



# TAU BETA SIGMA

Northeast District Convention Minutes

March 14-15, 2014

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# **Northeast District Convention**

Minutes from the 2014 Meetings

Held March 14 – 15, 2014

Hosted by the University of Connecticut

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2013-2014 Northeast District Secretary

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## **SECTION ONE: JOINT AND SEPARATE MINUTES**

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

### **Friday, March 14**

Opening Joint Session  
Opening Separates Session  
Separates Session  
Joint Session

### **Saturday, March 15**

Separates Session  
Closing Joint Session  
Closing Separates Session

## **Opening Joint Session**

**Friday, March 14, 2013**

**Rome, University of Connecticut**

The 2014 Northeast District Convention was called to order at 8:23 AM on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT with Emily Anstey, NED President, and Seth Sacher, NED President, as presiding officers.

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

Seth Sacher & Emily Anstey

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

**President:** Emily Anstey

**Vice-President of Membership:** Maddie Lauver

**Vice-President of Special Projects:** Taylor Light

**Secretary:** Jessica Gamble

**Alumni Secretary and Historian:** Christopher Lukasik

**Parliamentarian:** Sarah Lenau

**Webmaster:** Shannon Brady (absent)

**Counselor:** Anthony Barbir

**President:** Seth Sacher

**Vice-President:** Doug Warford

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Molly Lepore

**Member at Large:** Amanda Polanowski

**Historian and Alumni Liaison:** Emily Thomas

**Governors:** Casey Goodwin, Marie Burleigh

**Recognition of Dignitaries by District Presidents:**

Dr. Kathryn Garrett Kelly, National Vice-President of Colonization & Membership, Past NEDAA Vice President, Past NED Counselor, Past NED President, Past NED Treasurer  
Amy Bovin Dauphinais, National Vice-President of Communication & Recognition, Past NED President, Past NED Secretary, Past NEDAA Vice President, Colony Advisory Iota Pi  
Kelly Eidson, Board of Trustee Chair  
Lisa Croston, Board of Trustee Chair, National Historian  
Tamara Henry, TBSAA Executive Council, Past NED Vice President, Past NED Treasurer  
Cathy Miles, Epsilon Omega Sponsor, Spiritual and Song leader  
Sue Robash Carr, PAST TBSAA Chair, Past NED Counselor, Past Board of Trustee Chair, Past TBSAA Executive Council  
Nicole Kemp, Immediate Past NED Counselor, Past NED President  
Kristen Collins, Past NED President  
Kat Tribulski, Past NEDAA Vice-President, Past NED Vice President of Special Projects, Past NED Treasurer  
Victoria Wolk, Past NED Secretary  
Shayln Guthery, Past MWD Secretary – Treasurer  
Allison Leeman, Immediate Past NED President  
Zara Simpson, Immediate PAST NED Secretary  
Alana Leeti, Immediate Past NED Vice President of Special Projects

**Introduction & message from Dr. Mills**

**Call for 2015 Northeast District Convention Host Bids:**

Omicron - West Virginia University submit a bid  
Gamma Omega and Alpha Omega - University of Pittsburgh submit a bid  
Iota Alpha and Kappa Upsilon - Marist College submit a bid  
Eta Alpha and Eta Phi - Syracuse University submit a bid  
Zeta Upsilon and Eta Rho - West Chester University submit a bid

**Remarks from NEDAA** presented by Sarah Fitzgerald, NEDAA Secretary

Call for Alumni Communication Award Submissions

Announcements about NEDAA Fundraisers

**NEDAA Keynote Speech:**

Zach White, Omicron

**Host Chapter Announcement presented by host chapter co – chairs:**

Sara Lapante and Cheyanna Fournier

**Joint Council Announcements**

**General Announcements from the Floor**

The Opening Joint Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 9:03AM on Friday, March 14, 2014.

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# Opening Separates Session #1

Friday, March 14, 2014

## VDM, the University of Connecticut

The Separate Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was called to order 9:22 AM on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the University of Massachusetts.

**Welcome from District President & District Council** delivered by Emily Anstey

**Welcome from District Counselor**, Anthony Barbir

### Recognition of Dignitaries

Dr. Kathryn Garrett Kelly, National Vice-President of Colonization & Membership, Past NEDAA Vice President, Past NED Counselor, Past NED President, Past NED Treasurer

Amy Bovin Dauphinais, National Vice-President of Communication & Recognition, Past NED President, Past NED Secretary, Past NEDAA Vice President, Colony Advisory Iota Pi

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Victoria Wolk, Past NED Secretary

Shayln Guthery, Past MWD Secretary – Treasurer

Allison Leeman, Immediate Past NED President

Zara Simpson, Immediate PAST NED Secretary

Alana Leeti, Immediate Past NED Vice President of Special Projects

### Call for Past Awards

### Call for District History Projects

### Call for Officer Candidate Packets

Given to Nominations Committee and Delegates

### Roll Call and Seating of the Delegates:

Absent: Delta Nu

Proxy to: Gamma Kappa

Absent: Delta Omicron

Proxy to: Gamma Omega

Absent: Iota Kappa

Proxy to: Eta Rho

Absent: Iota Pi

Proxy to: Zeta Upsilon

Absent: Gamma Chi

Proxy to: Theta Phi

**\* At the end of roll call and delegate seating of the 2014 NED Convention, the seating rotation ended with the Eta Chi chapter. The next chapter on the seating rotation will be Iota Alpha for the 2015 NED Convention.**

**Motion to Accept the 2013 Northeast District Convention Minutes as Written**

First: Delta Delta

Second: Gamma Kappa

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes. The 2013 NED Minutes will be placed on file.

**Introduction of the Nominations Chair**

Megan Miranda, Eta Alpha

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

**Explanation of the Election Process** presented by Sarah Lenau

**Meet and Greet the Candidates Session** led by Megan Miranda

**Announcement about Committees/Workshops**

**General Announcements from the Floor**

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**Council Announcements**

The Opening Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was 10:28 AM recessed at on Friday, March 14.

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# Separates Meeting, Second Session

Friday, March 14, 2014

## VDM, University of Connecticut

The Separate Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 6:30 PM on Friday March 22, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts

### Roll Call of Delegates

Absent: Theta Phi

Proxy: Iota Alpha

### National Leadership Team Presentation

#### Final Officer Reports & Officer Awards:

**Parliamentarian** presented by Sarah Lenau

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta

Second: Theta Phi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

**Alumni Secretary and Historian** presented by Christopher Lukasik

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta

Second: Eta Delta

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Historian Award Presented to Nicole Martin

Alumni Secretary Award Presented to Yu Zhou

**Treasurer** presented by Raeshayla Murphy

Motion to accept report as written

First: Epsilon Omega

Second: Theta Pi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Treasurer Award presented to Amanda Pennypacker

**Secretary** presented by Jessica Gamble

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Omega

Second: Delta Omicron

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Secretary Award presented to Hayley Bannister

**VPSP** presented by Taylor Light

Motion to accept report as written

First: Zeta Omicron

Second: Gamma Kappa

Oppose: 0



Abstain: 0

Motion passes

VPSP Award presented to Jackie Cotto

**Vice President of Membership** presented by Madelyn Lauver

Motion to accept report as written

First: Zeta Upsilon

Second: Beta Eta

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

VPM Award presented to India Issac

**Nominations Committee Preliminary Report** delivered by Megan Miranda

All candidates are eligible to run.

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**General Announcements from the floor**

**Council Announcements**

The Separate Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 7:48pm on Friday, March 14, 2014.

# **Joint Meeting, Second Session**

**Friday, March 14, 2013**

**Rome, University of Connecticut**

The Joint Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 9:43 PM on Friday March 14, 2014 at the University of Connecticut.

**Preliminary Report of the Joint Committee for Convention Site and Publication** delivered by Alyssa Serville, and Dee Hibbard,

**Order of Presentation:**

West Virginia University

Syracuse University

University of Pittsburg

West Chester University

Marist College

**General Announcements from the Presidents**

**Host Chapter Announcements**

The Joint Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 10:42 PM on Friday March 14, 2013.

# **Separates Meeting, Third Session**

**Saturday, March 15, 2013**

## **VDM, University of Connecticut**

The Separate Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 10:32 AM on Saturday March 15, 2014 at the University of Connecticut

### **Call out of recess & Welcome Back**

#### **Roll Call of Delegates**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee** presented by Shannon Mackey

First: Delta Delta

Second: Epsilon Rho

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

**Award Lottery** presented to Alyssa Serville, Gamma Kappa

**Ways & Means Committee Report** presented by Dominique Landrum

First: Zeta Upsilon

Second: Iota Alpha

Opposed: Epsilon Sigma

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

**Outstanding Service award** presented to Iota Pi

**Alumni Affairs Committee Report** presented by Ivania Morales

First: Beta Eta

Second: Eta Gamma

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

**Music Awareness Award** presented to Eta Delta

**District History Award** presented to Eta Delta

**Programs Committee Report** presented by Cydney McGuire

First: Eta Delta

Second: Eta Alpha

Opposed: 0

Abstain: Gamma Kappa

Motion passes.

**Golden Typewriter Award** presented by Maddie Lauver & Jessica Gamble

**Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Report** presented by Marrisia Moore

First: Iota Pi  
Second: Epsilon Upsilon  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Motion passes.

**Unsung Hero** Award presented to Lauren Matzoni, Delta Omega

**Jurisdiction Committee Report** presented by Taliah Royal

First: Eta Delta  
Second: Delta Omicron  
Opposed: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Motion passes.

**Changes to the Constitution:**

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

First: Zeta Omicron  
Second: Iota Alpha  
Oppose: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Motion passes

Motion to accept the changes for the Secretary block as written

First: Delta Nu  
Second: Delta Omega  
Opposed:0  
Abstain:0  
Motion Passes

**Discussion**

Motion to accept the changes for the Alumni Sec/Historian block as written

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

Motion to accept the changes for Parliamentarian block as written

First: Zeta Upsilon  
Second: Eta Delta  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Motion passes

Motion to accept the changes for Joint Convention and Publication block as written

First: Epsilon Omega

Second: Epsilon Sigma  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Motion Passes

Motion to accept the changes to Check that all information in the constitution corresponds with current practices in the district 3.302 block as written

First: Eta Rho  
Second: Epsilon Rho  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Motion passes.

### **Discussion**

Motion to accept the changes from section 3.203 to add 3.204

First: Gamma omega, iota kappa  
Second: Iota Kappa  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained:0

### **Discussion**

Motion to accept the changes from section 3.205

First: Beta Eta  
Second: Zeta Upsilon  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0

### **Discussion**

Motion to accept the changes 8.101

First: Eta Rho  
Second: Eta Chi  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Motion passes

### **Discussion**

Motion to accept that changes for section 8.201

First: Epsilon Epsilon  
Second: Gamma Omega  
Opposed:0  
Abstained:0  
Motion passes

Motion to accept the changes to be in accordance with National Constitution

First: Delta Nu  
Second: Eta Delta  
Opposed  
Abstained  
Motion passes

**Phenomal Sister Award** presented to Katie Hale

**Nominations Committee Report** presented by Megan Miranda

First: Epsilon Rho, Iota Alpha  
Second: Iota Alpha  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: Epsilon Epsilon  
Motion passes.

Slated Candidates

President: Jessica Gamble  
VPM: Christopher Lukasik  
VPSP: Monika Monk  
Secretary: Shannon Mackey  
Treasurer: Cydney McGuire  
Alumni Secretary/Historian: Ivania Morales

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**General Announcements**

**Council Announcements**

The Separate Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 11:52AM on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

## Closing Joint Session

Saturday, March 15, 2013

### Jorgenson Auditorium, the University of Connecticut

The Joint Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 2:22 PM on Saturday March 15, 2014 at the University of Connecticut

#### Announcements from the Presidents

#### Announcements from Host Chapters

**Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee Final Report** presented by Alyssa Serville, and Dee Hibbard,

*Report available in Section IX*

Motion to accept report as written:

Slated: West Chester University

First: Gamma Kappa,

Second: Delta Omicron,

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 3

Oppose: 4

Abstain: 5

Motion passes.

#### Nominates from the floor:

Delta Delta, nominated Syracuse University

2<sup>nd</sup> Zeta Alpha

Omicron nominates University of Pittsburgh

2<sup>nd</sup> Gamma Chi

Alpha Omega, nominated West Virginia University

2<sup>nd</sup> Beta Eta

Theta Upsilon, nominates Marist University

2<sup>nd</sup> Delta Nu

Vote for location for Northeast District Convention

1<sup>st</sup> Vote:

\*Didn't collect the right number of votes – RECASTING

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote: reached majority

2015 Northeast District Convention will be held at West Chester University

#### Announce Host site for 2015 Precinct Meetings

Northern Precinct – University of Maine, Epsilon Upsilon, and Delta Nu,

Southern Precinct – Hampton University, Theta Phi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma

Central Precinct – West Virginia University, Omicron chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

**NEDAA Final Report** delivered by Steven Hrabak for Erica Hamilton

*Report available in Section XII*

First: Eta Sigma,

Second: Eta Chi,

Motion passes unanimously

**NED President's Final Report** delivered by Seth Sacher & Emily Anstey

First: Eta Gamma,

Second: Beta Chi,

Oppose: 2

Abstain: 0

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Motion to close the 2014 Northeast District Convention**

First: Gamma Kappa,

Second: Delta Omicron,

Oppose: 3

Abstain: 1

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

The Joint Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 3:37 PM on Friday March 14, 2013.

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# Separates Meeting, Fourth Session

**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

The Separate Session of the 2014 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 4:32AM on Saturday March 15, 2014 at the University of Connecticut.

## **Call out of recess & Welcome Back!**

### **Roll Call of Delegates**

**Women in Music Speaker** presented by Dr. Barbara Hopkins

Dr. Barbara Hopkins was presented with Honorary Membership into the National Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma by Dr. Kathryn Kelly and Amy Bovin Dauphinais

**Counselor Final Report** presented by Anthony Barbir

Motion to accept the report as written

First: Delta Omega

Second: Epsilon Omega

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gamma Kappa

Motion passes.

### **Jokes from Emily**

**President Final Report** presented by Emily Anstey

Motion to accept the report as written

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Gamma Kappa

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

**Awards** presented by Kathryn Garrett Kelly

**President Officer Awards** presented to Jada Davis & Abby Kulenguskey

### **Officer Elections**

#### **Roll Call**

**Election Process Review** led by Sarah Lenau

#### *President*

Floor is open for nominations of Northeast District President

Jessica Gamble is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee.

Asked three time for additional nominations

Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District President

Open Elections for Northeast District President

Move to vote by acclimation: Delta Omega

Second: Epsilon Upsilon

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Epsilon Epsilon

Motion fails

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

Two minute caucus

Ballots given for voting

**2014 – 2015 Northeast District President is Jessica Gamble**

Elections closed for Northeast District President

*Vice President of Membership*

Floor is open for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Membership  
Christopher Lukasik is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee  
Asked three time for additional nominations  
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Membership  
Open Elections for Northeast District Vice President of Membership  
Move to vote by acclimation: Delta Delta  
Second: Zeta Omicron

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

**2014 – 2015 Northeast District Vice President of Membership is Christopher Lukasik**

Elections closed for Northeast District Vice President of Membership

*Vice President of Special Projects*

Floor is open for nominations for Vice President of Special Projects  
Monika Monk is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee  
Asked three time for additional nominations  
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects  
Open Elections for NED Vice President of Special Projects  
Move to vote by acclimation: Delta Nu  
Second: Iota Alpha

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Epsilon Upsilon

Motion fails

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

Two minute caucus

Ballots given for voting

**2014 – 2015 Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects is Monika Monk**

Elections closed for Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects

*Secretary*

Floor is open for nominations for Northeast District Secretary  
Shannon Mackey is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee  
Asked three time for additional nominations  
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Secretary  
Open elections for Northeast District Secretary  
Move to vote by acclimation: Delta Nu  
Second: Theta Phi

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes

**2013 – 2014 Northeast District Secretary is Shannon Mackey**

Elections closed for Northeast District Secretary

*Treasurer*

Floor is open for nominations for Northeast District Treasurer

Cydney McGuire is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee  
Theta Phi nominates Dominique Landrum, she accepts.  
Epsilon Sigma nominates Raeshayla Murphy, she respectfully declines.  
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Treasurer  
Open Elections for Northeast District Treasurer  
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.  
Two minute caucus  
Ballots given for voting  
**2014 – 2015 Northeast District Treasurer is Cydney McGuire**  
Elections closed for Northeast District Treasurer

*Alumni Secretary & Historian*

Floor is open for nominations for Northeast District Alumni Secretary & Historian  
Ivania Morales is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee  
Zeta Upsilon nominates Marrisia Moore, she accepts  
Review of requirements & eligibility with counselor, Marrisia is eligible  
Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Alumni Secretary & Historian  
Open Elections for Northeast District Alumni Secretary & Historian  
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session.  
Two minute caucus  
Ballots given for voting  
**2014 – 2015 Northeast District Alumni Secretary & Historian is Marrisia Moore**  
Elections closed for Northeast District Alumni Secretary & Historian

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**Council Announcements**

**Officer Installation** led by Anthony Barbir, NED Counselor

**Closing Remarks**

**Motion to adjourn Separates Session**

First: Delta Omega

Second: Eta Gamma

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes

The Separate Session of the 2013 Northeast District Convention was adjourned at 7:35PM on Saturday  
March 15, 2014

## SECTION TWO: AWARDS

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

*Outstanding Service Award* - presented by Taylor Light, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Iota Pi Chapter at Lincoln University.

*Music Education Awareness Award* – presented by Taylor Light, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Eta Delta Chapter at Howard University.

*Unsung Hero Award* - presented by Taylor Light, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Lauren Matzoni from the Delta Omega Chapter at Bloomsburg University.

*Phenomenal Sister Award* - presented by Christopher Lukasik, NED Alumni Secretary & Historian. It was awarded to Katie Hale from the Zeta Omicron Chapter at Virginia Tech.

*The Golden Typewriter Award* - presented by Jessica Gamble, NED Secretary and Maddie Lauver, NED Vice President of Membership. It was awarded to the Delta Omega Chapter at Bloomsburg University.

*The District Spirit Award* - presented by Emily Anstey, NED President. It was awarded to the Delta Delta Chapter at The University of Massachusetts

*The Most Improved Chapter Award* - presented by Emily Anstey NED President. It was awarded to the Epsilon Omega Chapter at Morgan State University

*The Counselor's Award* - presented by Anthony Barbir, NED Counselor. It was awarded to the Gamma Kappa Chapter at The University of Connecticut

*The NEDAA Ritual Scholarship* - presented by Steve Hrabak, NEDAA Vice President to the Beta Eta Chapter at The University of Maryland

*The Baton* - presented by Kathryn Garrett Kelly. It was awarded to Emily Anstey from the Eta Gamma Chapter at Boston University

## **SECTION THREE: COUNSELOR'S REPORT**

Anthony Barbir, NED Counselor

Sisters of the Northeast District,

This was my first year as Northeast District Counselor, and it was a challenge. Coming from the Western District, I'm much more familiar with a relaxed approach to sorority and fraternity proceedings. We had conventions by the beach. We used Bob's rules. And we never had to worry about weather. When I got here I was wearing shorts, typical convention garb for me, and I realized that I needed to start packing a little bit differently out here on the East Coast.

Moving past these pretty minor challenges, I realized that I pretty much have the best job ever. I get to watch as all of you (Chapters) and all of these people (District Council) mature and evolve into amazing leaders. Everyone in this room has worked hard all year to contribute to the success that is the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma, and I am really honored to have become a part of this family.

I had the privilege of taking part in my first Precinct Meetings these past few weeks, and it was an incredible opportunity to talk face-to-face with almost every Chapter. There are a lot of challenges and a lot of successes that are common themes not just in the Northeast District, but across the entire country.

High numbers of actives, low numbers of actives.

Great joint relations, not-so-great joint relations.

Being completely on top of paperwork and OMRS submissions, and then changing leadership and falling off the planet.

Every Chapter lives through these cycles. And every individual member of every Chapter should be looking for ways to minimize any negative impact these cycles can have. You all have a limitless expanse of resources in front of and all around you: 26 other Chapters, all of your district officers, national leaders, alumni, Brothers, email listservs, Facebook. And there's me.

Call us. Email us. Send us Facebook messages. Ask us your questions and we will help. Chances are, there's someone else going through your situation or someone who recently resolved the same situation.

Your District Officers in particular are on point. Crazy, I know. They want to help. They know how to help. And if they don't know how, they know who to ask to help them help you. All you have to do is ask.

If you are having issues, don't wait to let someone know. Talk early and fix easy. We're here to get you up and running successfully so that you can have a strong Chapter and do the most good with the time you have.

One thing I've learned is that the Sisters and Brothers of the Northeast District are the kindest people you will ever meet and are always willing to help. There have been countless individuals who have helped me at one point or another and I thank you all for your unconditional support.

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It's been a pleasure, and I look forward to another great year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Barbir  
Northeast District Counselor  
Tau Beta Sigma  
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,

Fun Fact: I did NOT want to join marching band in college. I told myself once I was accepted to Boston University that I would try new things and not just be that band girl. Obviously, circumstances convinced me otherwise and those circumstances were Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma when I came to BU's open house and they were at the band table, not that I realized they were Sisters at the time, they were just friendly faces. While I joined band because they were so welcoming, I joined TBS because I realized I did not want to just believe in Santa Claus, I wanted to be Santa Claus. That is same reason that I wanted to serve on District Council, to give all of my support, loyalty, love, and time to serve others and make their experiences better. I wanted to be an integral part of the support system that bolsters our Sisters as they strive to serve better, lead more effectively, and love harder the bands and Chapters of the Northeast District.

Starting at the last convention and solidified during the District Leadership Conference held this summer prior to National Convention, I worked with my Council, Seth and the KKPsi Council, and Anthony to create ways that Sisters could Lead their Own Charge and take ownership in their TBS paths. By increasing avenues for communication between Sisters, we again saw why our District is special: it is not the distance between Sisters that matters but rather the quality conversations, idea exchanges, and connections that are forged through initiatives like Membership Candidate Chats, District Officer Groups, Pen Pals, and Activity Forums. In addition, pushing for Sisters in the NED to think outside of their own little bubble and serve at a higher level within our whole large organization was so rewarding. I could go on but the Council Members on stage have already shared with you the projects and tasks undertaken this year and they did an amazing job dreaming them up, setting the goals, and executing them.

The part of this year that I enjoyed most was the conversations that I had with all of you. I don't know if I could ever say how much YOU all truly inspire me, push me, and amaze me. The conversations that we had during One on Ones were some of the most eye-opening and enjoyable conversations I think I will ever have. Being able to talk through the challenges that face you and your Chapters and to celebrate the many, many successes that you have had was the most rewarding part of this term. I said it last year but I will say it again, I have fallen in love with the NED and all the Chapters and Sisters in it.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the many people who have inspired, guided, and supported me throughout this year.

First, to the National Council, National Leadership, and Dignitaries who are here today. Thank you for role modeling what it truly means to be a Sister after you graduate and for your wisdom and guidance this entire year. You have been examples and resources for all Sisters in the NED and myself. Thank you.

To Gamma Kappa and Delta Omicron. Thank you for hosting this amazing convention. When we talked about how we wanted this convention to showcase what is special about this university, your music department and, especially your joint Chapters. Know that you succeeded and I am proud of you all!

To Alyssa, Deanna, and Cheyenna. You did it!!!! Thank you for your texts, emoticons. Though he isn't here and as I am sure it came across how much I have loved working with Seth and the whole KKPsi Council. We worked towards the betterment of One NED, and I could not be more proud of them and how we worked together.

To Eta Gamma: my home, my place, my family. I love you all and I would never be where I am today without all of you. You are so productive and good looking and I know that will only continue this trend of growth and improvement. I love you all so much and could not be more grateful for your support

- Last year Allison and Nicole
- My Council
- Anthony
- Sisters in the NED

Thank you for everything you have done for me. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for all of you. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Anstey  
Eta Gamma Life Member  
Northeast District President 2013-2014

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## Northeast District Vice President of Membership Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

As I sit in front of my computer trying to write my final report, I am a mix of emotions. In three days' time, my position of Vice President of Membership will be handed off to the next individual lucky enough to serve the Northeast District, and my year of service will be complete. My term was nothing short of amazing. From getting the experience of being a Committee Chair at Districts last year, to running for my position, and taking the Oath of Office with my fellow Council members, it was a weekend I will never forget. And now, almost a full year later, I am again before the delegation of Sisters of the Northeast District, giving you my final address. This year has been a whirlwind of fun for me, and I have all of you to thank for that.

First, I would like to thank all the VPM's of each chapter; without you guys there, doing what you do best; my job would have been immensely more difficult. You have all excelled over the past year, whether you were a VPM the whole time, or if you were elected into office halfway through the year, your dedication and participation has been nothing short of amazing. You all inspire me with your hard work and the amazing things that you do for your chapters. The main job of VPM (MEP collection) was so rewarding for me; getting to read all the wonderful things about each chapter and learn who you are as Sisters; thank you for making that task one that was not only easy to accomplish, but also fun for me. I love the diversity of the NED and you have all demonstrated this fantastically this year. I hope that you all know how much you inspire me and help me remember why being a Sister is so important.

Next, I would like to thank the Council. Even though we had some struggles throughout the year, it was an experience that I will treasure, and it is because of all of you. Whether it was traveling together, council chats, frantic Facebook messages, tendencies of slight kleptomania, or staying up way too late just talking and laughing, I have enjoyed each and every encounter I had with all of you over this past year. Thank you for being there to build me up and show me what it means to be a part of something bigger. I never thought that I would reach this place when I first joined TBS, but I am so incredibly glad that I did.

I would also like to thank the Northeast District, for having faith in me for this position, and for making it one of the best experiences of my life thus far. I have always been proud to be from the NED, but this year has shown me even more what an amazing District we all come from. No matter what it was: Sisterhood weeks, the NED Photo Page, all of your fantastic One on Ones at Precincts, just getting to spend time with you all and get to know you better, I have realized that the Sisters of the NED are so much more than friends on Facebook, you are all my family and I will never forget what you have taught me about Sisterhood and all that comes with it. So thank you from the bottom of my heart for that.

Finally, for next year's Vice President of Membership, I leave you with one task beyond the frameworks already in place, and that is to do your absolute best to learn as much as you can about the Northeast District and all the chapters involved. There are so many subtle things about each chapter that aren't realized simply because we are so far apart and we can't always be there in person to support our Sisters. However, because there are so many differences within our 27 chapters, we are made a stronger District because we are able to unite around these differences. It is important to recognize this, but also remember that we are all bonded in one common goal of Sisterhood. We will always be far apart but close at heart: #OneNED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maddie Lauver  
Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Vice President of Membership  
2013-2014

## **Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects Final Report**

1. Awards and Recognition
  - a. Created a Guide to Awards and Recognition, including:
    - i. Description of each District and National award
  - u 1. Application instructions and requirements
2. Links to applications (or PDF files if available)
3. Calendar for application deadlines
  - b. Award Submission Lottery
    - i. Created by NED Council to increase the applicant pool for 2013-14 awards
    - ii. Highly successful; over one hundred lottery submissions
2. "District Days" Initiative
  - a. Worked with KKY NED Member-at-Large to plan a summer District Day
    - i. Event was cancelled due to lack of interest
  - b. Worked with KKY to create a new plan for future years.
    - i. VPSP and MAL will work to plan joint events in the form of at least one Precinct Day per precinct per year.
1. Created an officer guide to jumpstart the planning process
3. Service/Special Projects Activity Forum
  - a. Forum was maintained throughout the year
  - b. Reached out to chapters who announced innovative service projects via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
    - i. Encouraged their posting within the forum
4. Encouraging/Facilitating Participation in District and National Programs
  - a. Completed a Guide to National Projects for NED VPS use. Included descriptions, planning materials, and project ideas for the major national initiatives:
    - i. Women in Music Speaker Series
    - ii. Scouting for Music
    - iii. Bandswomen Networking Program
    - iv. National History and Archives Project
  - b. Asked chapter officers to participate in a summer project to facilitate planning and to encourage the upstart of service in the fall semester
    - i. Requested a planning overview for district and national projects
1. "My chapter can participate in this project! Here are some ways we can make this happen, complete with a list of resources we'll need, things we'll need to do, and people we'll have to contact."
2. Submissions were to include the plans for any and all projects taken on by each chapter individually
  - ii. Compiled submissions and uploaded all new ideas and information to Activity Forum
- c. Created an updated District Service Manual
  - i. Included descriptions, planning materials, and project ideas for the major NED initiatives
5. Encouraging Joint Service
  - a. Created a framework for pairing chapters to serve with one another (to be passed to next VPSP)
    - i. Reached out to individual chapter officers for ideas about which chapters to pair for joint service.

1. Several suggestions collected based on chapter geography, background, size, and level of district activity
  - ii. Compiled a list of joint service ideas/opportunities
  - iii. Provided suggestions for the future implementation of an award for joint service in the NED

6. Final Notes:

It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President of Special Projects for the past year. The chapters in this district are very active and always willing to serve, and have produced an unbelievable number of ways to promote the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma. I am so grateful to the 2013-14 NED Vice Presidents of Service, to my home chapter, and to this year's council for all of your support and ideas. You truly mean the world to me, and I am so blessed to call you my sisters. I look forward to watching the Northeast District as it continues to grow and change in the coming years. #oneNED

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor M. Light  
Tau Beta Sigma  
Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects, 2013-14

## **Northeast District Secretary Final Report**

Sisters of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma,

It has been an honor to serve as your 2013 – 2014 District Secretary. It's extremely hard to believe this year is quickly coming to a close. During my term I have worked with many sisters & brothers in the NED to accomplish my chargers & goals.

### **What I have accomplished:**

#### ***Pen Pals***

- Sister-to-Sister Pen Pals
- Sent out a short interest survey to get a feel for the different individuals
- Took the results of those surveys and matched people up based on similar responses
- Worked with Amanda from Kappa Kappa Psi on joint pen pals
- Did a similar interest survey
- Took the result of those and matched people up based on similar
- Goal was to create ways to have better quality correspondence
  - § Gave topic prompts for each month
- § December 2013: Get to know each other – major, interests, extra curricular, etc
- § January 2014: What are your goals for the New Year? How do you think your life would be different if you had gone to a school that didn't have a TBS chapter?
- § February 2014: Who has been your inspiration in the sisterhood? What do you think are qualities of a good member?
- § March 2014: What is your favorite part of being in the Northeast District?
- § April 2014: As the year is winding down, what are your plans for the summer?
- For Joint pen pals there were similar topics as well

#### ***Turtle Talk***

- Began with just choosing a topic for each month
  - As a council we composed a document with topics for each month
- Such topics included:
- Which of the 8 & 5 has identified with you personally on your journey through the sisterhood?
- What's the next instrument should be adapted to marching back?
- Do students do better in math, science, and technology when they have some background in music?

#### ***Chapter & Chapter Officer Contact Info:***

- Contacted secretaries from the chapters to get most updated Chapter Officer contact info
- Compiled document with position, name, email, and phone number
- Gather chapter addresses from OMRS and sent to chapter secretaries to use for correspondence

#### ***Chapter Secretaries:***

- Worked with Chapter secretaries on various projects to get them up and running
- Held Secretary chats

- Chapter newsletters, motivational letters for MC's, chapter blog, using social media to correspond, and many others
- Worked with them on correspondence which they could use towards their Golden Typewriter submissions

Overall, I could not be happier with my term as District Officer. . I met so many new people through this process, learned more about the NED and the individual chapters within it, and built new relationships & stronger relationships with my sisters.

Finally, I want to take a moment and thank a few individuals for everything they have done. First, my chapter Delta Omega, thank you for supporting me throughout this whole process. Thank you for believing in me and continuing to make me proud and honored to be a sister of Delta Omega.

Next, the council – we have gone through so much during our council term but it has only made us stronger, closer, and more driven. Thank you Emily, Chris, Maddie, Taylor, Raeshayla, Sarah, Shannon, and Anthony for everything you have done and working with me during this past year., I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for you. I cannot believe a year has gone by already and we are in the process of giving our final reports. I am going to miss you all so much, but you know you will always hold a special place in my heart. And lastly, a huge thank you to all of you. The sisters here today have made a huge impact on my life and as a District Officer. You guys are truly amazing in everything you do.

Thank you again for everything; it has been a pleasure serving as your District Secretary.

Respectfully,

Jessica Gamble

Northeast District Secretary 2013 - 2014

### **Northeast District Treasurer Final Report**

I always wanted to run for District Treasurer, I just never had the courage to do so. So when the opportunity presented itself I could not say no. At first I was very hesitant, but then I realized, this is a once in a life time chance and I have to take it. I am so grateful to have people in my corner to cheer me on and push me to be better than what I was yesterday. Even though my time as a council member was brief, I have gained so many memories that I will never forget. Everyone on the council welcomed me with open arms, which made my transition smooth. It felt like I had been with them since day one. It is a good feeling knowing that you have a strong support group. We all have to be there for one another and willing to help each other out in order to serve the District the best way we can.

One of my favorite task was over seeing the treasurer round table at the southern precinct meeting. I had a great time listening to how chapters handle their finances as well as addressing issues and sharing ideas to fix them. Talking about financial problems and finds ways to solve them is similar to my career goal. I am an accounting major inspiring to be a Personal Financial Advisor.

Another task was selecting a chapter to receive the 2014 tbsNED Travel Grant. At first I was so nervous and was worried about how I was going to narrow it down to one chapter, but with the help of the council, it was so much easier than what I made it out to be in my head.

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve as your District Treasurer. It taught me that I should not be scared to go after what I want the first time it presents itself because it is not promise that there will be a second time.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeshayla Murphy  
Northeast District Treasurer 2013-2014

## **Northeast District Alumni Secretary/Historian Final Report**

Sisters of the Northeast District,

This will be the final time I address you as NED Alumni Secretary and Historian. This past year has been the most exciting and enriching experience that I have had since joining Tau Beta Sigma in the Fall of 2011. From the moment I was elected, I told myself that I can never let any of these chapters down, and I have tried my absolute hardest to not let that happen. In the beginning of my term, I made it a point to get to know each chapter through the use of check ins with each Alumni Secretary and Historian. Through these chats I was able to get to know the inner workings of many chapters, which only pushed me to fall in love with the District even more.

One of my biggest charges this year was to involve the alumni more in the district; my plan of attack was to make my presence and my office known throughout the two primary alumni associations, TBSAA and NEDAA. I was greeted with an excellent team of executive councils on both of the alumni associations. My primary contacts were Sarah Fitzgerald for NEDAA, and Megan Burke for TBSAA (since then Chris Foster was elected as Communications Chair for TBSAA), all of them being very proactive with my ideas and very willing to work with me. I am extremely grateful for each of them and their dedication to the Northeast District.

One of my biggest accomplishments this term was the growth of the TBSNED Alumni group on Facebook. When I gained control of the group it had only 40 members. I held "Alumni August" where I pushed the Alumni Secretaries to have their alumni join the Facebook group, I end my term with 296 members. I've frequently used this group to convey messages about District Convention and other District events and projects. This sparked conversations with many alumni from many different chapters (and you all know how much I love when that happens).

On the history side, I've kept up with the District History Pages on the district website. Since then, I revamped some of the pages to make them more user-friendly. During the Summer, I created a list of what I believed the District should be educated on and that included: who from the NED won National Awards; and, NED Honorary Biographies. I've completed the National Awards page, and have started on the Honorary Biographies (that project will be for the next officer). My mantra with history is to always record every minute, but to always make it digital (mostly because it takes up less space).

To Delta Delta, thank you for being my home and my backbone. Thank you so much for all of the support you have given me this past year as a District Officer. I'm proud to call you my Sisters. I love you all. #woho Iced. Latte.

I want to give one of the biggest thank yous to my joint counterpart, Emily Thomas. Since she was appointed, Emily has proved herself to be a staple in the Northeast District, and a staple in keeping me a sane human being. Especially working on the NED Yearbook, I would send her a text in gibberish and she'd be able to decode it and work with it. I appreciate her so much and I am serious when I say, "she's literally perfect." I feel honored to have worked with such an amazing woman and I'm proud to call Emily my friend.

To Emily, Maddie, Taylor, Jess, Raeshayla, Sarah, Shannon, and Anthony: words cannot express how much I appreciate all of you and how much I loved working with you this past year. Each one of you has taught me something different on how to be a better leader, Sister, person, and friend. I have grown some much in the past year because of each one of you. I love you all so much, and I value my friendships with all of you. I will always cherish the laughs we have shared and I am floored by the amount we have accomplished in this past

year. You were able to listen to me just ramble on and give me the best answers and pieces of advice. Being the youngest person on council, I look up to you all so much; you are all literal angels.

One last thing I want to officially say as Alumni Secretary and Historian: #17Again  
Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,

Christopher Lukasik  
Northeast District Alumni Secretary and Historian 2013-2014  
Delta Delta Chapter – University of Massachusetts



## **Northeast District Parliamentarian Final Report**

Sisters of the Northeast District,

It has been my extreme pleasure and such an immense honor to have served as the 2014 NED Parliamentarian. Anyone who knows me will know that I am a huge Constitution nerd, so this was the best job for me to have. The District Council and I sought to clarify the changes that were made at 2013 District Convention, and I have worked to create an easier to understand Jurisdiction committee and Constitution. Early on in my term I discovered that the Constitution we had posted was incorrect. The 2013 changes had been made onto the 2011 Constitution, instead of 2012. Working with Emily, I made the appropriate changes and fixed the Constitution, so that we now have the correct 2013 NED Constitution up on the weebly (just in time for the 2014 Constitution!). I would like to thank the fabulous chair of the Jurisdiction committee, Taliah Royal. I know you were nervous going in, but you have truly done a fantastic job. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you, and our Constitution is that much better for you having worked on it.

I also have a few thank you's to give out. First, to my Chapter. The Delta Delta (or Detla Detla) chapter has always been there to support me. I couldn't have done any of this without you. Next, to my fellow council members, Shannon, Raeshayla, Taylor, Maddie, and Jess. I know that the District has been greatly improved with the work you have done this year. I also want to thank Emily and Anthony for this great honor. Your support means more than I could ever express, and I have benefited so much by your leadership. Emily – I could not have imagined serving under a better President. Thank you for all of your help and your friendship.

Finally, I would like to thank Christopher Lukasik, who originally encouraged me to apply for this position. You are my partner in crime, my confidant and my biggest supporter. You were always there whenever I needed you. You are going to do so many great things and I can't wait to be your biggest cheerleader, as you have been mine. Insert heavy breathing here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Lenau

2014 NED Parliamentarian

## SECTION FIVE: JOINT PRESIDENTS' REPORT

### Joint Final Report of the Northeast District Presidents

The best part of being in a Joint organization is the ability to collaborate and freely exchange ideas. From early conversations in Precinct Meeting planning, it was mentioned that TBS provides the opportunity for Sisters to create and run their own workshops at Precinct Meetings. Recognizing that Brothers, too, could benefit greatly from this program, it was immediately included in our programming. The enthusiasm and vigor with which Brothers and Sisters approached these presentations was more than we ever could have hoped for, and we could barely fit all of the workshops into the meeting's schedule.

One of the charges left to us was to maintain open programming during District Convention. We expanded upon this request by offering almost exclusively Joint workshops and clinics at all Precinct Meetings and at District Convention. It did not matter who arranged it or who presented, we made every effort to have opportunities available to both organizations.

In order to foster musical growth, we set aside time on the end of Friday of District Convention for a longer workshop block with no other conflicts. Many of the workshops focused on the application of musical skills. One of our goals for this year was to increase participation in Reading Band and Auxiliary Clinic. We achieved this by placing them at the most convenient time in the schedule. We want to recognize Student Conductors, Jackie Cotto and Ben Friedman, whose enthusiasm and passion for the pieces they selected transferred energy into entire ensemble.

Something we are proud of, although we aren't sure how much we actually had to do with it, was the number and quality of bids received for the Precinct Meetings and especially for District Convention. We are overjoyed that we will leave UConn with Hosts for the Northern, Central, and Southern Precinct Meetings, and the 2015 District Convention. We want to thank Dee Hibbard and Alyssa Serville, the chairs of the Joint Convention Site and Publications, Allison Leemann and Dennis Yu, the advisors, as well as the entire committee for their diligent review of the Bids received and the District Publication, the Northeast Notes. Although, the movement from the publication from a deadline submission format to a rolling blog was well intentioned, our rollout effort faced complications. We are proud of the finished product and are excited by the conversations started by this committee. We are confident that next year's District Council will follow through with the improvements recommended.

We are happy with the execution of so many Joint Council initiatives. Many of which were undertaken by the members of our Councils. Christopher and Emily worked hard to coordinate a Joint Yearbook to showcase our Chapters. Amanda and Jessica improved upon last year's success by creating a MUSIC/BINGO getting to know you activity for all Precinct Meetings and District Convention. Doug and Jessica championed the Student Conductor and Reading Band coordination. Maddie and Molly have been diligently panhandling for money for a Joint contribution to the Wava Memorial Garden. Amanda and Taylor lead the charge at convention to seek out more diverse acts for the talent show.

All of the successes we have witnessed this year would not have been possible without establishing open lines of communication with each other. It took time and effort to cultivate this relationship and working style. We have been able to support, troubleshoot, critique, and push each other to improve our Councils, our District, and ourselves.

- Thank you
  - Last year's District Councils
  - All Host Chapters from this year
    - Syracuse University
    - West Chester University
    - Christopher Newport University
    - University of Connecticut

- NEDAA
- National Leadership Team
- This year's District Councils
- Marie, Casey, Anthony
- Each other (Seth and Emily)

We charge the 2014-15 Northeast District Presidents with the following:

- Continue to improve lines of communication between the Joint Council, Governors, and Counselor
- Open programming at Precincts and Districts
- Find better ways to cultivate an interest in hosting Precincts and Districts

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

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Sacher  
Kappa Kappa Psi | Beta Chi  
Northeast District Presidents

Emily Anstey  
Tau Beta Sigma | Eta Gamma  
Northeast District Presidents

## **SECTION SIX: COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS**

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

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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:** *Shannon Mackey Chair, Maddie Lauver and Kathryn Garrett Kelly Advisors*

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2013 Expansion and Membership report.
2. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
3. Discuss the protocol for colonization and what chapters and the district can do to aid the NVPCM's colonization efforts.
4. Review and update the Membership Activity Forum on tbsned.org and Project Good Member as needed.
5. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of Chapter Operations in the Membership Education Process.
6. Discuss benefits and challenges presented in taking fall versus spring classes, first semester freshmen, and not taking a class during a particular period. Discuss reasonable goals for increasing quality and quantity of members.
7. Discuss ways to encourage Chapter retention.
8. Discuss how Chapters can create and implement Continuing Education into their MEPs
9. Review the Activities of the NED VPM.

**Nominations:** *Megan Miranda- Chair, Anthony Barbir - Advisor*

1. Review the district and national constitution.
2. Review the list of eligible candidates based on the packets that were submitted electronically a week prior to the start of Convention (per 2013 Constitution).
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:** *Dominique Landrum - Chair, Raeshayla Murphy and Lisa Croston- Advisor*

1. Review the NED Constitution and 2013 Ways and Means Committee Report
2. Review the actual income and expenditure from the 2013-2014 budget.
3. Review 2013-2014 budgets and recommend a budget for 2014-2015.
4. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
5. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers to be included in the Fundraising Activity Forum on tbsned.org.
6. Brainstorm ideas for the 2014-2015-district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming TBS NED Treasurer.
7. Review the Activities of the NED Treasurer

**Programs Committee:** *Cydney McGuire - Chair, Taylor Light and Tamara Henry- Advisors*

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2013 Programs report.
2. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed.
3. Evaluate the use of listservs versus Facebook groups and pages both for TBS NED, the officers, and the joint district.

4. Review District Award requirements
  - a. Golden Typewriter
  - b. All Star Service
  - c. Life Membership Scholarship
5. Evaluate new programs presented by District Council members.
6. Review and update the Service Projects Activity Forum on tbsned.org.
7. Review NED programs including
  - a. Precincts
  - b. Districts
  - c. District Days
  - d. Precinct Days
  - e. Sisterhood Week
  - f. Project Good Member
  - g. History Project
  - h. Activity Forums
8. Receive a report from the District VPSP, which addresses the state of District and National programs.
9. Discuss the needs of Chapters and the District and generate ideas for new District and National programs that address these needs.
10. Generate new ideas for new methods of local and District implementation of the National programs.
11. Task each delegate to talk to other chapters and create a list of how chapters in the NED are currently accomplishing and implementing National programs.
12. Review the Activities of the NED Vice President of Special Projects

**Jurisdiction:** *Taliah Royal – chair and Sarah Lenau and Kelly Eidon– Advisor*

1. Review the 2013 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:** *Ivania Morales – Chair and Christopher Lukasik and Sue Robash Carr – Advisors*

1. Review Constitutions and 2013 Alumni Affairs Report
2. Discussion on how Chapters can communicate with alumni effectively (activities, ideas, etc.)
3. Review NEDAA and any new activities
4. Review projects of the Alumni Secretary/Historian
5. Create a list of ideas for promotion /education/increase incentives of life membership, NEDAA, TBSAA, and other alumni associations and charge that list to the incoming officer.
6. Review alumni and history workshops at precincts and district convention and determine their effectiveness; brainstorm ideas for future workshops.
7. Review the Activities of the NED Alumni Secretary/Historian

**Sisterhood and Spirit:** *Marrisia Moore- Chair and Jessica Gamble and Kat Tribulski - Advisor*

1. Review the NED Constitution and 2013 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Report.
2. Discuss ideas for joint social and service events and ways to apply new ideas in individual chapters. 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 District Convention as well as the History Projects and recommend candidates for the District Spirit Award to the NED President.
6. Review and update the Social Events Activity Forum on tbsned.org.

7. Review the activities of the NED Secretary
8. Discuss pen pals. How many people participated, what are some ways to improve participation, and make overall experience better.

*Joint Committees*

**Convention Site and Publication:** *Alyssa Serville and Dee Hibbard, Chairs and Allison Leeman and Dennis Yu-Advisor*

1. Review the District Constitution.
  2. Review presentations of all District Convention bids.
  3. Make a recommendation for the Host Chapter for next year's District Convention.
  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.
  5. Brainstorm ways to encourage Chapters to place bids for District Convention and Precinct Meetings.
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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.



## Expansion and Membership

### Expansion and Membership Committee Report

March 15, 2014

Chaired by Shannon Mackey, Delta Delta

Advised by Madelyn Lauver, Zeta Upsilon, NED VPM 2013-2014

Advised by Dr. Kathryn G. Kelly, NVPCM

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

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2013 Expansion and Membership report.
2. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
3. Discuss the protocol for colonization and what chapters and the district can do to aid the NVPCM's colonization efforts.
4. Review and update the Membership Activity Forum on tbsned.org and Project Good Member as needed.
5. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of Chapter Operations in the Membership Education Process.
6. Discuss benefits and challenges presented in taking fall versus spring classes, first semester freshmen, and not taking a class during a particular period. Discuss reasonable goals for increasing quality and quantity of members.
7. Discuss ways to encourage Chapter retention.
8. Discuss how Chapters can cccc and implement Continuing Education into their MEPS create
9. Review the Activities of the NED VPM.

#### **1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2013 NED Expansion and Membership reports.**

*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. During the meeting we also discussed the information provided in the 2013 Expansion and Membership Committee report and made changes where they were deemed necessary, as discussed below.

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

### Project Good Member Challenge

- Way to continue post-initiate membership standards to live up to the ideals of the sisterhood.
- Things that some chapters have done:
  - Sister of the Week: The chapter votes on one sister each week or every other week for being an overall great sister. Have it announced at meetings and in minutes.
  - Superlatives on the 5&8: A sister gets a Superlative Award if they embodied a certain 5&8 that week.

### Collecting and Evaluating MEPs

Dr. Kelly 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.
- Request to see it if you haven't, the MEP should be viewed by everyone in the chapter because it concerns every member.
- Have the chapter take a look at the MEP before every semesters starts so that they can make any necessary edits, changes and suggestions.

### 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!
- Make sure chapters do the math right before sending it in!

### Sisterhood Week

The Precincts were charged with participating by submitting a picture on the NED Photo Page each day leading up to NEDCon2014 according to the themes laid out. This contributed to the Spirit Award and gave chapters/members who weren't able to attend NEDCon2014 a way to participate.

The Days were as follows:

- Do something extra nice and helpful for your band.
- Personally reach out to an outstanding member of the band who may or may not be a Sister/Brother

and let them know you appreciate them

- Get together with an ensemble and make music for fun!
- Correspond with a member of another school's band
- Make traveling to NEDCon a fun experience
- Districts Day 1! School spirit or chapter letters!
- Districts Day 2! Show UCONN pride, wear blue and white!

Sisterhood Week is a great way for sisters to get hyped up for the upcoming District Convention, and even if they are not attending they can still participate on the NED Photo Page. Some other ideas for Sisterhood Week for 2015 that the Committee came up with are as follows:

- Incorporate family trees into a theme day, wear the same letters as your bigs/littles
- Challenge different Membership Classes to wear a certain color on one day to see which class has the most spirit!
- Develop different parts of the mission statement into theme days.
- Theme days incorporating the 5&8
- Colors of the Flag Spirit Day

Some projects that we discussed were Project Good Member, the Win-Win Membership Drive, Sisterhood Week, and the MEP. We came up with new ideas for how to promote these programs as well as new ideas for Sisterhood Week next year. Dr. Kelly came in to discuss how the Membership Education Program is collected and reviewed every year, and that in the future chapters should request to go over their MEP as a whole chapter.

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

Dr. Kelly clarified the Northeast District's role in Colonization and Expansion:

- Encourage friends from other schools who would like to do Tau Beta Sigma to contact the NVPCM, do not have them contact DOB themselves.
- If a school is coming to visit without a Tau Beta Sigma chapter, do something nice for them that shows what TBS does.
  - Send them a gift basket with a description of our organization.
- Colonization Process: Once contacted, a potential colony must have 7 people that are interested and then send in application fees. The National Council then votes on if the colony is accepted. It is usually about a 10-month process.
- Expose high school kids to Tau Beta Sigma so that they know what it is in the future.
  - Have service events at local high schools helping out their music programs.
- Encourage your chapters to participate in National Programs.
  - Provide them with the information that is on the Tau Beta Sigma National Website that has all of the National Programs listed.
- Encourage all sisters to be an overall good member and a good example.
- Emphasize the differences between KKPsi and TBS to potential candidates, we do work together

but we are still different organizations.

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

With the website currently down, we were not able to log on to actually view the Membership Activity Forum. Maddie did a brief description of the MAF and how it is a forum where anyone can post what their chapters are doing so that other chapters can get advice and new ideas.

#### **5. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of Chapter Operations in the Membership Education Process.**

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#### **8. Discuss how Chapters can create and implement Continuing Education into their MEPs**

- Have Parliamentary Procedure Workshops for Membership Candidates to explain to them Roberts Rules and the order of meetings.
  - Have a mock election and mock meetings for only Membership Candidates so that they understand how the election process and meetings work by getting the hands-on experience.
- Take a look at other chapter's MEPs to get ideas about how to structure and improve your own.
- Include active members in all Membership Candidate learning processes, it makes the transition of offices much easier when they know the Chapter Operations.
  - Make sure everyone officer knows their responsibilities.
- Have weekly quizzes and activities for active sisters on what Membership Candidates are learning that week.
  - Sisters cannot quiz MC's until they have passed their Post Membership Education.
  - Active sisters vs. MC's jeopardy and games to make PME a fun experience.
- Big-Little time, have the big go over that weeks information with their little and answer any questions they might have.
- Have one week dedicated to learning about the other organization so that both chapters get to know about the other.
- "Study Buddies" so that sisters can focus on their schoolwork as well as their TBS work.

We discussed different ways in which to teach Membership Candidates about Parliamentary Procedure and how meetings and elections operate. We also suggested that chapters encourage all sisters to constantly be learning the same information that Membership Candidates are learning so that the entire chapter is continually learning.

#### **6. Discuss benefits and challenges presented in taking fall versus spring classes, first semester freshmen, and not taking a class during a particular period. Discuss reasonable goals for increasing quality and quantity of members.**

Benefits and challenges of taking fall versus spring classes, first semester freshmen, or not taking a class at all.

- Fall can sometimes be an easier semester for recruitment because sisters are around potential members with marching band season.

- It can also be difficult sometimes with scheduling around band.
- Spring can sometimes be harder because prospective members take more classes in the spring and may not have the time.
  - Spring needs to be a time for increased advertising of Tau Beta Sigma, people are not just going to show up at rush events necessarily.
- Not taking a class one semester can help improve the bond and chapter.
  - Not taking class in Fall can be a benefit by becoming friends with freshmen and then giving them bids in the Spring.

Goals for increasing quality and quantity of members.

- Don't just focus on just potential members from the marching band, talk to other ensembles on campus to have a variety of members.
- Advertise rush with your Joint Organization by hosting one big rush event, have people consider both options and decide which one is the better fit for them.
- Be proactive about rush, once the Fall season has ended start thinking about the Spring. Make sure everyone is aware of upcoming rush events through flyers, emails, and Facebook events.

We discussed different perspectives on how chapters either take fall or spring classes or both.

#### **7. Discuss ways to encourage Chapter retention.**

- Have social events throughout the semester to get sisters excited about events.
  - Senior Day at the end of the year planned by underclassmen to wrap up the seniors' final semester.
  - "Chapter Sister Dates" where different sisters are paired up every week to hang out and get to know one another better.
  - Use chapter Facebook groups to get business done as well as be social.
  - "Positive Piggy" where sisters write nice notes about other sisters and put it in a piggy bank and then at the end of meetings, have notes read aloud.

#### **9. Review the Activities of the NED VPM.**

Maddie discussed some of the jobs that are required of the NED VPM as well as some of the other tasks that she took on this year.

- Collecting and reviewing and MEPs and send them to Nationals.
- Planning the Sisterhood Week before NED Convention.
- Hosting Membership Chats throughout the semester on Facebook.

#### **The charges for the 2015 Expansion and Membership Committee are as follows:**

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2014 Expansion and Membership report.
2. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
3. Discuss the protocol for colonization and what chapters and the district can do to aid the NVPCM's colonization efforts.

4. Review and update the Membership Activity Forum on [tbsned.org](http://tbsned.org) and Project Good Member as needed.
5. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of Chapter Operations in the Membership Education Process.
6. Discuss benefits and challenges presented in taking fall versus spring classes, first semester freshmen, and not taking a class during a particular period. Discuss reasonable goals for increasing quality and quantity of members.
7. Discuss ways to encourage Chapter retention and how the Chapters can create and implement Continuing Education into their MEPs.
8. Review the Activities of the NED VPM.
9. Discuss ways on how to introduce MC's into the Joint Bond through their Joint Organization.
10. Discuss ways on how chapters can promote collegiate education alongside Tau Beta Sigma.

**The charges for the 2014-2015 District Vice President of Membership are as follows:**

1. Work with the NED Secretary to improve communication within chapters.
2. Promote the Membership Activity Forum and Project Good Member to chapters by making sure that all chapters are aware of these projects.
3. Talk with Chapter VPM's about their MEP and be able to provide examples of what other chapters have done, such as having a template available to them.
4. 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.
5. Make sure that chapters are aware of how the Win-Win Membership Drive works.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Mackey, Delta Delta (Chair)

Madelyn Lauver, Zeta Upsilon, NED VPM 2013-2014 (Advisor)

Dr. Kathryn G. Kelly, NVPCM (Advisor)

Members Present

Shannon Mackey- Delta Delta, Chair

Madelyn Lauver- Zeta Upsilon, NED VPM 2013-2014, Advisor

Dr. Kathryn G. Kelly- NVPCM, Advisor

**Seated Delegates for the Committee:**

Allison McClelland- Eta Sigma

Ashley Mecca- Epsilon Epsilon

Kathleen Warstler- Eta Rho

Kylie Woodmonsee- Eta Chi

Nicole Gramlich- Eta Alpha

**Other Members in Attendance:**

Angela DeMarco- Delta Delta

Billy Haupt- Eta Chi

Cory Zipprodt- Gamma Omega  
Hailee Kulich- Gamma Omega  
Jarud Aguilar- Eta Rho  
Jill Heagerty- Zeta Upsilon  
Katie Hale- Zeta Omicron  
Katie Oeler- Gamma Omega  
Lisa Cross- Gamma Omega  
Madeline Taylor- Zeta Omicron  
Tariu Williams- Zeta Upsilon  
Taylor Hellmann- Gamma Omega  
Tylar Kerstetter- Epsilon Upsilon

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## Nominations

My dearest sisters of the NED,

This year, the Nominations Committee was faced with the same task as the year before -- choosing the best possible slate for the District Council -- and I must admit it will never be an easy one. It was obvious to our committee that our candidates were not only eligible, but also extremely well qualified and prepared to serve the district on this level. I want to thank each candidate for submitting a packet. Thank you to the 2013-2014 District Council for being incredible examples to the sisters of our district and for always pushing us to try new things. Next, I must thank my committee, who were able to think on their feet and were not afraid to ask the tough questions. Lastly, I would like to thank my advisor, Anthony Barbir, for not minding my 2AM emails and for helping me along each step of the way.

Charges for the 2014 Nominations Committee:

1. Review the district and national constitution.
2. Review the list of eligible candidates based on the packets that were submitted electronically a week prior to the start of Convention (per 2013 Constitution).
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

After reviewing the district and national constitutions we did not see fit to make any changes.

### 2. Review the list of eligible candidates based on the packets that were submitted electronically a week prior to the start of Convention (per 2014 Constitution).

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

- President - Jessica Gamble
- Vice President of Membership – Christopher Lukasik
- Vice President of Special Projects – Monika Monk, Tiffany Smith
- Secretary – Shannon Mackey
- Treasurer – Cydney McGuire, Dominique Landrum
- Alumni Secretary/Historian – Ivania Morales

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

Our committee found it useful to not only assign each member specific questions to ask ahead of time, but also to allow new questions to be asked as the interview took place. The questions were thought provoking and helped us to really get to know the candidates and their goals for term. Questions asked are listed at the end of this report.

### 4. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session.

All candidates introduced themselves to the delegation. Next there was a 20-minute meet and greet session in which the sisters of the NED could freely chat with the candidates, asking them questions about their intentions or other general questions/concerns.

### 5. Interview all candidates found eligible.



The committee interviewed each candidate for ten minutes. For the first minute, the committee chair explained the process to the candidate. For the following six minutes, each committee member asked one officer-specific question of their choosing. We then asked any follow up or general questions that we saw fit, this lasted about two minutes. The last minute was offered to the candidate to cover any remaining information or touch upon anything important in their packets.

6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.

The Nominations Committee recommends the following slate for the 2014-2015 Northeast District Council:

- President - Jessica Gamble, Delta Omicron
- Vice President of Membership – Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta
- Vice President of Special Projects – Monika Monk, Zeta Omicron
- Secretary – Shannon Mackey, Delta Delta
- Treasurer – Cydney McGuire, Eta Delta
- Alumni Secretary/Historian – Ivania Morales, Beta Eta

Charges for the 2015 Nominations Committee:

1. Review the district and national constitution.
2. Review the list of eligible candidates based on the packets that were submitted electronically a week prior to the start of Convention (per 2014 Constitution).
3. Review/create questions to interview candidates (Specific to Officer & General)
4. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session.
5. Interview all candidates found eligible, being sure to ask the same questions if there are multiple candidates running for the same office.
6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.

Charges for the 2015 District Council:

1. Inform delegates of their responsibility to serve on the Nominations Committee at least one week prior to convention so that they may prepare and better serve the district.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Miranda, Eta Alpha, Nominations Chair 2014

Anthony Barbir, NED Counselor, Nominations Advisor 2014

Janai Jackson, Epsilon Omega

Amanda Pennypacker, Eta Rho

Michelle Philion, Gamma Omega

Alexis Weaver, Eta Gamma

**President:**

- a. How would you delegate responsibility within the councils?
- b. How would you work to maintain good joint relations with the district KKPsi council?
- c. How will you communicate and work with other districts?
- d. What can you bring to the council that is unique about your chapter experience?
- e. Have you ever had an experience in which there has been conflict between you and another sister? How did you handle this situation?

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**VPM:**

- a. How would you encourage different chapters of different sizes in the district to participate?
- b. What support do you offer to small chapters? How familiar are you with the MEPs from other chapters? Do you have active communication with other chapters?
- c. Describe some plans you have to reach out to individual VPMs.

**VPSP:**

- a. What projects from the current VPSP would you like to continue?
- b. How would you work to continue Project Protect Music?
- c. How can you encourage greater participation in district and national programs?
- d. How would you work cooperatively with your counterpart in KKPsi?

**Secretary:**

- a. How would you refine the pen-pal system to encourage more chapters to participate?
- b. How would you encourage intra-chapter communication within Tau Beta Sigma and jointly with KKPsi?
- c. How would you use Social Media to communicate within the district?
- d. How active would you be on the listserv/how would you communicate other than the listserv?

**Treasurer:**

- a. If there were two fundraisers that you would choose to be beneficial for the district, what would they be? Please elaborate.
- b. How do you plan to spread budget awareness to chapters across the district?
- c. How would you communicate between chapters with good fiscal responsibility/good fundraising and chapters with little money?

**Alumni Secretary/Historian:**

- a. How do you plan to approve alumni relations within each chapter?
- b. How do you plan to continue with the fun facts and how will you change or improve it?
- c. What do you plan on doing to preserve our district history?
- d. How would you help chapters to preserve/know/keep their history?
- e. How would you deal with the different "attitudes" of alumni such as overly involved all the way to wanting nothing to do with chapters?

**General Questions:**

- a. Are you in good standing with your chapter? If so, have you been active for at least one semester?
- b. If you are a graduating senior, would you have intentions for applying for life membership?
- c. If you are a graduating senior, will you still reside in the district upon graduation?

- d. Can you commit enough time and money (to later be reimbursed) to travel and to your office in general?
- e. Would you accept a nomination to any other positions?
- f. What types of qualities do you value in your leaders? What do you think makes you an effective leader?
- g. Please describe a challenge you have faced as a leader and how you have overcome it.
- h. Describe your communication strategies (how you are accessible, protocol, effectiveness).
- i. What online communication tools do you plan to utilize as a district officer? How?
- j. What are some of your best strengths? How about weaknesses? How do you plan on improving those weaknesses?
- k. What makes you a strong candidate for (insert officer position here) and what makes you stand out from other candidates?

## **Alumni and Historical Affairs**

The 2014 Alumni Affairs Committee was charged with the following:

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.

In our discussion on how chapters communicate with alumni, we found many chapters had a similar train of thought of how they communicate with alumni. Most all chapters send emails to alumni explaining what is going on through list-serves and some use phone trees and Facebook. Activities done with alumni include an alumni weekend in the Spring, a variety of picnics (Homecoming, Alumni/Senior), Alumni pen pal, Alumni newsletters, Alumni breakfast, Anniversary dinners/galas, One chapter even had this great fundraising idea, "Lincoln for Lincoln" in which chapters send a penny through the mail to alumni and alumni send back \$5 or more back to the chapter.

We had the presence of a couple of alumni in the committee meeting who told us their perspective about communicating with alumni. There are basically two things alumni want (1) give their chapter's time and space to grow, and (2) they want to be able to reminisce about their old times with other alumni. Alumni would find it nice if Actives could take alumni out to old campus habits and dine or have fun. Other ideas that were presented to give the alumni time to meet and greet is to have some time before/after a degree. To keep alumni informed about what is going on is very important. The alumni who were present said that the more personal outreach was, the more likely they were going to come back. For example, including bios about the MCs for alumni so that when/if they come to events, then they might have something to discuss with Active Sisters/MCs. Personal emails mean a lot to alumni because it is very heartwarming to feel. It also encourages alumni to come participate in events when they are asked to organize it for the purpose to see other alumni. Or even to read about other alumni in Alumni Spotlights. Newsletters are very efficient, but it means more when the graduating senior or the new class writes a blurb instead of the alumni secretary/chair. Figuring out new medias to communicate news is encouraged.

When we discussed about NEDAA and their activities as well as Active relation with them, there was a slight issue. The summer, fall, and winter updates do exist, but because the website is down, we cannot view them, it is difficult to have a discussion without that background information. Luckily, we had an alumna who was very involved in NEDAA initiatives and was able to educate us. For example, NEDAA has had two social events called "meet and greets" by alumni; one was at the Baltimore Harbor and the other one was in New York. This is to make alumni feel involved in the organization by giving responsibility and a reason to utilize skills learned in TBS.

Other initiatives include tabling at places like Allentown to educate other alumni about benefits of being in NEDAA/TBSAA. They have also done several of fundraisers as well as encourage spotlights/highlights of alumni Sisters. When it came to awards, they still wish for more submissions. Everyone felt that if there was more sharing of information and answers about other ways to participate, then more people would partake in these awards. For example, you can delegate someone to read your speech for you at Convention if you cannot or do not want to. Ideas that were bounced around included having alumni chair/secretaries to share that information with the chapter better so that seniors are aware of their options.

These are the projects of the 2013-2014 NED Alumni Secretary and Historian

- TBSNED Alumni Facebook Group
- "This Day in NED History"
- NED Honoraries Biographies

- NED History Quizzes
- Seasonal Updates from NEDAA and TBSAA
- Page on the NED Website on NEDAA, TBSAA and Life Membership
- National Awards Winners (from the NED)
- Annual NED History Project
- Visual trees for the NED Family Tree
- Updated 2014 Changing/Updating District History Pages on Website
- NED History Project: History Through Service

The committee called Chris Lukasik a phenomenal and a hard working Sister who served this position well. He did everything wonderfully; the only “negative” point was that alumni associations needed to be talked about more. Many felt that there was several of ways we could have improved upon these projects. For example, with the TBSNED Alumni Facebook Group – use it for networking and sending messages to alumni. Other ideas include sharing interview tips, advice/support system, topic of the week (favorite service project, communication with Actives, etc.), monthly chats, #TBTs, and potentially asking for advice about chapter issues.

We felt that we could expand “This Day in NED History” by encouraging chapter participation by submitting important facts that happened in their chapter (such as hosting Districts, Wava visiting, past District Officers, etc.). Alumni participation is encouraged in this project. Still a work in process, bios on the NED Honorary members should be expanded past the two complete bios on there.

A highly suggested and well-liked idea was to have the Council create a page with all important facts, awards, and list of resources, and send to each chapter to put in the MEP. This idea came to be because when directly asked, no one on the committee could explain opportunities they could participate in after graduation with confidence.

History quizzes can remain much the same because it requires the participating Sisters to learn different things about chapters and individuals in the Sisterhood, and forces them to spark conversations with others since they need to go out and find the information. The only suggestion for improvement was to post and publicize the quiz on the NED photo page (with a picture of the award).

One of the issues why people thought that there wasn’t more incentive to join Life Membership, NEDAA, and TBSAA was because there wasn’t enough promotion about the benefits of being in these organizations. It is easy to share logistics and money, but promoting the benefits needs to happen more. Also, because of the lack of information, many were confused about the differences between the three.

Workshops that were given in 2014:

#### **Alumni**

Ivania Morales: “Continuing the Bond: Bridging Actives and Alumni” (Southerns)

Eta Delta “Alumni Relations” (Southerns)

NEDAA Luncheon: 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

NEDAA Resume Building (Districts)

NEDAA Interview Skills (Districts)

TBSAA Workshop by Tamara Henry (Districts)

\*\*NEDAA workshops may not be alumni specific, it does show the alumni association reaching out and putting it on\*\*

#### **History**

Sarah Currie, “Scrapbooking” (Centrals)

Lisa Croston, “Town Hall” (Districts)

Sue Carr’s Ritual Workshop (Districts)

The Alumni Affairs committee charges the 2014-2015 NED Alumni Secretary and Historian with the following:

1. Brainstorm ways/creating an opportunity to network between actives and alumni for professional reasons
2. Promote communication between NEDAA and Actives before Actives graduate (for example, a workshop for experience)
3. Explore using social media more (with/between alumni) by creating opportunities for alumni to discuss the past
4. Think of ways to use different types of social media for alumni participation (for example, a photo challenge)
5. Promoting history projects more through media and different forms of communication
6. Promote the NEDAA awards/scholarships
7. Make sure graduating seniors understand options by ensuring that chapters are talking to their seniors
8. Encourage alumni to get together of their own initiative (social events)
9. Two chats a semester: beginning and end about ideas. Small middle of the semester chats for check ups (open to everyone)
10. Have a chat that is officer specific based on problems and planning
11. District wide chat based on alumni and historical affairs

The Alumni Affairs committee charges the 2014-2015 Northeast District Council with the following:

1. Hold at least one workshop for alumni and one for history during travel season
2. Encourage sharing turtle talk with other news
3. Create a page for Membership Packets about District and Resources

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

1. Share pages written by council to include in MEPS
2. Create a scholarship for full or partial Life Membership
3. Participate in District History initiatives (history quizzes, projects, etc.)
4. Make seniors aware of their options (LM, NEDAA, TBSAA)

The Alumni Affairs committee charges the NEDAA in the District with the following:

1. To become more creative with NIB submissions (for example, having recording booths at precinct meetings to record submission for NIB)

The 2015 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivania Morales

*Committee Chair – Beta Eta*

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Christopher Lukasik  
*Committee Advisor – Delta Delta*  
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*Committee Advisor – Life Member Delta Delta*  
Ashley Faison – Zeta Upsilon  
Xixi Zhen – Eta Alpha  
Tiffany Smith – Epsilon Upsilon  
Camille Little – Eta Delta  
Lyndsae' Peele – Eta Delta  
Serita Norige – Delta Delta  
Nicole Kemp – Zeta Upsilon Life Member  
Christina Solem – Delta Delta  
Elizabeth Streitfeld – Delta Delta  
Kristen Collins – Eta Sigma Life Member  
Amy Thomas – Zeta Omicron  
Alexandria Pector – Epsilon Omega  
Stephanie Devanzo – Eta Sigma  
Daniel Koob – Eta Sigma  
Rowan Wallace – Delta Nu

## **Ways and Means**

Chair: Dominique Landrum- Zeta Upsilon

Advisor: Raeshayla Murphy- Epsilon Omega

Co Advisor: Lisa Croston

### **The Duties of the Ways and Means Committee According to the NED Constitution:**

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 Treasurers report of fundraising efforts from the term and make any suggestions for improved fundraising efforts for the following term.

### **Charges for the 2014 Ways and Means Committee**

1. Review the NED Constitution and 2013 Ways and Means Committee Report
2. Review the actual income and expenditure from the 2013-2014 budget.
3. Review 2013-2014 budget and recommend a budget for 2014-2015.
4. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
5. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers to be included in the Fundraising Activity Forum on [tbsned.org](http://tbsned.org).
6. Brainstorm ideas for the 2014-2015 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming TBS NED Treasurer.
7. Review the Activities of the NED Treasurer

Goals of the meeting:

1. Go over the current budget to justify/defend what has been spent over the past year, as well as set a new budget for the upcoming year.

Opening Balance was \$1834.08 and projected Actuals were \$1,834.08.

### **Income:**

Most budgeted items from 2013-2014 were discussed and the committee decided that it would be best to leave many of them constant for the 2014-2015 budget. The exception being fundraising. Due to the amount we decided to increase in expenses (and the fact that the NED is working to boost fundraising efforts!).

Fall allocations were \$1,100.00, projected actuals being \$1,158.50.

Spring allocations were \$200 and projected actuals being \$264.

It has been decided that NEDAA Donations shall be left at \$0.00

It has been decided that we should leave the convention income at \$0.00

It has been decided that we should leave Project Protect Music Collection at \$0.00.

Total income budget was \$2,910.00 and projected actuals is \$2,622.50. This gap is expected to be from the delegate fees that has been paid this morning.



There is an error under total assets where the amount is not adding up correctly. This is being looked into.

#### Expenses:

Summer meeting was budgeted at \$300 and projected actuals were \$0.00. This was used for Winter Meetings since Projected Actuals were \$601.63. This still means we were over by \$1.63.

Delegate travel grant was even between budget and projected actuals.

Mediations currently stands at \$0.00. We believe that there should be an amount budgeted there because of the chance a district council member does need to travel to a chapter. While we hope there wouldn't be a need for a mediation, the committee felt that \$200 was a good amount to budget.

NE Notes Reimbursement is now all online therefore we budget it at \$0.00.

Life membership is budgeted at \$350.00 because Life Membership is set at \$350.00.

New projects is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

NED Convention Activities is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

Project Protect Music is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

Save our Rep Contribution is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00. Lisa Croston explained this line in the budget and the committee felt as though change was unnecessary.

National Convention/DLC is currently budget at \$300 and the projected actuals were \$0.00. It has been decided that we should leave this budgeted at \$300.

Honorary Member Dues is currently budgeted at \$50.00. The projected actuals were actually \$100. We believe that the budgeted amount should be \$100 that way at least two honoraries can be out through.

Website Material currently is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00. However, we believe that this should be looked into due to the fact that our main domain was shut down a few weeks ago. There is question about whether we are going to work to get the main domain back or if we are going to continue working off of the Weebly.

#### Officer Budgets:

President is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

VPM is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

VPSP is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

Secretary is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

Treasurer budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

Alumni Secretary/Historian is budgeted at \$0.00 and it had been decided it shall remain at \$0.00.

Officer Travel to Precincts was budgeted at \$500.00. The projected actuals were \$350.38. It has been decided that this should remain the same. The rest of the amount left over from precincts can be put towards districts travel.

Officer Travel to Districts has been budgeted at \$500.00 and the projected actuals were \$460.00. This needs to be looked at based off of where the current/new district council are coming from.

Total officer expenses were budgeted at \$1,000 and the projected actuals were \$810.38.

Total expenses were budgeted at \$2,900 and the projected actuals were \$2,412.01.

The closing balance was budgeted at \$1,844.08. The projected actuals is \$2,044.57.

Currently what has happened is that we have budgeted more than the projected actuals. We believe that one solution to this is having a year-round fundraiser, off a website. It will provide a variety of options to people interested and will also cause fundraising to go up. Because of this we believe what is currently budgeted to fundraising should go up to a designated amount.

Another method we could do is out reaching to other restaurants in the areas to sit in and sell goods on their designated nights.

#### *Rejoining after Lunch*

We reconsidered the fundraising category of the budget.

We believe that the fundraising section of the budget should be raised by half, making it \$1,200 instead of \$800, as a way to start small and ease Sisters into the change. We believe that returning members would be slow to the change (change takes time to notice as well as take effect) whereas newer sisters would adjust right away.

Closing balance would then change to \$2,204.57.

There are currently no joint matches needing to be made with Kappa Kappa Psi.

#### **Fundraising around the NED.**

Eta Delta:

- Year-round bake sales
- Date Auction (biggest fundraiser)
- Sell snacks/drinks
- Car washes
- Valentines Day sales (teddy bears, chocolates, candy, etc.)

Eta Chi:

- Water bottles/Roses sales at concerts.
- Care Kits for band camp
- "Ram Band" Sunglasses

Zeta Omicron:

- Bake sales
- Bracelets
- Key chains

Gamma Kappa:

Welcome Tom! He is sitting in.

- Drinking glasses
- Knitted turtles
- Epsilon Sigma:
  - Spirit links (colored links that entwine around the band room)
  - Wristbands
  - Bakesale
  - Raffles (school specific based on the area)
  - Band Kits to upperclassmen
  - Page protectors year-round
  - Raffle off ITB member-helpers
- Epsilon Omega:
  - Variety of snack sale
  - Spirit Nights at restaurants
  - Bracelets
  - Shirts
  - Pillows made out of old shirts
- Delta Omega:
  - Sold boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts
  - Lollipops
  - Catalog sales (chocolates)
  - Band Camp Kits
  - Yankee Candles
- Delta Delta:
  - Roses/Carnations
  - Senior survival kits
  - Bake sales
  - Restaurant Collaborations

Ideas for 2014-2015 Fundraisers:

1. Sell items with an approved slogan
2. Sell hats/beanies
3. Tumblers (cups)
4. If jewelry was an option, make sure you go through an approved vender.

**Charges for the 2015 Ways and Means Committee**

1. Review the NED Constitution and 2014 Ways and Means Committee Report
2. Review the actual income and expenditure from the 2014-2015 budget.
3. Review 2014-2015 budget and recommend a budget for 2015-2016.
4. Match all Joint Line Items with Kappa Kappa Psi if necessary
5. Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers to be included in the Fundraising Activity Forum on [tbsned.org](http://tbsned.org).
6. Brainstorm ideas for the 2015-2016 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming TBS NED Treasurer.
7. Create a list of fundraisers that don't need support from the band program.
8. Review the Activities of the NED Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dominique Landrum- Zeta Upsilon  
2014 Ways and Means Committee Chair

Erica Davignon- Delta Delta (2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate)  
Emily Stenson- Delta Delta (MC)  
Maria Tobias- Delta Omega Delegate  
Katelyn Westerholm- Zeta Omicron (3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate)  
Jessyca Yoakum- Epsilon Sigma (Delegate)  
Brittany Costello- Eta Chi (Delegate)  
Shannon McIlrath- Eta Chi  
Adrienne Dibreil- Eta Delta (3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate)  
Raeshayla Murphy- Epsilon Omega (Advisor)  
Jada Davis- Epsilon Omega

## **Sisterhood and Spirit**

Tau Beta Sigma

National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

From the desk of the Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Chair:

The charges for the 2014 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee are as follows:

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

The first major topic discussed this year was our individual chapters' joint social and service events. We each went around and said one of our favorite things that we do with either our brother organization or other musical organizations on campus. Because the NED website was down we were not able to look at the social forums on the website, however, we had a lengthy discussion and each representative had a lot of different ideas that they could take back to their chapter. We discussed ideas like:

Movie night

Picnic for the band

Turkey Dinner

Holiday dinner

Pasta dinner/cookouts

MCs do joint and social projects and games for the band like manhunt

Joint recital with other musical organizations

Host a skate night with Kappa Kappa Psi for the band

Band room clean up

We then discussed bonding with our brother organization and other organizations on our campus. We talked about how there may be a clash with like organizations on campus and how to avoid these clashes and work together. The committees gave ideas for strengthening the bond like hosting joint service/ social events or just coming together and having fun just to get to know each other better.

For the last portion of the first meeting, we continued the spirit box. Older letters were distributed if they were still in the box. Each representative then made letters/ drew pictures to give to be placed in the spirit box. We will continue to decorate the spirit box during convention and the letters will be passed out during banquet.

When the committee reconvened after lunch, we immediately started with an icebreaker to get everyone hype about convention. After the icebreaker we discussed charges for next year's committee. We decided to keep all of the charges but one and instead of reviewing the loyalty and affirmation song as a committee and then as a district, we decided that we could just review it as a district. We also added a charge, which would be to work on a joint song for the district.

Preceding the review of the charges, we then went on to complete our third charge which was to review the alphabet step, the NED chant, and NED stroll. Dr. Kathryn Kelly took the time to come and teach us all of this and we had a lot of fun. We decided that the committee was going to do the stroll and chant at the talent show.

The last thing we discussed was the chapter spirit award. Everyone was told to continue to observe every chapter through the talent show and text me to tell me who they thought deserved the award. We are proud to say that The Delta Delta chapter – University of Massachusetts, The Epsilon Omega chapter- Morgan State University, and the Iota Pi chapter- The Lincoln University, are all doing a phenomenal job and promoting their chapter spirit this year.

The Charges for the 2015 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee are as follow:

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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 .Discuss making a joint song for the NED.

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 2014-2015 District Council are as follow:

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2. Spirit Box at precincts and conventions. Announce in the beginning for people to know where it will be located, what it.

This was a great opportunity and experience for me. I had a great time and I gained a lot of different ideas to take back to my chapter. I hope everyone learned a lot for the committee and had a great time as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marrisia Moore

Katie Hufflepuff- Eta Chi  
Marissa Torres – Eta Chi  
Jakija Hargrove – Epsilon Sigma  
Deyonne Mitchell – Epsilon Sigma  
Cori Luchau – Gamma Omega  
Cody Wright – Epsilon Upsilon

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Delana Williams - Eta Alpha  
Shannon Vogler – Delta Delta  
Jenna Woodward – Delta Delta  
Yvonne Barrett – Epsilon Omega  
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Kahyla Moore – Epsilon Omega  
Bianca Jones – Eta Delta  
Brittany Wallace – Eta Delta  
Jessica Ladulee- Eta Delta  
Jasmine Simmons – Iota Pi  
Brittany davenport – Iota Pi  
Jennifer Houston – Iota Pi  
Jerrica flint – Iota Pi  
Shyann Gales- Poland – Iota Pi  
Tiffany Singleton – Iota Pi  
Teri McMillon – Iota Pi  
Andrea Fields – Iota Pi  
Sarah – Maire Wood – Eta Rho  
Amber Saunders – Eta Rho  
Danielle – Essiq – Eta Rho  
Alex Reinensen – Eta Chi  
Bomina Belden – Eta Chi  
Dainelle Moore – Eta Chi  
Sandee Hirsh – Delta Delta  
Ashley Tanks – Eta Chi

Advisor: Jessica Gamble, NED Secretary 2013-14

Co-Advisor: Kat Tribulski, Life Member Zeta Upsilon, Past NED VPSP

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## **Programs**

**Programs Committee-** March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2013 Programs report.
2. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed.
3. Evaluate the use of listservs versus Facebook groups and pages both for TBS NED, the officers, and the joint district.
4. Review District Award requirements
  - a. Golden Typewriter
  - b. All Star Service
  - c. Life Membership Scholarship
5. Evaluate new programs presented by District Council members.
6. Review and update the Service Projects Activity Forum on [tbsned.org](http://tbsned.org).
7. Review NED programs including
  - a. Precincts
  - b. Districts
  - c. District Days
  - d. Precinct Days
  - e. Sisterhood Week
  - f. Project Good Member
  - g. History Project
  - h. Activity Forums
8. Receive a report from the District VPSP, which addresses the state of District and National programs.
9. Discuss the needs of Chapters and the District and generate ideas for new District and National programs that address these needs.
10. Generate new ideas for new methods of local and District implementation of the National programs.
11. Task each delegate to talk to other chapters and create a list of how chapters in the NED are currently accomplishing and implementing National programs.
12. Review the Activities of the NED Vice President of Special Projects

### **Review NED Constitution**

The Northeast District Constitution was reviewed and no changes were deemed necessary.

### **Review 2013 Programs Report**

The programs report from 2013 NED Convention was reviewed and considerations were taken.

### **Evaluate the Website**

- Include a homepage similar to the national website displaying pictures, highlighting different chapters and members
- Include links to each chapters' band website
- Use the website to host "Chapter Weeks" to highlight a specific chapter and its band programs
- Better promote the existence of the District calendar to chapters

### **Evaluate the Use of Listservs vs. Facebook Groups**

The committee favored the Facebook groups as opposed to listservs as means of communication; however, Facebook conversation is not always productive. The committee would like to see better use of the group and possibly separate discussion sections for business and chatting.

### **Review District Award Requirements**



- a) Golden Typewriter
  - Enjoyed the virtual folder but would also like paper submissions to be accepted
  - The “Chapter Hosted/Visited” section should include mention of correspondence during conventions.
  - Provide examples from winning submissions
- b) All-Star Service  
The committee was satisfied with the qualifications for the All-Star Service Award.
- c) Life Membership Award  
The committee was satisfied with the qualifications and questions for the award; however, we recommend the word count for each response be increased to 750 words.

### **Evaluate New Programs Presented by District Council Members**

No new programs were available for review.

### **Review and Update the Service Projects Activity Forum**

The service projects activity forum was unavailable.

### **Review NED programs including**

- a. Precinct Conventions
  - More signs directing people where to go
  - More workshops and in bigger spaces
  - Increase communication and send out information earlier
  - Precinct website
- b. District Convention
  - A deadline for the host chapter to submit the schedule
  - Early registration available for chapters travelling from afar
  - Increase size and number of signs directing sisters and brother
  - Provide signs along pathways when travelling to different buildings
  - Include a service project as a workshop
  - Host a fundraiser for the host chapter’s band
- c. District Days
  - Host the event at the beginning or end of the summer
  - Vote on location
  - Promote as early as January and at district and precinct conventions
- d. Precinct Days
  - Advertise and encourage chapters to apply
  - Push for applications prior to District Convention
- e. Sisterhood Week  
The committee was satisfied with sisterhood week but would like it promoted more.
- f. History Project  
The committee enjoyed the generality of the 2014 topic; however, chapters would benefit if examples of ideas were provided
- g. Activity Forums  
The activity forum was a good resource for business discussion.

- h. Project Protect Music 2.0
  - Provide examples
  - Project Protect Music week on the NED Facebook photo page

### **Suggestions for New District and National Programs**

The committee suggests a forum for brainstorming social activities for band members to promote the “meaningful and worthwhile social experience” aspect of the sorority.

### **Generate New Ideas for Methods to Implement National Programs**

- Make the national website easier to navigate
- District Council promote each program for a week
- National outreach to the Girls Scouts to promote Scouting for Music

### **The charges for the 2015 Programs Committee are as follows:**

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11. Review the Activities of the NED Vice President of Special Projects

### **The charges for the 2014-2015 Vice President of Special Projects are as follows:**

- 1) Heavily promote weeks and themes
- 2) Review the 2014 Programs Report and implement programs
- 3) Promote the NED Twitter and select a social media chair for the District
- 4) Promote National Programs via the District website, Facebook, and Twitter

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Cydney McGuire, Eta Delta (Chair)  
Taylor Light, NED VPSP (Advisor)  
Tamara Henry, TBSAA Exec. Council Member (Advisor)  
Kirsten Peterson, Delta Delta  
Sara Lacey, Iota alpha  
Jameela Hendricks, Epsilon Omega  
Danielle Fiumono, Zeta Upsilon  
Crystal Sivells, Epsilon Rho  
Deanna Benson, Epsilon Upsilon  
Courtney Brown, Epsilon Upsilon  
Sophie Tenaglia, Zeta Omicron  
Elizabeth Patterson, Epsilon Upsilon  
Ivana Baker, Epsilon Sigma  
Kenya Wrim, Epsilon Sigma  
Amy Hahn, Eta Alpha  
Tina Mastrull, Eta Alpha  
Kimberly Lincoln (MC), Eta Delta

## **Jurisdiction**

After hearing that I had been selected to chair this committee, I was excited and very nervous. However, my advisor and the committee helped me feel more comfortable. I was delighted to work with the Jurisdiction Committee this year. We worked diligently to address the charges that the 2013 committee set for us. The charges were as follows:

1. Review the 2013 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.

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

### **Proposed Changes**

- 3.404 parts a and b
- 3.405 parts a, I, and j
- 4.307 d and f
- 4.301
- 6.106
- 3.203
- 3.204
- 3.205
- 8.101 a
- 8.201
- 3.504
- 3.504a
- 4.403
- 4.403a

The charges for the 2015 Jurisdiction Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2014 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.
4. Review the efficiency of the one-page summary for officer candidates for the 2016 Jurisdiction Committee

Special thanks to Sarah Lenau, Kelly Eidson, and the members of the jurisdiction committee for your time and patience in working with me to make this a pleasant and productive experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Taliah Royal , Eta Delta (Chair)

Sarah Lenau, NED Parliamentarian (Advisor)

Kelly Eidson, National Board of Trustees (Advisor)

Amanda Abrams, Gamma Kappa

Kelsey Nelson, Epsilon Rho

Kelsey Aistrop, Zeta Omicron

Abbie Lookingbill, Zeta Upsilon

Nia Imani, Theta Phi

Emily Lacey, Iota Alpha

### **CONSTITUTION CHANGES**

**Jurisdiction:** *Taliah Royal - Chair, Sarah Lenau- Advisor*

1. Review the 2013 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.

#### **1. Review the 2013 NED Constitution.**

### **VPSP**

#### **Orginial:**

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

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- b. To work with the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange Northeast District Days.
- c. To maintain and make available a database of programs for service and special projects through the Activity Forum on the District website.
- d. To serve as advisor to the Programs Committee.
- 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

#### **Proposed:**

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- b. To work with the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange ~~Northeast District Days~~ [joint events in the form of at least one Precinct Day per precinct per year.](#)
- c. To maintain and make available a database of programs for service and special projects through the Activity Forum on the District website.
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**Rationale:**

- b. Precinct Days are taking the place of District Days

**District Secretary**

**Original:**

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

- a. To keep a current roster of the District as obtained from the National Headquarters.
- b. To collect summer contact information from each chapter in the District for distribution to all District Officers and the District Counselor.
- c. To distribute a roster including email addresses and phone numbers of all chapter officers within the District to the chapters, no later than October 1.
- d. To provide documented notification of the District Convention dates to all chapters in the District, their Chapter Sponsors, the District Officers, the District Counselor, NEDAA, the TBΣAA, the National Officers, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the National Headquarters at least ninety (90) days prior to the close of registration.
- e. To notify all chapters by February 1st that a yearly Chapter Report must be submitted by the chapter Delegate at the Northeast District Convention.
- f. To record and publish the minutes of the District Convention and to distribute these to all chapters in the District, the District Officers, the District Counselor, the National Officers, and the National Headquarters no later than thirty (30) days following the close of convention. According to the Table of Contents, the District Minutes should include:
  - i. Separate and Joint Session Minutes.
  - ii. Award Recipients.
  - iii. Committee Workshops.

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

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- ~~i. To revise and publish the Chapter Operations Materials Binder, paying special attention to the table of contents page, and introduction, which will be sent to the chapter presidents at the chapter address by September 15th.~~ To revise and promote the Chapter Operations Materials Binder by September 30<sup>th</sup> via the District listserv and other means of communication.
- j. To assist in improving inter-chapter relations.
- k. To take minutes at all meetings of the District Council and distribute them to the Northeast District and National Councils.
- l. To serve as the advisor to the Sisterhood and Spirit Committee.

**Rationale:**

- a. Everything is in OMRS & should be up to date
- i. The Chapter Operations Materials Binder should be published online as it is an easier/more cost-effective way of making it available to chapters. The District Secretary should also be in charge of publicizing the Binder to chapters.
- k. Emily and Jess had discussed this earlier on, no need to send to other District Councils, only Nationals and the Northeast District.

**District Alumni Secretary and Historian**

**Original:**

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

- a. To gather and distribute information regarding application to the TBΣAA, NEDAA, and local alumni associations located within the Northeast District and Life Membership.
- b. To communicate with each chapter's alumni contact regarding guidance of graduating seniors, ways to involve and contact alumni, and resolving difficulties with alumni.
- c. To communicate with each chapter's history contact regarding historical archives to research and update chapter history.
- d. To act as a liaison between the NEDAA, District Council, and actives.
- e. To act with the Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to improve alumni relations on a joint basis.
- f. To compile, update and maintain 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.
- g. To collect a copy of the most current District Convention Minutes and Constitution to include in the Historical Archives.
- h. To be responsible for collecting and compiling information for a presentation in the form of a slide show to be displayed at that year's District Convention.
- i. To serve as the advisor to the Alumni and Historical Affairs Committee, and to invite a representative of NEDAA and TBΣAA to be present at the Committee meeting.
- j. To provide chapters with information on creating and/or purchasing ritual items.

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- e. To act with the Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to improve alumni relations on a joint basis.
- f. To compile, update and maintain ~~a single page~~ [various pages](#) on the District Website including: a historical archive of the Northeast District with District Officers, District Conventions, and award recipients. This archive should also include Chapter history information, information for graduating seniors, and advice on local alumni associations, NEDAA, Life Membership, alumni communication, and alumni events.

**Rationale:**

- d. include TBSAA
- f. single page to say various pages.

**Parliamentarian**

**Original:**

- 4.301 The responsibilities of the District Parliamentarian shall be as follows:
- a. To ensure that all meetings are run according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised*.
  - b. To answer all questions pertaining to parliamentary procedure.
  - c. To revise and publish the District Constitution to the District Website, and to distribute copies of the Constitution to all chapters in the District, each District Officer, the District Counselor, each National Officer, and the National Headquarters within two (2) weeks of the close of the convention. Exceptions must be approved by the District Counselor.
  - e. To collect and review chapter constitutions with District Council and District Counselor in order to ensure all is in accordance with National and District Constitutions.
  - f. To serve as the Advisor to the Jurisdiction Committee.
  - g. The District Parliamentarian shall serve from the start of the term to the end of the term.

**Proposed:**

- 4.301 The responsibilities of the District Parliamentarian shall be as follows:
- a. To ensure that all meetings are run according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised*.
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  - e. To collect and review chapter constitutions with District Council and District Counselor in order to ensure all is in accordance with National and District Constitutions.
  - f. To serve as the Advisor to the Jurisdiction Committee.
  - g. The District Parliamentarian shall serve from ~~the start of the term to the end of the term~~ [December 1<sup>st</sup> until the conclusion of District Convention the following year.](#)

**Rationale:**

g. Change to make clearer and reflect actual time in office

**Joint Convention Site and Publication**

**Original:**

6.106 Completed Bids for District Convention must be received by the final call for Convention Bids in the first joint session of Convention. Two hard copies of the bid must be submitted to the joint council.

**Proposed:**

6.106 Completed Bids for District Convention must be received by the final call for Convention Bids in the first joint session of Convention. Completed [bids must include each section that is outlined in 6.102](#). Two hard copies of the bid must be submitted to the joint council.

**Rationale:**

This is changed to ensure that the language between NED Tau Beta Sigma Constitution and the NED Kappa Kappa Psi is consistent.

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

**Original:**

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

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

**Proposed:**

3.203 A candidate who wishes to be slated for District Office must submit six (6) copies of the following to the Nominations Committee, ~~one (1)~~ two (2) copies of each must also be submitted to the ~~submitted to each delegate and~~ District President by the close of opening separate session the first day of District Convention [for a total of eight \(8\) paper copies](#).

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

3.205 The Candidate also must submit her/his completed packet electronically to the district one (1) week

prior to District Convention.

**Rationale:**

3.203 – Printing upwards of 30 copies is expensive and waste of money when they have been made available online

3.204 – A one-page summary will help the Delegates understand the key points of the candidate’s packet without having to provide the entire packet

3.205- The wording is the same from the original, it was just moved to a new point to add clarity.

**General**

**Original:**

8.101 Standing committees appointed for the District Convention shall be:

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

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

**Proposed:**

8.101 Standing committees appointed for the District Convention shall be:

- a. ~~Expansion &~~ Membership Committee

**Rationale:**

The expansion of Tau Beta Sigma is the role of the National Council and does not need to be discussed during District Business.

**Original:**

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.

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

8.203 The Jurisdiction Committee shall review, approve, and submit any proposed changes to the Northeast District Constitution. Any proposed amendment must earn a majority vote of the Jurisdiction Committee before it reaches the separate session. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the Jurisdiction Committee before the last committee meeting. Copies of approved changes must be made available to all District Officers, Jurisdiction Committee members, and Convention delegates.

**Proposed:**

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.~~

**Rationale:**

The expansion of Tau Beta Sigma is the role of the National Council and does not need to be discussed during District Business.

**Changes to Reflect the National Constitution**

**Original:**

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

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

**Proposed:**

3.504 In the event that an officer will go from active status to alumni status during their term of office they must obtain Life Membership ~~within 60 days of their change of status,~~ with all fees paid by the student's graduation.

a. In the event that the candidate does not obtain Life Membership ~~within 60 days of their status change~~ by the student's graduation, the officer must relinquish their position.

**Rationale:**

**Change to reflect National Constitution**

**Original:**

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

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

**Proposed:**

4.403 In the event that an officer will go from active status to alumni status during their term of office they must obtain Life Membership ~~within 60 days of their change of status,~~ with all fees paid by the student's graduation.

a. In the event that the candidate does not obtain Life Membership ~~within 60 days of their status change~~ by the student's graduation, the officer must relinquish their position.

Rationale: Change to reflect National Constitution

**Charges**

**Jurisdiction:** *Taliab Royal - Chair, Sarah Lenau- Advisor*

1. Review the 2014 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.
4. Review the efficiency of the one-page summary for officer candidates for the 2016 Jurisdiction Committee

## **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**

1. The charges for the 2015 Joint Committee Site and Publications Committee are as follows:
  - a. Continue to work towards making both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District constitutions match exactly, in wording and phrasing.
  - b. Amend the Constitution to include that One (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic copy of bid packets for District Convention site is to be turned in to the council by the end of opening joint session.
  - c. Pending the results of the trial period of the 2014-2015 task force on publications and social media, create a standing committee in the two organizations to coordinate publications, specifically the Northeast Notes, throughout the year.
  - d. Review and recommend tools for the district councils to make preparing convention site bids more accessible.
  - e. Update the responsibilities of the potential standing joint committee on publications and social media.
2. The charges for the District Council of 2014-2015 are as follows:
  - a. Create an ad-hoc committee with members from each organization to focus on the Northeast Notes in the following categories:
    - i. Gathering submissions
    - ii. Marketing the publication, both blog format and PDF versions, to the District through Twitter, Facebook and listservs
      1. Recommend creating a separate Facebook page and Twitter account for the Northeast notes, to be updated weekly or biweekly
    - iii. Considering the web presence of the Northeast District on Twitter, Facebook and more, to make the chapters of the NED appear more cohesive across the board
    - iv. Reworking the layout of the Northeast Notes to make categories and posts more accessible
  - b. Recommend that the council, or ad-hoc committee, begin working with the Northeast Notes at the start of their term, in accordance with the current specifications in the Northeast District constitutions.
  - c. Continue to hold workshops and opportunities for chapters to gain more information about hosting and putting in a bid for convention.
3. The 2014 Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee discussed the constitution as it stands, reviewing the phrasing of both organizations' Publications (Section 17 for Kappa Kappa Psi, and Section 9 for Tau Beta Sigma) and Convention Site sections (section 13 for Kappa Kappa Psi and Section 6.1 for Tau Beta Sigma), to ensure that phrasing and wording matched exactly in each

document. The Committee also met with and viewed presentations from five (5) host schools who entered packets for District Convention Site. The committee also reviewed the worth of the Northeast Notes, and discussed new ways to revitalize the publication to make it more visible and accessible to the members of the district.

The 2014 Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee, committee chairs and advisors are thoroughly pleased with the number of packets that had been entered this year to host convention, and hope that the future council and committees continue to support more chapters in learning about how to prepare bids and host conventions, and subsequently, successfully placing bids for the committee to review. We also encourage chapters who are placing bids to continue making their packets unique, after seeing each of the five packets this year bring new ideas to change and further our district convention.

Respectfully Submitted, with Much Love in the Bond,  
 Alyssa Serville, Tau Beta Sigma - Gamma Kappa (Chair)  
 Danielle (Dee) Hibbard, Kappa Kappa Psi - Theta Beta (Chair)  
 Allison Leemann, Tau Beta Sigma - Eta Gamma (Advisor)  
 Dennis Yu, Kappa Kappa Psi - Theta Beta (Advisor)

Ryan Heiseman, Kappa Kappa Psi - Epsilon Iota  
 Katie Gardner, Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Omicron  
 Trevor Smith, Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Chi  
 Christopher Stackhouse, Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Omega  
 Zachary Miller, Kappa Kappa Psi - Theta Beta  
 Morgan McGrane, Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Delta  
 RaShaad Beaver, Kappa Kappa Psi - Iota Xi  
 Brianna Sklute, Kappa Kappa Psi - Kappa Psi

**Section Ten: 2014-2015 BUDGET**

	Title	2014-2015	2014-2015	Explanation
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		Budgeted	Projected	
1	Opening Balance	\$2,044.57		
2	Income			
2.1	Fall Allocations	\$1,100.00		Money given to us by NHQ based on dues that were turned in on time
2.11	Spring Allocations	\$200.00		Money given to us by NHQ based on dues that were turned in on time
2.12	NEDAA Donation	\$0.00		Donations from NEDAA
2.13	Fundraising	\$1,200.00		Any money made from district fundraisers
2.14	Convention Income	\$0.00		Any extra money made during convention
2.15	Delegate Fee	\$810.00		Money from the District Convention Delegate fees
2.16	Project Protect Music Collection	\$0.00		Any Donations made to PPM
2.17	Misc.	\$0.00		Alumni Donation, etc.
3	Total Income	\$3,310.00		
4	Total Assets	\$5,354.57		Total TBS NED Funds at HQ
5	Expenses			
5.1	Summer Meeting	\$300.00		Travel for Summer Meeting (Food, lodging, etc.)
5.11	Winter Meeting	\$300.00		Travel for Winter Meeting (Food, lodging, etc.)
5.12	Delegate Travel Grant	\$200.00		Travel Grant Award
5.13	Mediations	\$200.00		Emergency visting to chapter
5.14	NE Notes Reimbursement	\$0.00		NEN is now online
5.15	Life Membership Scholarship	\$350.00		Annually awarded by VPSP
5.16	Fundraising	\$400.00		Any expenses for fundraising
5.17	New Projects	\$0.00		Any new projects that arise
5.18	NED Convention Activities	\$0.00		Activities for NEDCON that need to be paid
5.19	Project Protect Music Donation	\$0.00		Outgoing PPM donations
5.2	Save our Ren	\$0.00		Contributions to the National Save our

	Contribution			Rep Initiative
5.21	National Convention/DLC	\$300.00		Travel for NATCON (food, lodging, etc.)
5.22	Honorary Member Dues	\$100.00		Paying for the initiation of honoraries
5.23	Website Material	\$0.00		Hosting, Domain, etc.
5.24	Misc.	\$0.00		
6	Total Project Expenses	\$2,150.00		
7	Officer Budgets			
7.1	President	\$0.00		Misc. officer expenses
7.11	VPM	\$0.00		Misc. officer expenses
7.12	VPSP	\$0.00		Misc. officer expenses
7.13	Secretary	\$0.00		Misc. officer expenses
7.14	Treasurer	\$0.00		Misc. officer expenses
7.15	Alumni Sec/His	\$0.00		Misc. officer expenses
7.16	Officer Travel-- Precincts	\$500.00		Council travel expenses to precincts
7.17	Officer Travel-- Districts	\$500.00		Council travel expenses to Districts
8	<b>Total Officer Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
9	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,150.00</b>		
10	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$2,204.57</b>		



## **SECTION ELEVEN: CHAPTER REPORTS**

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

**Beta Eta**

*No Report Submitted*

## Delta Delta

This year in the world of service we have worked to not only continue our traditional projects but also branch out to participate more with our community. We are continuing to set up and break down before and after band rehearsals with our brothers of Epsilon Nu. We organize a banquet for our marching band in the fall and we also provide receptions after important music performances throughout the year. We are also continuing our tradition of participating in Relay For Life, which is hosted through the Five College system. Projects we have begun to participate in outside of UMass have included working with Toys for Tots around the holidays season. Also, we have continued writing letters to soldiers and this year we started writing letters to Santa to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation through Macy's. We have organized instrument petting zoos for local schools and are in talks with such groups as Girl Scouts and Girls Inc. We have continued to have Women in Music speakers and have just recently started to focus on talking with not only professors at the university, but also utilizing our honorary sisters and learning from them.

Switching to membership, we have had a wonderful year! At our summer retreat, we discussed what it means to actively recruit; getting to know your sections, being positive at band camp, seeking out prospective Membership Candidates to invite to our rush events, etc. We made sure sisters understood that we all have a major part in recruiting for our future. We held our annual midnight social at band camp with our brothers of Epsilon Nu and had a great turn out of band members. At this event we provide snacks and play fun music for everyone in the band that would like to attend a social gathering during the middle of the very hectic and hot band camp. Our rush period this year was longer and later in the semester than it usually is, which allowed students to settle into their classes before thinking of joining our sisterhood and attending our rush. Our rush events included: an ice cream social with our band director Dr. Anderson, tie-dyeing clothing, a service event helping the band get ready for their first football game, and a field day after practice. We had very successful Informational Tea, which is when we hold interviews for all interested and hand out bids. All of our efforts resulted with eleven successful MC's for the fall semester. The biggest class we have had in many years! During their process, we had fun social and educational events for them like learning and applying the 5 & 8 in our daily lives. The MC's did several service projects as well, including creating a DVD collection for the band busses as well as providing new candle holders for ritual. For Post Membership Education, the VPM and AVPM created a system where there is a combination of quizzes and games to accommodate everyone's differing learning styles. By the end of the fall semester, we gained eleven very strong sisters, and two of them now hold chair positions vital to our organization. This Spring, we have fantastic class of four MC's, who are now in the middle of their process, after another great rush period. The VPM and AVPM have been working on effective communication between the MC's and sisters; making sure they know what they need to complete while learning, developing a bond, and most importantly, having fun.

This past year our chapter has been proactive in trying to help raise money for projects within our band specifically as well as providing for other initiatives. We held a Panera Bread fundraising night in the fall and jump started a new fundraiser called Senior Survival Kits for the marching band. These kits included several mementos as well as candy and tissues to prepare graduating seniors for their last football game of the season. These kits could be purchased by band parents for their graduating student. The interest spread to the band and some members bought kits for their friends who they did not want to see unprepared. It went very well and we hope to continue this in the future and hopefully see more progress! Currently we are anticipating a bake sale and are actively crafting for district convention.

Delta Delta has seen a great deal of progress this year. We have really strengthened our bond and set our sights on great projects within and outside our sisterhood. Everything for us is a learning process and change for us is seen as progressive and healthy. How can you create new traditions without changing some of the outdated ones?

## Delta Nu

Tau Beta Sigma- Delta Nu Chapter has been very actively involved this year in the bands, especially in the marching band and pep band. We have provided several services to the band including snack packs, breakfasts before each 8am rehearsal, and band banquet. Additionally, outside of the University we have been participating in Project Protect Music at Leonard Middle School in Old Town, providing members from TBS to sit in on band rehearsals and helping set up for events. In the category of membership, we just welcomed in our Beta Alpha class at the end of the last semester, which included nine MCs who are now all thriving in the sisterhood. They all enjoyed their MC period very much, thanks to great organization and fun activities. We are about to start in on our post initiate membership education, which is always helpful in helping us grow together as sisters.

## Delta Omega

Delta Omega has participated in numerous service projects this past year. We participate in setting up/tearing down for concert band, ushering concerts, volunteering at local high school band competitions, Relay for Life, SPCA, volunteering at our Stringfest/Jazz Fest and many more. We have definitely completed our goals of service this past year. We are always open and willing to new and different ideas that sisters or the music staff pushes our way. We have fun doing it and look forward to more in the future.

We have increased in membership by 5 this past year. We usually have our biggest classes in the Fall semester, through the new members in marching band. We actively recruit the first few weeks of each semester. This happens through word of mouth and also flyers. We hold many different types of info nights. In the past we have gone bowling, mini golfing, and just hanging out. This gives the sisters and potential membership candidates the opportunity to bond in a relaxed atmosphere. Throughout the semester we work on our PME by having workshops based on hazing policies, drug/alcohol policies, and our TBS info.

We participate in multiple fundraisers each semester. We sell Krispy Kremes, lollipops, lunches for local high school students who participate in our Stringfest/ Jazz Fest, Lincoln for Lincoln, yard sales and more! Our fundraisers a lot of the times are brought to the chapter through an interested sister. Fundraising isn't one of our strongest points, but it is definitely something that we are working on and improving slowly.

## **Delta Omicron**

Delta Omicron has sixteen active sisters. We mainly serve the marching band at Clarion University but also help out with the needs of the other music ensembles on campus. Our main projects include running a local high school's concession stand and distributing and fixing the university marching band uniforms. We do several fundraisers throughout the year to help fund activities for the band as well as maintain financial stability for our chapter.

## Epsilon Epsilon

No matter what happens, your chapter is your family. Two years ago, Epsilon Epsilon was at three people and fighting just to prove that we could stay alive. Today, we have ten wonderful ladies (plus two MCs!). We grow stronger each and every day, with new and unique service projects to help the community. The EE girls are constantly thinking up of new ways to raise awareness, perform service, or create fun socials. We always teach professionalism and respect, but we know how to stand our ground. That's how we stayed alive-- by not giving up. All of the sleepless nights and worry were well worth it, especially now that we're thriving once more. We push our service projects beyond music, including helping at the Special Olympics and handing out hot chocolate or lemonade to crossing guards when the weather is less than ideal. Our musical service projects include ushering all concerts, watering pianos, organizing music, and helping elementary students learn the joys of performing. Socially, we are branching out to other sororities, to work together on fun and in service. We are taking part in a recital for Phi Mu Alpha this year, with the hopes that next year we can start our annual concert once more. There is much interest in the coming semester, and I can honestly say that I have never been prouder of a group of people. I can confidently pass off my gavel when I graduate!

## Epsilon Omega

*No Report Submitted*



## Epsilon Rho

Epsilon Rho is located at Virginia State University and services the Marching Trojan Explosion, concert band as well as the pep band and our community in the surrounding area. There are many fundraisers completed throughout the year in order to provide service for the musical programs. We also have our annual homecoming spirit week which we host each year in order to keep everyone's spirits high about the upcoming events. This year we have hosted a number of band activities to get the moral or the band up after switching to an interim band director. We also complete service projects in order to reach the community as well as a cleanup for our music building here on campus which is named Davis Hall in efforts to help keep our home building clean and a safe environment. Our chapter has greatly improved over time and we are excited to bring to you this great update on the Epsilon Rho chapter here at Virginia State University.

## Epsilon Sigma

*No Report Submitted*

## **Epsilon Upsilon**

This semester we have had 2 membership candidates that are doing amazing. We will be having their 3rd degree this week. Later on this semester, we plan on taking 2 of our music professors in as honorary members. For service, we are planning on helping a local high school with their indoor competition, which the sisters are really excited to do. As for socials, we are going to be baking cookies with one of our honorary members as well as having a band formal at the end of the semester. We also have fundraisers coming up. Murder Mystery is happening in April and we have fundraisers for districts that we are excited to do. This semester has been a great semester and we are excited to see everyone at district convention!! :)

## Eta Alpha

### Membership

Compared to many other chapters, Eta Alpha is rather large. Currently we have 27 active members, 4 conditional members, and 10 membership candidates. Unlike most chapters in the NED, we only accept one class per year during the spring semester. Currently, we are in the middle of our membership candidacy process and it has been going extremely well. The membership class is composed of nine ladies and one gentleman, which is common for our chapter. In fact, out of all of our members (active and conditional) we have only one male. This is something rather unique to Eta Alpha.

Another unique aspect of our chapter is the relationship we hold with our Kappa Kappa Psi brother chapter- Eta Phi. Simply put, our joint relations are phenomenal. Both of our chapters were both founded in the same year and because of this, both of our membership classes share the same class letters. We even give our membership candidates big brothers and the membership candidates of Eta Phi receive big sisters.

Every semester, we have our Parliamentarian-Sergeant at Arms give the chapter a Hazing Workshop. She also sends the PowerPoint over the listserv so everyone can see it, even if they were not in chapter. Part of this presentation is open where sisters can ask questions if necessary and we can discuss how can prevent hazing. Once we have MCs in the process, she presents her PowerPoint all over again and discusses the procedure if they feel they are being hazed. She also makes sure they know that there is an open line of communication between her and the MCs so they can always ask her, their big sister, the VPM, or President if they have any questions.

One of the best activities that Eta Alpha does as a chapter to promote the Ideals of the 8&5 is attend concerts on campus together to promote the University Band programs. For example, there was a concert where Professor Kenneth Bloomquist was conducting all of our Wind Ensemble. The entire sisterhood showed up, dressed well and with pins on, to be there to support the sisters and brothers in the ensemble, and the ensemble as a whole.

### Service

Eta Alpha has had a myriad of service projects this year. We started out the year with band camp, a joint service project. Sisters and brothers arrive to campus a few days early to prepare everything for the extremely busy week of band camp. Each organization comes together to run the week by polishing instruments, checking in band members, helping people move into their dorms, and setting up lunches and dinners. Sisters also make sure that all uniforms are ready to be fitted during band camp. During band camp, we set up a "Milk and Cookies Night" where the entire band can go outside of the music building after rehearsal and relax. This allows all of the freshmen to become social and get acclimated to the campus and to other members of the band. This year we set up a Scarecrow Making Contest for the band, but they were not very receptive of it due to the amount of performances we had this year. In the spring, we also play at Drum Major auditions during a Spring Scrimmage for the football team. Anyone in the band is allowed to go, but we make it required so the drum majors definitely have a band to conduct during the game.

Every year, Eta Alpha is in charge of taking care of uniforms for the Syracuse University Marching Band; it is our main service project. This year, we had our biggest challenge yet: an entirely new set of uniforms. Our new uniform reveal was not until halfway through the season. Because of this, we had to fit everyone with old uniforms, collect those uniforms mid-season, and then fit and redistribute new uniforms. Our season was also extended into spring semester, requiring two separate uniform collections, one before break and the other at the end of the season. Throughout the year, we also help high school band programs in various ways. Sisters played with the Henniger High School Pep Band at their senior night basketball game. We also helped with the Liverpool Home Marching Band Show by directing parking, and serving food at concession stands. Later in the year, we also served at the annual Liverpool Home Winter Guard Show by helping with the concession tables, setting up the dining area and judging break room, and transporting several things from different parts of the school. Eta Alpha is extremely involved in service within our band program and in high school programs, but we also love to get involved with the community. Every year we

put together teams for charity events such as Relay for Life, breast cancer walks, and MS Walks. We also participate in the Scouting for Music National Program by creating an event lasting a few hours where we show the Girl Scout troops through a petting zoo, composition activity, and making guitars with tissue boxes.

Eta Alpha recruits members for the band by setting up a table during the Accepted Students Days on campus. We put up a banner, brochures, instruments, and uniforms. We answer any questions that both new students and parents ask and have them fill out an interest form so they can get information about them. There are six of these days every year and most students who are accepted go. We also advertise by putting up posters around campus trying to get students to think about marching band. We are in the process of potentially starting to make a recruitment video.

### **Fundraising**

This year we started fundraising efforts at band camp. We sold band camp survival kits, bumper stickers, birthday cakes, white socks, snacks, and Syracuse University Marching Band (SUMB) mugs with lollipops. This fundraising effort provided our chapter with enough funds for the fall semester. However, we still performed fundraisers throughout the rest of the semester. We sold knitted headbands on campus and continued to sell bumper stickers. During the spring semester we have had two major fundraisers. The first was the sale of t-shirts that read "Keep Calm and March On." These shirts were sold at Northern Precincts along with hand cut letters that will continue to be sold at district convention. Our second major fundraiser has been a joint effort with the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi- Eta Phi. In October, the SUMB received new uniforms and had nothing to do with the old ones. Together we contacted a company to turn those uniforms into products such as tote bags, laptop cases, and pillows. The sale was released a few weeks ago and since then we have made much more than we anticipated. This fundraiser will be closed once buyers receive their purchases sometime in April or May.

## **Eta Chi**

*No Report Submitted*

## Eta Delta

Eta Delta is located on the campus of Howard University and serves the Howard University Showtime Marching Band, Pep Band, and Concert Band. We complete many fundraisers throughout the semester in order to support the band financially; such as, bake sales and our annual date auction. Our chapter holds events that encourage the band and surrounding communities to learn about music, build relationships, and have fun outside of band. We also complete service projects such as volunteering at local soup kitchens, teaching children about music and the opportunities that it can provide, planting trees, etc. These service projects allow us to reach people and share the influence that music has had on our lives as well as spread positivity throughout our community. Eta Delta chapter is set on servicing collegiate bands in order to give others a greater band experience as well as the enjoyment and continued development of our sisterhood amongst ourselves and other chapters everywhere.

## Eta Gamma

### Service:

In the Fall 2013 semester, Eta Gamma did uniform service for marching band, which included measuring band members and fitting them for a proper uniform as well as fixing small issues. At band camp and rehearsals, Sisters carried first aid kits and water coolers to make sure band members were replenished and had access to resources if any ailments came up. In the Spring 2014 semester, we have been keeping up with our pep band service which includes the "goalie/ sieve sign," first aid kit, and spirit. Sprit is a service that we do at games where a Sister will carry face paint and decorate band member's faces. A special service we did this past year is the donation of used mellophones to Boston area schools as way to encourage young children to play instruments.

### Membership:

Eta Gamma's membership period begins in the late Fall and continues into the Spring. This includes rush period, bid acceptance, and initiation. Our Spring class this year (Alpha Mu) consists of three members. Some of rush events include: Band service day, North End trip, and TBS tea.

### Fundraising:

We started the Fall 2013 semester strong with our annual pie day fundraiser where marching band member's pay to pie section leaders and our music director in the face! It's a really fun event where everyone gets involved. We also continued our wristband fundraiser where we sold wristbands with "Eat 'Em Up" embossed on them, which is the name of a popular pep band song we play at hockey games. Lastly, we sold candy cane grams before winter break among the marching and pep band.



**Eta Iota**

*No Report Submitted*

## Eta Rho

**Service:** Throughout the semester, we usher concerts and performances that take place in our Performing Arts Center. Being an usher helps out our band program by showing the faculty, staff, and musicians that we are dedicated to their performances and we create a safe environment for those who attend the concerts/performances. A service project that we performed this semester was cleaning out the basement of one of the on-campus dormitories where our university's old marching band uniforms used to be stored. We all cleaned out the rooms and organized it so that the university and the marching band would benefit with more space and from that, cleanliness. We presently distribute uniforms in our Music Building and we helped in the transitioning to a more effective, clean, and better environment. Another service-related activity that aids the band program is something that we do called "Wamplers". "Wamplers" are an hour long and it is when sisters spend time in the Music Building and Band Office assisting directors, organizing documents and papers, and helping things to run more smoothly. This is a major way in which we give back to our great band program. During our marching band season, we assist our marching band by having crews. These crews have a specific task and each one assists a part of our band. The crews that we are involved in are the following: front ensemble crew (helps out our pit during game days and weekly practices), podium crew (helps out by setting up and taking down podiums during practices and game days for our drum majors to use), game day crew (helps out our director with any miscellaneous tasks during game days), uniform crew (assists in distribution and the return of uniforms), and post-game day crew (cleans up our stands and band storage unit in the stadium after games).

**Social:** We organized a picnic at the end of the semester with alumni from our chapter. There was a great turn-out of both active, conditional, and alumni sisters and it was great to meet some new faces. Doing this enhanced our band program by educating past sisters about what our band has become and making them aware of the changes and new, great things that have been created over time in our band program. We also had another end of the semester picnic that involved other music organizations. The organizations that were involved were Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha, Sigma Alpha Iota, and For The Love Of Colorguard (FLOC). Getting together to meet new people, create new relationships and to renew our joint bonds was a great way to strengthen our band program. These connections assist us by being able to perform bigger tasks and events throughout the year that benefit our band program.

**Leadership:** Our annual JMU marching band banquet was almost completely run by the leadership of TBS and KKPsi at JMU, under the supervision of our adviser and JMU Dining Services. We planned the event from start to finish during the month of January and it required lots of teamwork from both organizations. This aided our band program by being able to honor those students, faculty, and professors that have had a huge influence and positive impact on the JMU Marching Royal Dukes.

The main way in which our chapter fundraises is through the selling of band-related and TBS-related merchandise. During the fall, we sell merchandise that includes things such as stickers, car magnets, Christmas ornaments, water bottles, t-shirts, mugs, and anything that we have left over from previous years during marching band season. We make the most money when we sell this type of merchandise at our annual JMU Summer Band Camp in July and at the Parade of Champions (POC) competition (this is high school marching band competition that JMU hosts each fall). At POC, we also sell air grams (messages to be said by the announcer of high school bands and these messages can be from anyone from high school students to parents and loved ones). Another form of fundraising that we do is by working jointly with restaurants and locally owned food businesses. We create flyers to advertise to our music community about these fundraisers that will take place at these dining areas and we present a formal letter to the managers stating who we are and what the money will be used for. Both the manager and our organization then agrees on a percentage that we will receive from all of the sales that the restaurant or locally owned food business gains. We have become

much more active in traveling to precincts and our NED district conventions and at these events, we sell TBS apparel. At the 2014 NED District Convention, we were extremely successful in selling TBS crest sweatshirts. We participate in National Programs by being involved in our District (Northeastern) and posting pictures and things that we do on the NED Facebook page. We also hosted Districts in the spring of 2011 and we had at least 10 sisters attend both the 2014 Southern Precincts and the 2014 NED District Convention at the University of Connecticut. We learned many opportunities on how to become more involved nationally from 2014 precincts and district convention and within the next few years, we hope to become so much more involved in national programs. Our organization is currently working on trying to become more involved nationally besides turning in dues and meeting deadlines for forms. We are striving to have sisters attend National Conventions and are aiming to work towards national awards such as the Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award, Service Certificate, and the Chapter Sponsor Award. I feel that we need to reach out to other sisters and doing this will strengthen our sisterly bond and love for music throughout the nation. This past year, we voted on donating \$1,000 to the Wava Banes Henry Memorial. The money was received by Nationals and we are very proud to officially have an Eta Rho stone at this wonderful memorial in dedication to Wava. This is another step that we have taken to become more involved in National Programs.

One class in the fall and one class in the spring. In the fall we inducted 12 new sisters and we plan on inducting 5 new sisters in mid-April.

In the fall during marching band season, we make daily announcements at the end of practices leading up to Rush week and during Rush week. In the announcements, we include the dates, times, locations, and what we will be doing at each rush event. To help in advertising our organization, we create banners and posters that we hang up in the music building in preparation for Rush week as well. We have very recently started handing out personal invitations to those individuals in the band who exemplify the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma; when these are given to them it doesn't mean that they will automatically be extended a bid. Every semester, we have an information night where band members that have an interest in joining our organization can come out and meet sisters and ask questions. During the spring semester, we ask our marching band director to send out emails to those who were enrolled in marching band about our rush activities and plans. Technology is also advantageous in that we use Facebook to create events for our Rush week and on these event pages, we post pictures and invite people to come and check us out. To physically advertise, we wear letters and approach band members throughout the year to ask them to come learn what sisterhood is all about. All of these techniques have significantly aided us in the recruitment process. We plan on advertising Tau Beta Sigma at school student organization nights (during fall and spring semesters) so undergraduates who may have been in band or are interested in getting back involved in band can have the chance to hear about our wonderful sorority.

The membership education activity that best promotes the Ideals of Tau Beta Sigma is when we give our membership candidates a Big Brother; Big Brothers are band members that are members of our joint organization, Kappa Kappa Psi. Both the Big Brother and the sister that they are paired with create wonderful bonds and memories with each other. The Big Brother's role is similar to that of the Big Sister's role. This really promotes sisterhood because there is another person looking out for you and to help you throughout your membership candidate process. We come together as brothers and sisters and being kind, generous, helpful, and friendly to those who share similar interests significantly aids in understanding the bond of sisterhood and the true meaning of friendship. Big Brothers also assist in helping them study for our weekly quizzes (these consist of TBS & Eta Rho history/information) and check up on them throughout the course of their process during bi-weekly meetings.

We are working with our university to have a hazing workshop performed during one of our meetings. We go over hazing in the spring during a meeting before membership candidates become sisters and before our third degree. We do this then so the sisters inducted in the fall hear this, as well as our spring membership candidates.

## Eta Sigma

Eta Sigma has 13 active sisters with the Omicron class of 12 MC's. Since we did not take a class in the fall, we worked on our bond as sisters and growing together as a chapter. We do the most service projects in the fall due to marching band occurring at the same time. In the fall, we set up and took down a field before and after practice was over, cleaned out the trailers and box truck of trash or things we did not need during the season and helped to organize the marching band's trip to Texas for championships. So far during this spring semester, we have taken the instruments inside and organized all the rooms that the instruments were going in.

As a chapter and sisters, we have had several socials that have made us closer together such as making rush shirts and having a photo challenge around campus. Since we have a lot of new sisters, we have not participated in National Programs. However, with our chapter growing, we will participate in National Programs very soon.

## **Gamma Chi**

*No Report Submitted*

## Gamma Kappa

In Gamma Kappa we have been doing a lot of work with membership this year. We have focused a lot on revamping our MEP and making it more inclusive to all that we do to educate our classes and bring them into the sisterhood. We took a wonderful class of 3 members in the fall and they were a very enthusiastic and passionate class; they have been a great asset to our chapter and have brought many new ideas and insights along with them. We currently have a class of 15 MCs and the chapter is extremely excited to have such a big class. We have also started a new continued education program that is headed by our Membership and Sisterhood chairs which involves the entirety of the chapter in skits, PowerPoint presentations, and activities that show off our knowledge of the sorority and keep the sisters involved in the education process that the MCs are going through.

For service, our chapter has continued to serve the UCMB through providing meals at performances; moving and loading equipment; and taking care of uniform assignments, alterations, maintenance, and collection. We have also assisted with teaching high school bands and helping them with their performances, as well as helping out with Make Your Own Band days that the UCMB holds where high school bands can come up to our campus and learn more marching techniques. We have also continued to host the Eastern Regional Music Festival as well as the First Chair Honor Band Festival where students from all over the state get together to form ensembles where they learn new pieces and can perform for their families. Service that we perform for the music department are receptions after concerts, maintenance and cleaning of rooms around the music building and the moving of equipment to their proper locations.

Fundraising: A new fundraiser that we came up with this year is the joint shirt that our entire chapter has purchased as well as the KKPsi chapter. We are also selling 50th anniversary shirts, pins, and posters in honor of this year. We continue to do rose sales to raise funds for our TBS scholarship. We provide roses to family and friends at University ensemble concerts. We will be selling little crocheted turtles at Districts as an annual fundraiser that we enjoy making the turtles for.

## Gamma Omega

*No Report Submitted*

## Iota Alpha

In the past academic year Iota Alpha has done several service projects, these projects include scouting for music, collecting box tops and can tabs to donate to local schools, an environmental Poughkeepsie clean up, moved the department into a temporary building on campus and then to the actual building a semester later. Some of the socials that Iota Alpha has held are: a Halloween event for the band, an alumnus social, a mid-term study break and a finals study break. Some chapter fundraisers that we have completed are selling music pun bumper stickers, band camp survival kits, several bake sales, and seashell turtles. One national program that Iota Alpha participates in is scouting for music. We took in one class this semester, the Pi class consisting of 4 wonderful membership candidates. Our recruitment lasts one week and during the week we have a progression of events starting with an information session, then a milkshake night, movie night, game night, and then a breakfast. The membership education activity that Iota Alpha participates in the most that defines our ideals are the 5 & 8 charades, it promotes positivity and fun, while acting as a learning experience as our new members internalize our 5 and 8 by acting them out with their group. Iota Alpha has had two hazing workshops this academic year, one on September 7, 2013 and the second on February 9, 2014. In these workshops a PowerPoint was shown and as a chapter we spoke about what we thought was hazing and what hazing actually is, and then spoke about why it should never happen ever.



## Iota Kappa

*No Report Submitted*

## **Iota Pi**

This year, my chapter has done a lot of service-oriented projects. We have worked with the YMCA, girl scouts, and with our mentoring group for service projects. We have worked with all members of the band to put on service projects for our band like repairing uniforms, cleaning the band room and the fine arts center, and shining the instruments. We have done three fundraisers so far which are the scarf sale, the walking taco sale, and the slushy sales. We have improved on our communication with the band directors, the sponsor, the alumni, and other chapters. We have also worked on the perception that the campus has on the band and our organization.

## **Theta Phi**

We, as Theta Phi, strive for the highest. We value sisterhood, unity, and the empowerment of bands women. This is reflected in the many projects and events that we host and are a part of. Band Olympics, Lock-ins, and the Force Finale are events that we host annually. These events are special to our band members because it gives everyone a chance to interact outside of practice and performances. It connects members on a more personal level, which ultimately allows us to build a stronger foundation as a band. These events result in a lot of support and appreciation for who we are and what we do.

We also value service. We feel everyone should be exposed to the wonders of music. This is why we volunteer at surrounding elementary schools and recreation centers. It is our duty as sisters of Tau Beta Sigma to share our love and knowledge of music to those around us.

## **Theta Pi**

*No Report Submitted*

## **Zeta Omicron**

Zeta Omicron is very close to our sponsor, Marching Virginians Director Dave McKee. We help the Marching Virginians by providing breakfast before home games, as well as apples to the visiting bands and Highly Tighties. ZO ushers and stage-manages for concerts sponsored by the Virginia Tech Music Department. We also do service outside of the music department. Several Sisters have volunteered at Warm Hearth Village, a retirement home, assisting with bingo on Fridays and Saturdays. We also do Adopt-a-Highway once a semester.

## Zeta Upsilon

This year, Zeta Upsilon has been working diligently towards integrating ourselves within the West Chester University Band Program. Zeta Upsilon, along with our school's Brother Chapter, Eta Rho, serve the band program in many aspects, including ensemble set up and tear down and organizing the music library. We also have adopted a local high school band program this year and we assist them with whatever they need and provide them with a donation at the end of the year to help fund equipment they are in need of for their program. Along the lines of membership, Zeta Upsilon is working more towards recruiting quality members from all the sections of the band. Our overall goal is to increase the diversity of our membership and to have Sisters be in every section of the band in some regard. Finally, we have been working very hard in fundraising this year to help fund the band in anyway the Director and Assistant Director of Bands needs. This includes funding all marching band supplies throughout the season, marching band scholarship, marching band family picnic, breakfast bags, etc.

## SECTION TWELVE: ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS



NEDAA President's Final Report

March 15<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

University of Connecticut

I must admit that for two months I have been staring at my word document that would contain my final report for the Northeast District Alumni Association as President. I wasn't sure how I could share with the NED my passion of not only being a Brother and an honorary sister, but a proud alumni member of NEDAA. One day last week as I was sitting in front of my computer and I see my reflection in my monitor screen, and see the NEDAA #lost alumni t-shirt I was wearing. It then hit me, that hash tag that will help me share our year with NEDAA; #lostalumni.

Have you ever had that dream where you are walking down a path in a forest, and you come to a fork in the road? You stare at the signs ahead of which path to take, and you are afraid to take the wrong way. Then after some debate in your head you pick one path and hope for the best. You take it and never look back. Life, in general, is one giant path with a ton of choices of different directions to go, but so is the world of being an alumnus. After our active years as a Brother or Sister, we graduate and come to one of the biggest forks in the road. What kind of alum/alumna do we want to be? I chose, along with our members of NEDAA to be active alumni. I have never looked back on that decision to be an active alumnus within our district. My main goals during my term as President was to help others, to lead with my fellow officers to aid the chapters of our great district with scholarships, awards, to be a rock to lean on, and of course to foster the passion of service towards our band programs. I am so proud of the growth of our association AS an association, that it's time for me to take a new path and let someone else help lead NEDAA to greater heights. Even though we get lost at convention trying to find coffee or the building meeting is in, we always know what direction to go when it comes to aiding this fantastic district. Just like a motto I learned in 2006 when I was an MC for Iota Delta, we will always, "Strive for the highest."

This year our focus was on internal affairs. After last year where we had a big year accomplishing many items on our "to do list", we needed a year to focus on us and get a better grasp on figuring out the next things to create and revamp. This year, we maintained our new listserv and have figured out a better system with Google calendar events for our

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members, more organized conference calls and created a new brochure that hasn't been updated since the early 2000s. We had an increase of applicants and submissions from the active individuals and chapters for all of our awards this year! I am so proud to say that we had 5 Kappa Kappa Psi and 3 Tau Beta Sigma submissions for our New Ritual Scholarship. For being in its second year, we had more than doubled the amount of submissions on both sides! To watch something I helped develop flourish is a fantastic feeling, and I hope you all keep applying for all of our awards every year! This year we had members host a "NEDAA Hangout" in areas all around the Northeast District. It's a hangout for any KKPsi and TBS alumni to meet new friends, bond, network, and of course have a good laugh.

Our officers for the 2013-2014 year are Steve Hrabak, Amy Dauphinais, Sarah Fitzgerald, and Kimberly Ahokas. They all have worked so hard this year that I would love to congratulate them (and send a virtual hug!) on their service to NEDAA and a job well done! We will introduce our officers for the 2014-2015 year at banquet during our presentation of our awards this evening.

Northeast District of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, always remember. We strive to continue to serve as alums for our district through support, assistance and service. We are here for you!

AEA, MLITB and lots of love to you all!

Respectfully submitted,

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Tau Beta Sigma Honorary- North East District

Presented on behalf of Erica at NED Convention by Steve Hrabak, Vice President of KKPsi of NEDAA.

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