouraged all to come, perform, and donate to the Sandy Hook Fund. This has been something that has affected many of our sisters very deeply, and our community was brought together by music to help support the regrowth of a community in need. This is an example of fundraising in order to do service, and helping people in need is one of the greatest services we can offer.

For the past year, Gamma Kappa has been involved in many service projects. It all starts in the fall during our busiest time, marching band season. GK and the UConn chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, Delta Omicron, help every week with our gameday procedure which ranges from serving meals, to staying late to clean up the buses after everyone else has left. However, we don't only help our own marching band. We have traveled to multiple high schools around the state to assist with teching their developing band programs. We've aided with both marching and music on a regular basis. Gamma Kappa has also served music by helping to host multiple band festivals on UConn's campus. Our first, the Eastern Regional Band Festival, kept us busy with many jobs such as director hospitality, room set-up and take-down, concert ushering and stage set-up, and various other tasks as needed. The second annual First Chair Honor Band Festival yet again got us involved with our community and budding high school musicians. This band, pioneered by our Sponsor and Director of Bands, Dr. David Mills, is

comprised completely of first chair members of high school bands from around the state. Gamma Kappa assisted TBS Life Member and past NED President, Amy Bovin with the planning and execution of this extremely successful festival, and are proud of how well it ran. We are looking forward to continuing our work within our University and surrounding communities. Other service events have included hosting an Open Mic night to benefit Sandy Hook, fixing up the band's newly acquired building in the depot campus, participating in HuskyThon, an 18 hour long dance marathon, along with helping with both an MS Walk and hosting our own MS 5K here on the UConn campus. Our newest push is for the establishment and execution of our newest flagship project, an annual outdoor benefit concert featuring UConn a capella and other performing groups including our very own Funky Dawgz. We hope to grow this into something in which the entire UConn community can be involved.

Overall, we at Gamma Kappa have had an amazing year, and feel as strong as ever. After bringing in two great classes, Gamma Beta (5 new members), and our current MC's Gamma Gamma (7 MC's), we only feel positivity about the direction in which our chapter is headed. We hope to continue our forward trend of outstanding service, plentiful fundraising, and strong membership as we get closer to our golden 50th year anniversary, all while becoming more involved in District efforts. GKFTW!"

### **Gamma Omega**

The Gamma Omega chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Pittsburgh has been very active this year in our band, in our community, and in our own Central Precinct. This fall, we welcomed six new sisters in the Bond, and this spring we have six new Membership Candidates who are currently on their journey towards becoming our Sisters.

Our main event this year was co-hosting the 2013 Central Precinct Convention with our Brothers, the Alpha Omega chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. We improved our joint relations between chapters, as well as our relationships and communication skills within the Precinct and District as we planned and sent out information about the convention. Through the year, we maintained traditional service projects, such as aiding in uniform fittings and distribution, volunteering with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's Fiddlesticks program, and distribution of away-trip funds. Each year our Sisterhood gifts the band with snacks for Pitt Band Birthday to celebrate our history and our band. Currently, we are working on volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club in Pittsburgh, as well as putting together a team and fundraising for Relay for Life which will take place in April.

Fundraising this year went not only to our chapter and our Precinct fund, but also to our Band and to our videographer who has the goal of purchasing new digital cameras to record our band's performances and special moments. We sold away-game t-shirts, held the traditional end of the season Carnation Sale, organized the March-a-Spot and Pie-in-the-Face fundraisers for Precinct convention, and we continue to sell pizza before Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals to feed our hungry bandsmen and women. Currently, our fundraising chair and committee are working on a VideoGame tournament fundraiser and a second carnation sale for the spring concert band concert in April.

As members of the Sisterhood, we have indeed increased our numbers this year with 6 new members and 6 more on their way, but what truly benefits our membership are the social ties that unite us as Sisters. We have weekly socials where Sisters eat meals together, attend fun university events, see movies, or take a workout class - each of which binds us together not only as Sisters, but as friends. This spring, we are looking forward to taking a visit to our band director's home to strengthen our bond with him, as well as to visit his wife, Peg Anderson, who is a founding mother of our chapter. We will also hold our Sisterhood Retreat where Sisters have a sleepover and participate in exercises that help our communication, our Sisterly bonds, and encourage each other to share our experiences as Sisters and as women at the University of Pittsburgh. "

## Delta Delta

Membership:

Active: 21

Conditional: 2

Membership Candidates: 3

This past fall we brought in a class of six wonderful new members. After taking last spring off, we decided to take a class this spring. We currently have three membership candidates. We have been working to integrate District Membership projects.

Fall/Spring

- Development Night
- Written PME quizzes
- PME interactive activities
- 5/8 Notebook
- Building Blocks
- Progressive Dinner (Joint)
- Informational Tea
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree

Service:

Each year, Delta Delta strives to better our service projects, as well as add quality projects to help serve the bands in the best way possible.

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

- Instrument Petting Zoo
- Relay For Life
- Project Protect Music Donations
- Receptions for Concert Performances
- Concert Attendance
- Sewing New Color Guard Flags
- Women in Music Speaker Series

#### Fundraising:

This has been a great year for fundraising, with the best fundraisers coming up. Spring, with travel season, is usually when we do the most fundraisers. Our bank account is in the best place it has been in recent years, meaning we can afford larger service projects and other activities.

- Bake Sales
- Wrist Bands and Lanyards (Joint)
- iGive
- Selling bracelets and mugs at Districts 2013
- Mullins Center Cleanups (Joint)
- Selling Roses and Carnations at Band Banquet
- Selling Water and Food at Color in the Cage
- Selling Flowers at Color in the Cage
- Chilis' Fundraising Night
- Selling water at Graduation (Joint)

#### Social:

Each semester we have a series of social activities in order to spend quality time as Sisters. This helps us deal with the stress of school and interact on a purely friendship level.

- Destination Unknowns
- Tom Cruise/2.5
- D-Night
- Chocolate Fantasy
- Band Building Sleepover
- Spirit Week
- Game Night Rush Event
- Ice Skating Rush Event
- Ice Cream Rush Event
- Brotherhood Sisterhood Day (Joint)
- Swap Night (joint)
- MC/PM Sleep over (joint)
- Ice Cream Eat off
- Attending Plays on Campus
- Tie Dye Rush Event
- ΣAI/TBΣ Joint Activities
- TBΣ/PMA Glow Golf Event
- Hiking

- Joint Bonding Nights (with Epsilon Nu)

Other:

Delta Delta is also involved in various other activities. This allows us to have strong involvement in each area of Tau Beta Sigma and helps us provide for the band.

- Band Banquet
- History/Membership Night
- Correspondence Night
- Groove and Funk
- Song Workshops
- Ritual Workshops
- Parliamentary Procedure Workshops
- Fine Arts Center Display Board
- District Year Book Page
- Social Retreat in Winter and Summer
- Delta Delta Delivers
- Submission to the Podium and Northeast Notes
- Alumni Day
- Senior Shenanigans
- Hosting District Convention 2013 (Joint)
- Assisting with National Convention 2013 (Joint)
- Greenfield Alumni Concert (Joint)
- Boston Alumni Networking Day (B.A.N.D with Eta Gamma)
- Gamma Kappa Day

Conclusion:

This has been a fantastic year for Delta Delta. The Sisters in this chapter never settle for mediocre and continue to push to better themselves and the band. With all of the changes that have been happening at UMass over the past several years, it is commendable that the Sisters have been able to not only adapt, but thrive in the face of these challenges.

**Delta Nu**

"Over the past year, we've made many strides in the areas of service, membership and fundraising. In service, we have participated in Project Protect Music. Leonard Middle School in Old Town, Maine, has been the school we have helped. We have done volunteer work with setting up and breaking down their concerts.

With membership, we welcomed our Alpha Omega class to the bond in February, and added six new, committed sisters. We have put more of a focus this current semester on member education for all actives, which will be put into full swing when we return from spring break.

We have had a successful year in fundraising as well. We have had social nights to make fresh baked goods for our annual bake sale, which was very successful this past semester. We had a joint ""pennies for pins"" fundraiser with Kappa Kappa Psi which also saw gains in our joint account."

### **Delta Omicron**

The Delta Omicron Chapter at Clarion University has been growing and bonding together as a sisterhood through the areas of service, membership, and fundraising. This past year, we have helped at a local high school with their concession stands during the home football games. The Sisters will take orders and prepare the food. This long time partnership has the band boosters at the school willing to work with us every year. Delta Omicron this year has also, helped with providing snacks and serving meals at football games and performances. Other service projects that the chapter does is Adopt-A-Highway, uniform distribution and collection, and ushering concerts.

This year for membership, we took a class of three. They are wonderful additions to our chapter and will help our chapter grow more in the areas of music professionalism. While this might be a below average class size for our chapter, we were all willing to help them out with what ever problems they faced along there way. We have also begun having continuing membership classes and dinners together to celebrate being a sisterhood.

The fundraising aspect of our chapter has grown over the years, we have amazing fundraisers planned for the future semesters that include selling coupons for a local ice cream shop and canning outside of Walmart for Relay for Life. We have also completed, a joint bake sale and drink mix sales. These fundraisers have helped our chapter grow our bank accounts to help with the functioning of our chapter.

As a whole we are planning a formal date as well as a recital to take place at the end of the Spring Semester. We are all looking forward to the upcoming years of being Sisters and finishing out our degrees.



**Delta Omega**

We are constantly engaging in service throughout our community. This past year we have completed a lot of community service. We have completed projects such as trick or treating for canned good, helping with the downtown trick or treating, helping out with JazzFest and Stringposium at Bloomsburg University. During marching band season we do a lot to prepare for band camp in the summer. Jointly, we help the new freshmen move in during the beginning of move in week.

This past fall we brought in a class of three. They are a great addition to our family. This spring semester we are not taking a class, so this semester we are planning on holding a lot of bonding activities and workshops to better ourselves as individuals and sisters.

During the fall semester we made and sold 'band camp kits' and sold them during band camp. They are always a hit because they are cheap and easy to compile. One of our biggest fundraisers is selling Wolfgang candy. They come seasonally in the holiday seasons. Also, we have made tshirts to sell and raise money.

### **Epsilon Epsilon**

Epsilon Epsilon has seen a lot of growth in the past year. From projects to members, we are making small, but important, steps.

Although our numbers may be small, we added another three girls to our original four-person set at the beginning of the year. We are in the process of creating a new membership plan, which will be put into place this year. We are re-writing it to take into account our past experience (both good and bad), and to also note our competition with the newly formed Sigma Alpha Iota. We're going to test this plan on a smaller scale with our class this semester, but it will be placed fully in effect for the start of the new school year, with a new Vice President of Membership.

In terms of service, although we can't take on larger projects, we do many smaller things. We bake for the music students every Friday (Nom Nom Friday), clean up before and after ensembles, and organize music. We do larger projects with our Brother chapter, such as Adopt-A-Highway, running music major auditions on campus, and facilitating band camp every August. We are getting back into helping the local girl scouts, but we are waiting for the troop to sort out some of their inner problems before we can offer our help.

Fundraising is where we fall short, but we do what we can with bake sales and little things such as stress ball incentives around stressful times of the year. We do need a little help in that area.

We are doing rather well with Joint relations, and also relations with our Brothers and Sisters of PMA and SAI. We do socials together, and we are also going to start an annual Four Family Recital, to be started in the spring of next year.

Overall, we have several good things to be proud of. We work hard for our little chapter, and we're starting to see the rewards of our effort. As time goes by, we're going to be a strong force again.

### Epsilon Rho

The Epsilon Rho chapter of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority Incorporated is a small dedicated group of girls working hard to uphold the mission and fulfill the purposes of our great organization. This year our chapter consisted of only 5 active sisters. This caused us to each take on several jobs at a time to assure that all things were being completed properly. Although we've had some minor issues, we have been working really hard to keep our chapter functioning, to promote music through service and to appeal to the women in our band program.

Our Alumni has been a really big help financially to our chapter. They have even purchased as a surprise new showcase letters for the chapter. However their donations are hardly ever enough to get all the activities we have planned for the band up and going. In the Epsilon Rho chapter we take fundraising really seriously. This year we continued some of our traditional fundraisers to keep money in our account and fund our many activities. Some of these fundraiser included our; Can collection and recycling initiative, Spirit Links - where the section who purchased the most 10 cent spirit links received a pizza party sponsored by us, our multiple 50/50 raffles through out the different spirit weeks. We hosted bake sales, candy sales and sales of any other valuable items at our various event. We understand that money is a very important part of functioning business. Our band family also understands and show their appreciation through their selfless support. In order to kill multiple birds with one stone we like to host exciting events and charge admission. This way we offer entertainment to our band, appeal to the women interested in joining our organization and raise money for bigger better activities and to help with traveling to conventions. Some of our exciting events were our Halloween party entitled "" Bands Will Make'em SKKREAM"", our Date Auction and our All Black Social event to name a few. We've hosted a ""Speed Dating "" event and a ""Battle of the Sexes"" forum where we have snacks for sell at a concession stand. With Founders day right around the corner, we have planned a week filled with events that will allow us to continue to serve and raise money for our chapter.

In the Epsilon Rho chapter we believe in setting a great example for the women in our band program by always being present for practice, learning and perfecting our music or craft, providing service to our band and other programs, and upholding our organizations 5 qualities and 8 essential factors to be the best bandswomen we can possibly be. This year the chapter was given an opportunity to help at the National High school high steppers competition in Charlotte NC. We were given gas money and a hotel room to stay the weekend and assist with the competition. We made announcements, helped set up, helped with concessions and did some recruitment for our band. We are currently anxiously awaiting the annual Trojan Explosion day set for April 27,2013 to continue our initiatives to serve the community through our band program. Trojan explosion day is an annual initiative that brings high school students from different schools in the areas to the campus of Virginia State University for a day to see what its like to be apart of the Trojan explosion. We believe in promoting the fundamentals of being a great bandswoman from the first day of band camp in August, starting with the informal meet and greet. We stress the importance of dedication, hard work and leadership. We host various forums throughout the year to promote the empowerment of women in band. In addition to our annual informal and formal informational meetings, this year we hosted a forum entitled ""Girl Talk"" where we just sit around and talk about ""girl stuff "" and our place in the band and in the world. This year we continued a tradition started just last year, this new forum was entitled ""Are you Woman Enough for the World"". The first year we had our sponsor lead the discussion on preparation for the business world and life after college. This year we asked 3 alumni members ; one who has just graduated from college a yet ago, one who has been out for 5 years and another who has been out for 10 years, to come back and talk about their experiences with life after college and give great preparation tips.

When we first hosted an interest meeting in September only 5 ladies attended the meeting. By the time we held our formal interest meeting the number had tripled. However, unfortunately due to poor final grades, only 4 young ladies qualified to participate in the membership intake classes. This year the classes were great. The ladies were properly taught the information and properly prepared to be informed of our secret. They have been able to explain what the information means to them and apply some of our principles to everyday scenarios. We had lots of sisterhood activities that allowed us to not only bond with the membership candidates but also with our alumni. We were able to learn and grow from one another. Although we have not grown much in size, our love for the band and our sisterhood, our dedication and passion has greatly grown as a chapter.

### **Epsilon Sigma**

We have done many membership activities in the past year including rush events, Membership Candidate Service, chapter and joint socials, fundraising events, and events to better our membership. We plan our rush events to relate to the Purposes, which include rush service events, dinner nights with sisters, and game nights too. During the fall, we always help set up and break down at football games and this is something we encourage our Membership Candidates to help with also. Last semester, we continued our six week process as recently changed and once again combined Second and Third to one day. In the Fall we only had a class of one, but within this Spring semester we welcome our largest class of seven Membership Candidates!

Fundraising this year has included Yankee Candle sales, Mrs. Fields cookie sales, a restaurant night at Friendly's, selling homemade caramel apples, and helping with Bands of America. This semester, we plan on doing Sentsy as well as plan out additional restaurant nights. Also, we are participating in Relay for Life and plan on having a fundraising event that night where we craft bracelets out of can soda tabs. Our treasurer and the finance committee is working hard on planning new and additional events for the semester to help raise money to make a donation for the Wava Tribute as well as prepare the chapter financially for band camp.

We have done many service events this year starting with the marching band season off with breakfast every morning at band camp for the band. We also always help set up and break down on game days and show days. We have had joint service events with the brothers that included help in taking the marching band uniforms to get cleaned before the season and loading the band truck after rehearsals. This semester we are planning on serving our community through participation in Relay for Life. Other service events for the semester have included bringing water to the pep band, organizing folders for the concert band (sometimes done as a Joint project), set up and clean up for Concert band rehearsal and cleaning out the practice rooms. We will be holding a reception after our concert band concert later in the semester and we will show our support with other band concerts through attendance. A new service project for the semester as suggested by our Sponsor is to spruce up rooms for the part-time music staff.

### **Epsilon Upsilon**

Actives: 4

Conditional: 1

Probation: 1

Membership Candidates: 4 (Actives on March 14th)

#### **Service:**

We hemmed and repaired the uniforms for Marching Band season this year during band camp. We also fit the members for their uniforms during band camp as well. We also cleaned out our instrument closet, Uniform closet and cleaned our performance center with our brother chapter, Eta Alpha. During the fall semester we cleaned along the river walkway in town, held a joint Thanksgiving dinner open to the band and raked our band director/sponsors leafs. We also just fitted uniforms for concert band after getting them cleaned. The brothers and the sisters created a joint Relay For Life team opened to the band.

#### **Membership:**

This year our chapter held our rushes during the fall semester. For rush events we had a bring your own shirt tie dye night, recreation night where we played wally ball, Walmart run, joint rush where we played a game called where the great wind blows, and a service rush where we cleaned the uniform storage closet. This year we only took a spring class. During the whole year we held study hours three times a week, for those who wished to attend. This year we periodically held bonding nights to help our chapter strengthen our bond of sisterhood.

#### **Fundraising:**

During the fall semester our biggest fundraiser was a basket raffle that our Beta Eta membership class planned and executed. We created t shirts to honor our retiring band director with some of his famous quotes on the back. We held a joint fundraiser where we made and sold ornaments before Christmas. During the fall semester we did penny wars between the sections. This spring we are doing the penny war again to raise money for our joint Relay for Life team.

### **Epsilon Omega**

This year the Epsilon Omega chapter has been true to our purpose of service. This year we have brought two new service activities to our band; early morning wake-up calls and one on one study sessions. Our early morning wake-up calls were started during the marching band season to help promote on time attendance for early Saturday morning rehearsals and trips. Band members would sign up for a call and sisters of the active chapter would give them two courtesy calls an hour before call time. This ultimately helped improve our on time attendance. Our one on one study sessions were implemented to help promote better grades with in our band. Sisters of the active chapter would offer tutoring services to band members and they would meet at convenient times to go over troublesome material. A few of our other service activities were spirit week during band camp and Homecoming week, spirit bags, band room/instrument room clean-up, uniform maintenance, band nourishment and bus activities during travel season.

We are currently in the middle of our membership education program. Our VPM has constructed a detailed education program consisting of interactive games and activities such as Jeopardy and cross word puzzles that not only gets the Membership Candidates excited about the learning process, but it also gets the active chapter excited about the teaching process. We have increased the number of classes a week to help ensure better retention of the information being taught. The active chapter has a post education class before each MC class to better prepare ourselves for what it is to be taught. We also try to educate the non-members in the band by posting facts about the organization and members on our wall in the band hall and also by hosting informational nights.

This year our chapter has been able to gain better control of our financial responsibilities. Our treasurer has been able to effectively document and distribute the financial information providing a better understanding for the chapter. We have been able to effectively and quickly raise money through fundraisers such as candy sales and Chic-Fil-A fundraiser nights. We are currently working on music and auxiliary clinics that will be open for non-band members. We will invite students to come and experience what it is like to be apart of our band for a fee.

### **Zeta Omicron**

The Zeta Omicron chapter has been hard at work to aid the band and the community. We've welcomed fourteen Members in Training over the course of the year, more than doubling our initial membership.

Zeta Omicron has been involved in many service projects within the Blacksburg and Virginia Tech communities. Zeta Omicron is extremely active during band camp, welcoming new students and helping the event to run smoothly. We provided a move-in service for incoming freshmen and offered refreshments to new recruits during the long, hot days of camp. Our chapter provides breakfast for the Marching Virginians on home-game days. We sort and redistribute marching uniforms after they've been cleaned, collate drill charts, and coordinate Band Parents' Day and Alumni Weekend events. During Homecoming Week, the chapter sponsored Penny Wars to raise money for the Marching for ALS campaign. Sisters sort music for the marching and concert bands, and make ourselves available to the music faculty for odd jobs around the department. We usher and stage-manage for student recitals, concerts, guest artists, and speakers in the music department. The sisters label and stuff envelopes and mailers, fold programs, and post advertisements for the music faculty. ZO is also extremely active in our annual VT Honor Band, helping to coordinate and organize the event. This year, we also provided volunteers for the Montgomery County Educational Foundation benefit concert, helping to raise over \$4,000 for public arts education.

Fundraisers have been increasingly lucrative this year, especially with merchandise sales during marching season. The chapter sells license plate covers, Band Parent polo shirts, mugs, toothpick holders, and t-shirts to the Marching Virginians and their families. We hosted spirit nights, handing out fliers to gain a percentage of restaurant sales during several evenings each semester. In April, Zeta Omicron will host Acafestapella, a collaborative concert by all of the a capella groups on campus. The chapter charges admission to the concert and helps to promote the music of the vocal ensembles. The chapter also plans to sell merchandise to brothers and sisters at convention in the Spring.

Sisterhood has been a main focus of the Zeta Omicron chapter this year. Our membership chair has led countless activities to strengthen the bond within our sisterhood. We hold a weekly workshop with the five and the eight, taking time from each chapter meeting to recognize sisters for exhibition of the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma. After our chapter meetings (while our MiTs are meeting with the VPM), sisters come together and participate in various membership and bonding activities. We did a breakdown and discussion of the preamble, analyzing the true meaning and discussing ways to implement the clauses in our daily lives. We held a reflection activity called "Letters to Wava", giving sisters an opportunity to remember our founder and express what Tau Beta Sigma has contributed to our lives. Zeta Omicron held "chapter talks", discussing our strengths and weaknesses and how to best serve based on our observations. Our membership chair facilitated an "email telephone" goal challenge over winter break, giving sisters an opportunity to stay connected and plan for the spring semester. We passed a journal from sister to sister and document instances of chapter members carrying out the five and the eight in our daily lives. In the fall, we held a chapter mini-retreat to promote bonding and to get to know our MiTs. Later this semester we will hold a chapter retreat, and spend a weekend building our bond as sisters.



### **Zeta Upsilon**

#### **Membership**

This year, Zeta Upsilon was charged with the duty to improve the diversity of our membership classes. In the past, we have had a great deal of color guard members, and certain sections of the band were better represented than others. We took this to heart with our Beta Delta class in Fall 2012. We initiated four wonderful Sisters (one in color guard, and three band members) and they have already made great contributions to the Sisterhood. We have begun Beta Epsilon's process with twelve membership candidates (four color guard and eight band members), and it has been going well thus far. Our MC Activities are lots of fun and many Sisters attend which has helped them get to know and become more connected with the MC's.

#### **Service**

Our service projects during the Fall semester focus on assisting the marching band as much as possible. This year, we greatly improved both our joint relationship and service to the marching band by hosting the welcome back band picnic at the beginning of band camp, helping with the setup and tear down of the band field at every rehearsal and working jointly on setting up and tearing down the large rehearsal room in the music building. This year we also sponsored awards for the band banquet, including a \$250 scholarship for a deserving band member. In the Spring, we focus more on assistance with band concerts, including setup and tear down and hosting receptions after the concert. We also help run the Field of View indoor color guard show. We have also started the task of organizing the music library in our music building, which includes sorting music, making sure it is accurate and includes all parts, and cataloging it. Another project that we have started this year is our Adopt a Band program. In this, we selected a high school with a band program that has had some difficulty (Chichester High School) and will be available for help with lessons, running rehearsals, support at concerts, and assistance with their fundraisers. We will also make a \$500 donation to the program at the end of the year.

#### **Fundraising**

Our fundraising efforts have been going magnificently this year. Through weekly bake sales, we have almost doubled our bank account over the year. We pass around signup sheets for baking and sitting at the table and Sisters sign up in exchange for service hours. The students of the music building have grown accustomed to having these every week and we are almost always cleaned out of baked goods. Our other fundraisers include ""Dining to Donate"" which is hosted by Applebee's. This fundraiser is completed by passing out flyers, which patrons bring to the restaurant and give to the server, which allows us to get 10% of their bill donated to us. We also sell candy grams at many of the concerts held in the music building and have been/will be selling sets of letters to both TBS and KKPsi chapters during the travel season.

**Eta Alpha**

As a chapter, we have done a lot of service with local high school programs to help them out with band competitions this year. We have worked with West Genesee and Liverpool high schools in particular. We have continued this into the spring by helping out with winter guard shows.

Membership has been going well this year; we have a class of 13 nearing the end of their process right now. They have been able to enjoy traditional events such as Wava Bowl, and gotten in on newer events such as a joint iron chef competition.

Fundraising has continued to sell headbands throughout the year. We also sold pins at one point. We mostly sell crafts throughout the year, which could probably be expanded to do things like restaurant fundraisers and such as well.

### **Eta Gamma**

Boston University 15 Actives, 2 Conditional

This year Eta Gamma focused on executing and evaluating Service Projects which serve the Boston University Band. At the beginning of the year 8 active Sisters undertook the task of fitting and assigning uniforms to over 90 students in the BU Marching Band. We also performed such tasks as freshmen welcome kits, first aid kits at every event, and water coolers for rehearsals. This year we were excited to be able to go on Fall Tour and Perform at the Allentown Collegiate Band Festival. Sisters were in charge of many tasks on the trip such as setting up breakfast and carrying emergency uniform parts. As we transitioned out of Marching Band season, we provided receptions at concert band concerts and performed a lot of service for our Pep Band. This year we added the service of ""Bouncer"" where we stick around in the band room prior to a game to ensure that the doors are all locked and people's belongings are secure. We also were able to provide uniform measuring and fitting service to the Winter Percussion Ensemble. Eta Gamma is excited to soon be executing some outside community service at a local elementary school as well as undertake the librarian responsibilities for the BU Bands.

This year we executed our biggest annual fundraiser and social event for the BU Bands, Pie Day. We also worked with our Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi Theta Beta on an Agganis Clean Up at our local arena. This spring we are selling bracelets to our student fan section, the Dog Pound, that say ""Shippin' Up to Boston"" and we will sell stress baskets that parents can buy and we deliver to students during exam time.

Eta Gamma was fortunate enough to have 4 new members become the Alpha Lambda Class of our chapter. Rebekah Forsey, John Mazza, Lauren Wojtowicz, and Yu ""Joe"" Zhou were enthusiastic and fantastic Membership Candidates. They were initiated on December 15th after a 6 week MEP. They are now all blossoming into phenomenal Sisters in our Chapter who are eager to step up and have their voices be heard. Eta Gamma also has a successful year long Continuing Education Program that we implement. The first semester follows closely along with the information that the Membership Candidates learn during their MEP. Second semester all Active Sisters implement activities, which are based on Project Good Member and the 8&5. We do a weekly activity that makes us live by the ideals in our daily lives and reflect upon the meaning of our Sisterhood and ideals.

### **Eta Delta**

This year the illustrious Eta Delta Chapter has encompassed our vision statement by not only fulfilling, but expanding upon our main goals of service, membership, and fundraising. We provided the band with organized and concentrated service activities. Our chapter provided survival kits for the freshmen women, before Band Camp, with personalized welcome letters and we moved in every freshmen girl into their dorm and helped get them acclimated with Howard University. Eta Delta sisters began going to local high schools in the middle of November. Ever since then, sisters attend their designated schools and have established great relationships with the students. Also in November, the entire chapter went to Anacostia Watershed for their Tree Planting Project and helped to plant over 500 trees. The chapter loves the winter season because we get to usher at the HU Jazz Ensemble Concerts and the Annual University Choir Holiday Concert. Also, during that time we wrote holiday cards to troops through the American Red Cross, collected Make a Wish List Letters to Santa Claus for the Make a Wish Foundation, participated in the Angel Tree Project with the Howard University Chapel Assistants, held a Musical Toy Drive, and served for the Angel Wings Ministries in Baltimore, MD. Lastly we donated funds to Cass Tech High School to help their band get to Inauguration.

The Elegant Divas have inducted honorary members, done recruitment fairs, and hosted events through fall until the present. In August, we inducted the infamous Sheila E. as an honorary member of the Eta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Sisters conducted an on campus tour and did a presentation of our sorority to Cass Tech High School from Detroit, Michigan and Town View Magnet Center from Dallas, Texas. During the marching and pep band seasons we utilize our S.O.S. (Sisters of Showtime) mentoring program by giving objectives to be completed by the Bigs/Littles together. We assign upperclassmen women in the band to freshmen women in the band and hold events, and projects for the big and little sisters. This is a great tool for membership because most of the little sisters of the chapter sisters come to seek membership into our sorority. Also, during these band seasons we personally invite the young women in the band to all of our events. This shows a personal interest in each woman in the band. We participated in the Honda Recruitment Fair in Atlanta, Georgia and the Recruitment fair for the National Band Association symposium for High School band students in Maryland.

Lastly, the Eta Delta Chapter has fundraises throughout the year to frequently build revenue. Our largest fundraiser to date was the Female Date Auction. Also, during the auction we held a Silent Cake Auction, which also was a success. During the marching band season, every other Friday the chapter has our Eta Delta Bakery, which consists of cupcakes, brownies, and cookies. In August, the chapter hosted a car wash as our first fundraiser of the year prior to band camp. Every week, especially the first Friday of every month we sell our Spirit Pins. We sell these pins to all members of the band, alumni, Divine 9 organizations, Non Divine 9 organizations, and other organizations on campus. We recently finished our Valentine's Day fundraiser, Sweets and Treats. This was a fundraiser for the entire campus to enjoy, and was a great success. The year is not over and there is a lot more to come for the Eta Delta chapter before the year is completed.

### **Eta Iota**

This year has truly been a remarkable and memorable academic year for the Eta Iota chapter at Delaware State University. From the start of band camp in August to the senior graduation in May our chapter has grown and developed into a wonderful organization that has already took many by storm; and we are still growing. This year the Eta Iota chapter set and are continuing to accomplish many goals such as; growth in our chapter, assisting our band program, and gaining the interest of our band members.

In the 2012 fall semester the Eta Iota chapter brought in eight new initiates. These wonderful ladies have helped us to reach our goal of growth in our chapter and gaining the support of our band director. Since the last convention our chapter has expanded from three people to thirteen people. This great expansion has also allowed us to do more as a chapter and for our band.

We have taken advantage of the spring semester to raise funds as well as engulf ourselves in service projects. We have played an integral part in service projects such as a prom fair with the Fairy GodSisters of Delaware and Clothes4Souls Clothing Drive. These projects have helped us to reach out to a broader horizon of service.

**Eta Rho****Membership:**

We started off this year with 18 active and 3 conditional sisters. In the fall, we put through 7 new sisters, including our 5th boy in our chapter's history! The class was made up of extremely strong willed and involved MCs who added great commitment to the organization. We now have 9 MCs this spring semester, which not only is our chapter's biggest class ever, adds another boy and makes our chapter over half color guard members. The current class, the Beta Gammas, are all doing wonderfully with their process. They have about two more weeks left until they become sisters! Taking 16 new members this year has made our chapter not only expand number-wise, but has added more strength and dedication to service and sisterhood.

**Fundraising:**

This year, the chapter started off in extreme debt with approximately \$30 in our account. We have done several fundraisers since July and are now able to donate \$1000 to the Wava memorial and still have leftovers! Our fundraisers were geared towards our marching band program. We sold t-shirts, cups, ear warmers, Christmas ornaments, and car magnets as well as fundraised at our bands' summer band camp showcase and our large high school band competition we host every fall. We are currently having fundraisers to raise money for a Membership fund that would go towards sisters in great financial need.

**Service:**

We have done numerous service events and projects this year. During band camp, we help freshmen move into their dorms, fit and distribute uniforms, and give out refreshments in the hot weather. During the band season, we have established Podium, Pit, and Gameday crews that help with logistics around the field, distribute water and food during games, and help out with whatever the band staff needs. We also set up and work our Parade of Champions high school band competition. On a weekly basis, we have timeslots to help in the band office doing various tasks set up by the band staff. We have done two Adopt-a-Highway events, are participating in Relay for Life, usher concerts in our performing arts center, and work with local school bands by helping with district and state band auditions and organizing music libraries.

### **Eta Sigma**

We have done many membership activities in the past year including rush events, Membership Candidate Service, chapter and joint socials, fundraising events, and events to better our membership. We plan our rush events to relate to the Purposes which include rush service events, dinner nights with sisters, and game nights too. During the fall, we always help set up and break down at football games and this is something we encourage our Membership Candidates to help with also. Last semester, we continued our six week process as recently changed and once again combined Second and Third to one day. In the Fall we only had a class of one, but within this Spring semester we welcome our largest class of seven Membership Candidates!

Fundraising this year has included Yankee Candle sales, Mrs. Fields cookie sales, a restaurant night at Friendly's, selling homemade caramel apples, and helping with Bands of America. This semester, we plan on doing Sentsy as well as plan out additional restaurant nights. Also, we are participating in Relay for Life and plan on having a fundraising event that night where we craft bracelets out of can soda tabs. Our treasurer and the finance committee is working hard on planning new and additional events for the semester to help raise money to make a donation for the Wava Tribute as well as prepare the chapter financially for band camp.

We have done many service events this year starting with the marching band season off with breakfast every morning at band camp for the band. We also always help set up and break down on game days and show days. We have had joint service events with the brothers that included help in taking the marching band uniforms to get cleaned before the season and loading the band truck after rehearsals. This semester we are planning on serving our community through participation in Relay for Life. Other service events for the semester have included bringing water to the pep band, organizing folders for the concert band (sometimes done as a Joint project), set up and clean up for Concert band rehearsal and cleaning out the practice rooms. We will be holding a reception after our concert band concert later in the semester and we will show our support with other band concerts through attendance. A new service project for the semester as suggested by our Sponsor is to spruce up rooms for the part-time music staff.

### **Eta Chi**

Over the past semester, Eta Chi has not only grown in numbers, but has become more involved with other chapters. As sisters, we are striving for stronger connections- with our brother chapter as well as with the NED. Right now, there are seventeen active sisters, excluding three who unfortunately had to go conditional. However, we have taken an MC class of five, the biggest spring class Eta Chi has taken in four years. Our MCs are very enthusiastic and always volunteer to help with any service project the chapter is working on.

In the past few months, we have helped run the RIMEA Jazz Festival. High school bands come in to our college to be scored on their performances. As a chapter, Eta Chi makes sure everything runs smoothly. We take care of check in, and make sure the judges have all the materials they need and then we tally the final score. During Band Camp, Eta Chi makes sure the band members stay hydrated and well-prepared for the season by providing water and ""Band-aid"" kits. In the past year, we have gone caroling at Nursing homes, cleaned up trash outside of our school's Fine Art Center, and have contacted local high schools for Project Protect Music. One of our alumni sisters is currently teaching in Albania. Eta Chi gathered together sheet music and donated beginner instruments to send to her students.

Besides that, we sell roses and water at every band concert at the University of Rhode Island for fundraising. The chapter attempted to do a Mary Kay fundraiser. It wasn't as successful as we had hoped, but we plan to try again. We also plan to sell white and blue para-cord bracelets at the 2013 Districts Convention. If this is successful, we plan to sell more para-cords to the other students on campus. The sisters of Eta Chi all have a plethora of wonderful, crafty ideas that we cannot wait to start.



### **Theta Pi**

The Theta Pi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has been thoroughly involved over the last year. We've completed service projects such as Stand By Me: Restorations of Chairs and Stands, Operation Lock It Up: Locker Maintenance, Sew 'Em Up and Button 'Em Down: Uniform Maintenance amongst many others. These programs have provided a way to keep our band, The Mighty Symphony of Soul, running like a well oiled machine.

In addition to our service projects we have created several forums/clinics to help excel our bandsmen and women to a higher level of musicianship. Examples of these programs are Arranging Music 101 Q&A and Rhythm Clinics.

Some of our biggest fundraisers of the year come from selling refreshments during the marching season before and after football games, bake sales before band concerts and raffles during the basketball season. We use some of these proceeds to provide meals for the band during events such as homecoming and to create socials such as game and movie/nacho nights.

**Theta Phi**

This year, the Theta Phi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has grown in more ways imaginable. We've had a lot of positive support and feedback. With regards to service, we are fortunate to perform service on a daily basis. Everyday from 3:45-4:45 we volunteer with Sound Scapes, mentoring children on the instruments and reading music. We perform Adopt-a-Spot every other Saturday and work with the children at our daycare on campus once a week. In the midst of our off campus service, we make an effort to ask our band directors if there is anything we may assist them with.

With regards to membership, we have Fall intake at our University. We initiated 7 little sisters and they are more than eager to serve the band. Our classes are about 6 women each year and we are currently 18 active members strong. We have a strong MEP that guided us throughout our intake education.

Fundraising wise, we sell donuts at each home game and make great profit. We plan to begin our car washes with the Spring season quickly approaching.

**Iota Alpha**

This past year we have done several different service projects. The biggest one was helping out a local girl scout troop and doing musical activities with them. We are trying to establish another project with a local elementary school to help out at a concert, either playing or being ushers. we are trying to branch out and help as often as possible. We also participate in relay for life every year, and have a joint service project with another club on campus in the works. A active sister is a member of the club we are trying to work with, and hopefully everything goes as planned.

Membership has been wonderful. We are currently taking in a class of 7 MCs and they are all wonderful, everyone is extremely excited to welcome them into the sisterhood. The current members all love them and I know that the bond will be stronger in the following years. The band recently went to the MAAC Tournament in Springfield MA and we had a TBS dinner at a local restaurant. We all had a wonderful time and we are truly sisters in the bond!

Fundraising has been an issue for us because of the way the college handles our accounts. We do not have the power to save money for the next year. Most of our funds are allocated and we are only allowed 2 fundraisers a semester. At the end of the year, our accounts are zeroed out.

**Iota Kappa**

Active Sisters: 9

Membership Candidates: 10

**SERVICE:** Our year begins with band camp, when we put together the drill binders for all of the band members before the first full day of camp. On the days that we work on marching, Sisters hand out freeze pops as the band members file onto the buses after practice. Over the course of band camp we also help the band directors with odd jobs that need to be done. During the marching season, most Sisters hold leadership positions and assist the band on a personal level as we are available. We also participate in a pop tab collecting competition, where, if the band wins, the prize money is used to purchase items that the band needs over the course of the season, such as the binders for band camp. Some long term projects we've been working on are the creation of a digital CD catalogue, ushering at concerts for the music department, and assisting the band directors with ""Festival Fridays""--a program for high school band students at UVA. This year we are trying to work with the Girl Scouts and local middle and high schools.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Iota Kappa puts one class through in the spring of each year, and this spring we have ten MCs. We have many different rush events each January, including activities like smores night, game night, tie dye wars, IHOP dinners, and a scavenger hunt (with KKPsi). The MCs then participate in membership education for the next few months, crossing over in April.

**FUNDRAISING:** Our primary fundraising occurs during the marching season, during our Friday and Saturday practices. We sell Cavalier Marching Band merchandise to parents, visitors, and band members. KKPsi also sells merchandise at these times. This year we were able to sell tshirts, bracelets, and sunglasses at Southern Precincts. We are currently brainstorming new fundraisers for the coming years.

### **Iota Pi**

Over the past year our chapter has developed an understanding of growth with each committee we have. The Iota Pi Chapter continues to improve in a number of ways. We hold various workshops and forums to discuss topics of business etiquette, leadership qualities, and communication. These workshops not only helped our newly insisted sisters, but many of our fellow band members.

We have had a number of service projects such as band room clean up day where we completely clean the band room from top to bottom. we also distributed out band uniforms, polish instruments, collect clothes for victims of hurricane sandy and many other things. Our fundraisers this year have been extremely fun. We have continued to host our annual Walking Taco sale but this time we incorporated our infamous smoothies on campus. We have also hosted bake sales and 50/50 raffles, Valentines raffle and much more.

We are excited to have four membership candidates this semester. We are currently in the process of our Membership classes. In order to help our MC's learn and understand our wonderful history and information. We re-purposed the Jeopardy game show format to assist members and candidates with learning Tau Beta Sigma and chapter history. We encourage writing daily experiences in a journal to state how the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma relates to your everyday life.

## SECTION TWELVE: ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS



### NEDAA President's Final Report

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

University of Massachusetts

Change can be scary and exciting all at the same time. It can be overwhelming for some but a thrilling ride of new things for others. For myself, coming in as President of the Northeast District Alumni Association was an exciting but terrifying change. As I started the year, i found that i would have much more responsibility, lead a pack of amazing officers, and be able to fill the shoes of the accomplished past president, Marcus. But why should this be scary? This should be and was an AMAZING experience.

Throughout our conference calls, our officers have taken the established ground work and were able to build a positive infrastructure. We created a new and working listserv. Our yahoo listserv was obsolete and we had difficulty monitoring and adding members. We created a new google listserv that is easily manageable for our secretary, and are test running the features of google calendars. We are in the process of organizing and formatting our membership. For our renewing members, we have created a paperless system to register and pay dues. Lastly, we created a new award for the district. We have created the Ritual replacement award for which we will award one Kappa Kappa Psi and one Tau Beta Sigma chapter in the NED. We will give \$50 towards a replacement item for their ritual needs, whether it is falling apart, or can't afford to replace or purchase.

At banquet, we will present our various award winners for the 2012-2013 year.

We strive to continue to serve as alums for our district through support, assistance and serve you'll, the northeast district of kkkpsi and tbs. we are here for you

Our officers for the 12-13 year are Steve Hrabak, Kat Tribulki, Sarah Fitzgerald, Kimberly Ahokas. We will introduce our new officers for the 13-14 year at banquet this evening during our presentation of our awards.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erica Hamilton  
President of NEDAA

Life member- Iota Delta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi  
Tau Beta Sigma Honorary- North East District

“Tau Beta Sigma for Greater Bands”

