

# Northeast District Convention



Minutes from the 2015 Meetings

Held March 13-14, 2015

Hosted by West Chester University

Minutes Prepared by Shannon Mackey  
2014-2015 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 14th**

Joint Session #1

Separate Session #1

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Joint Session #2

### **Saturday, March 15th**

Separate Session #3

Joint Session #3

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## Joint Session #1

Friday, March 13, 2015

Sykes Ballroom, West Chester University

The 2015 Northeast District Convention was called to order at 8:14 AM on Friday, March 13, 2015 at West Chester University, West Chester, PA with Jessica Gamble, TBS NED President, and Anthony Walker, KKPsi NED President, as presiding officers.

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

Anthony Walker & Jessica Gamble

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

*Tau Beta Sigma*

President: Jessica Gamble

Vice President of Membership: Christopher Lukasik

Vice President of Special Projects: Monika Monk

Secretary: Shannon Mackey

Treasurer: Cydney McGuire

Alumni Secretary and Historian: Megan Miranda

Counselor: Anthony Barbir

*Kappa Kappa Psi*

President: Anthony Walker

Vice President: Benjamin Friedman

Secretary/Treasurer: Janet Leese

Member at Large: Matt Karlinski

Historian and Alumni Liaison: Adam Ferguson

Governors: Casey Goodwin, Marie Burleigh

### **Recognition of Dignitaries by District Presidents:**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Nicole Sanchez     | National President                                    |
| Kathryn Kelly      | National Vice President for Colonization & Membership |
| Jonathan Markowski | National Vice President for Special Projects          |
|                    | National Vice President for Communication and         |
| Adrienne Rall      | Recognition   |
| Beth Bronk         | National Vice President for Professional Relations    |

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Dawn Farmer         | Board of Trustees Member/Immediate Past National President |
| Sue Carr            | TBSAA Executive Chair/Past NED Counselor                   |
| Amanda Dickson      | TBSAA Executive Chair                                      |
| Tamara Henry        | TBSAA Executive Chair                                      |
| Tyra Yiare          | Board of Trustees Advisor                                  |
| Trudy Adler         | North Central District Counselor                           |
| Kelly Sipko         | North Central District President                           |
| Michael Scheidegger | North Central District Vice President of Membership        |
| Jasmine Johnson     | Vice President of NEDAA for Tau Beta Sigma                 |
| Cathy Miles         | Past NED Counselor   |
| Nicole Kemp         | Past NED Counselor   |
| Kristen Collins     | Past NED President   |
| Allison Leemann     | Past NED President   |
| Emily Anstey        | Immediate Past NED President                               |
| Maddie Lauver       | Immediate Past NED Vice President of Membership            |
| Kat Tribulski       | Past Vice President of Special Projects                    |
| Alana Leeti         | Past Vice President of Special Projects                    |
| Zara Simpson        | Past NED Secretary/NEDAA Secretary                         |
| Rachel Grimes       | Past NED Treasurer   |
| Kyle Moore          | Past NED Treasurer   |
| Shayln Guthery      | Past Midwest Secretary/Treasurer                           |

**Introduction & message from West Chester DOB/Sponsor, Dr. Andrew Yozviak**

**Call for 2016 Central Precinct Meeting Bids:**

None

**Call for 2016 Northeast District Convention Host Bids:**

Syracuse University submit a bid, Eta Phi (KKPsi) & Eta Alpha (TBS)

Marist College submit a bid, Kappa Upsilon (KKPsi) & Iota Alpha (TBS)

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

**Announcements about NEDAA Fundraisers**

**NEDAA Keynote Speech:** *Meghan Jacoby, Eta Alpha*

**General Announcements from the Floor**

**Host Chapter Announcement presented by host chapter co-chairs:** *Rachel Shank (KKPsi) & Kelsey Hoffman (TBS)*

**Joint Council Announcements**

**General Announcements from the Floor**

The first Joint Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 8:48 AM on Friday, March 13, 2015.

## Separate Session #1

Friday, March 13, 2015

Sykes Theatre, West Chester University

The Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was called to order at 9:04 AM on Friday, March 13, 2015 at West Chester University.

### **Welcome from District President & District Council delivered by Jessica Gamble**

### **Welcome from District Counselor, Anthony Barbir**

### **Recognition of Dignitaries**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Nicole Sanchez      | National President   |
| Kathryn Kelly       | National Vice President for Colonization & Membership      |
| Jonathan Markowski  | National Vice President for Special Projects               |
|                     | National Vice President for Communication and Recognition  |
| Adrienne Rall       |  |
| Beth Bronk          | National Vice President for Professional Relations         |
|                     | Board of Trustees Member/Immediate Past National President |
| Dawn Farmer         |  |
| Sue Carr            | TBSAA Executive Chair Past NED Counselor                   |
| Amanda Dickson      | TBSAA Executive Chair                                      |
| Tamara Henry        | TBSAA Executive Chair                                      |
| Tyra Yiare          | Board of Trustees Advisor                                  |
| Trudy Adler         | North Central District Counselor                           |
| Kelly Sipko         | North Central District President                           |
| Michael Scheidegger | North Central District Vice President of Membership        |
| Jasmine Johnson     | Vice President of NEDAA for Tau Beta Sigma                 |
| Cathy Miles         | Past NED Counselor   |
| Nicole Kemp         | Past NED Counselor   |
| Kristen Collins     | Past NED President   |
| Allison Leeman      | Past NED President   |

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|----------------|---|
| Emily Anstey   | Immediate Past NED President                    |
| Maddie Lauver  | Immediate Past NED Vice President of Membership |
| Kat Tribulski  | Past Vice President of Special Projects         |
| Alana Leeti    | Past Vice President of Special Projects         |
| Zara Simpson   | Past NED Secretary                              |
| Rachel Grimes  | Past NED Treasurer                              |
| Kyle Moore     | Past NED Treasurer                              |
| Shayln Guthery | Past Midwest Secretary/Treasurer                |

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

**Call for Past Awards**

**Call for District History Projects**

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

Absent: Epsilon Rho

Proxy to: Eta Delta

Absent: Epsilon Sigma

Proxy to: Iota Alpha

Absent: Eta Gamma

Proxy to: Delta Delta

Absent: Theta Pi

Proxy to: Epsilon Omega

Absent: Iota Kappa

Proxy to: Eta Rho

\* At the end of roll call and delegate seating of the 2015 NED Convention, the seating rotation ended with the Beta Eta chapter. The next chapter on the seating rotation will be Gamma Kappa for the 2016 NED Convention.

**Motion to Accept the 2014 Northeast District Convention Minutes as Written**

First: Zeta Omicron

Second: Gamma Kappa

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

The 2014 NED Convention Minutes will be placed on file.



**Introduction of the Nominations Chair**

Brian Moran, Iota Alpha

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

**Meet and Greet the Candidates Session led by Brian Moran**

**Explanation of the Election Process presented by Shelby Coleman**

**Announcement about Committees/Workshops**

**General Announcements from the Floor**

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**Council Announcements**

The first Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 9:55 AM on Friday, March 13.

## Separate Session #2

Friday, March 13, 2015

Sykes Theatre, West Chester University

The Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 6:32 PM on Friday March 13, 2015 at West Chester University.

### **Roll Call of Delegates**

#### **National Leadership Team Presentation**

#### **Final Officer Reports & Officer Awards:**

Parliamentarian presented by Shelby Coleman

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Omega

Second: Epsilon Epsilon

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Alumni Secretary and Historian presented by Megan Miranda

Motion to accept report as written

First: Eta Alpha

Second: Eta Chi

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Treasurer presented by Cydney McGuire

Motion to accept report as written

First: Eta Delta

Second: Eta Rho

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Secretary presented by Shannon Mackey

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta

Second: Delta Omicron

Oppose: o

Abstain: o

Motion passes

Vice President of Special Projects presented by Monika Monk

Motion to accept report as written

First: Epsilon Sigma

Second: Zeta Omicron

Oppose: o

Abstain: o

Motion passes

Vice President of Membership presented by Christopher Lukasik

Motion to accept report as written

First: Delta Delta

Second: Epsilon Rho

Oppose: o

Abstain: o

Motion passes

Nominations Committee Preliminary Report delivered by Brian Moran.

Christopher Lukasik, Shannon Mackey, Shelby Coleman, and Erin Kreeger are eligible to run.

### **Host Chapter Announcements**

### **General Announcements from the floor**

### **Council Announcements**

The Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 7:48 pm on Friday, March 13, 2015.

## Joint Meeting, Session #2

Friday, March 13, 2015

Sykes Ballroom, West Chester University

The Joint Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 9:38 PM on Friday March 13, 2015 at the West Chester University.

### **Preliminary Report of the Joint Committee for Convention Site and Publication delivered by Bridget Reese (KKPsi) & Joanna Hull (TBS)**

Both Marist & Syracuse are eligible for slating.

*Order of Presentation:*

Marist College

Syracuse University

### **TBSAA Announcements**

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

#### **Host Chapter Announcements**

The Joint Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 10:26 PM on Friday March 13, 2015.

## Separate Session #3

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Sykes Theatre, West Chester University

The Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 9:30 AM on Saturday March 14, 2015 at West Chester University.

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

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

#### **Committee Reports**

Sisterhood and Spirit Committee presented by Crystal Sivells, Epsilon Rho

First: Epsilon Rho

Second: Eta Sigma

Opposed: Zeta Omicron

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

#### **Music Education Awareness Award presented to Iota Alpha, Marist College**

Ways & Means Committee Report presented by Adrienne Dibrell, Eta Delta

Move to accept the proposed budget.

First: Gamma Omega

Second: Delta Nu

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

#### **Women in Music Speaker presented by Jessica Craft**

*Jessica Craft is the founder of Rock to the Future, an innovative non-profit organization that provides contemporary music education for underserved Philadelphia youth at no cost to the families. In 2010, Craft won the \$15,000 Turning Point Prize from Women for Social Innovation and left her job at a prestigious financial services firm to start Rock to the Future, working on a volunteer basis for the first two years of programming. Now, in the program's 5th year, they have grown from serving 13 students to more than 300 annually, and continues to rapidly grow. Jessica and her organization have been featured on iHeartRadio, NBC, CBS, and KYW, and in The New York Times. She also performs regularly with her surf-rock band Conversations, has toured twice to the SXSW music festival, and has recently opened for the legendary Beach Boys. Follow Jessica: @rock2future @conversationsmusic*

**Jessica Craft was presented with Honorary Membership into the National Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma by Jonathan Markowski.**

**Host Chapter Announcements**

**General Announcements**

**Council Announcements**

The Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 10:52 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

## Joint Session #3

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Sykes Ballroom, West Chester University

The Joint Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 1:17 PM on Saturday March 14, 2015 at West Chester University.

### **Announcements from the Presidents**

### **Announcements from Host Chapters**

Joint Relations Award Winners: *Randall Brown (KKPsi-Eta Phi) and Aliya Hoye (TBS-Epsilon Rho)*

Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee Final Report presented by *Joanna Hull (TBS-Gamma Kappa) and Bridget Reese (KKPsi-Iota Phi)*

*Report available in Section IX*

Slated: Marist College

Motion to accept report as written:

First: Delta Nu (TBS)

Second: Iota Phi (KKPsi)

Kappa Kappa Psi

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 0

Tau Beta Sigma

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

### **Nominations from the floor:**

Epsilon Nu (KKPsi) nominates Syracuse University, they accept

*Vote for location for Northeast District Convention by secret ballot*

**2016 Northeast District Convention will be held at Marist College**

### **Announce Host site for 2016 Precinct Meetings**

Northern Precinct – University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Southern Precinct – James Madison University  
Central Precinct – *None at the moment*

NED President's Final Report delivered by Anthony Walker & Jessica Gamble  
First: Eta Phi (KKPsi)  
Second: Delta Omega (TBS)

Kappa Kappa Psi  
Oppose: 4  
Abstain: 0

Tau Beta Sigma  
Oppose: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Motion passes.

Motion to close the 2015 Northeast District Convention

First: Eta Omicron (KKPsi)  
Second: Theta Pi (TBS)

Kappa Kappa Psi  
Oppose: 3  
Abstain: 2

Tau Beta Sigma  
Oppose: 0  
Abstain: 0

The Joint Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was recessed at 1:53 PM on Saturday March 14, 2015.



## Separate Session #4

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Sykes Theater, West Chester University

The Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was called out of recess at 3:17 PM on Saturday March 14, 2015 at West Chester University.

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

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

#### **Committee Reports**

Ways & Means Committee Report presented by Adrienne Dibrell, Eta Delta

Move to accept the report as written.

First: Eta Alpha

Second: Delta Omega

Opposed: o

Abstained: o

Motion passes.

Membership Committee Report presented by Christopher Stackhouse, Delta Omega

First: Beta Eta

Second: Gamma Kappa

Opposed: o

Abstained: Zeta Upsilon & Eta Alpha

Motion passes.

#### **Award Submission Lottery presented to Joanna Hull**

#### **District History Award presented to Delta Nu**

#### **Alumni Secretary & Historian Award Presented to Sarah Currie, Epsilon Upsilon**

Alumni Affairs Committee Report presented by Erica Davignon, Delta Delta

First: Zeta Omicron

Second: Zeta Upsilon

Opposed: o

Abstain: o

Motion passes.

**Treasurer Award presented to Bree Hurley, Delta Delta**

Programs Committee Report presented by Nicole Gramlich, Eta Alpha

First: Eta Alpha

Second: Eta Gamma

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes

**VPM Award presented to Rosie Mastroianni, Iota Alpha**

**2015 Phenomenal Sister Awards presented to Dominique Landrum (Zeta Upsilon), Jennifer Fletcher (Delta Nu), and Christine Rice (Epsilon Sigma)**

Jurisdiction Committee Report presented by Jennifer Fletcher, Delta Nu

First: Iota Alpha

Second: Iota Kappa

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

**Changes to the Constitution:**

Changes are outlined on pg. 69

Entertain to move changes to section 3 as a block.

First: Epsilon Omega

Second: Delta Omicron

Opposed: 0

Abstain: Beta Eta

Motion Passes

Entertain to move changes to section 6 as a block.

First: Epsilon Upsilon

Second: Epsilon Epsilon

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes

Entertain to move changes to sections 8.205 & 9.102 as a block.

First: Epsilon Sigma

Second: Theta Phi

Opposed: o

Abstain: o

Motion Passes

**Golden Typewriter Award presented to Eta Delta, Howard University**

**Secretary Award presented to Nicole Gramlich, Eta Alpha**

**2015 Unsung Hero Award presented to Meghan Jacoby, Eta Alpha**

Counselor's Award Committee Report presented by Allison Leeman

First: Eta Gamma

Second: Iota Pi

Opposed: o

Abstained: o

Motion Passes

**Outstanding Service awards presented to Zeta Upsilon, Iota Alpha, and Gamma Kappa**

**VPSP Award presented to Abbie Lookingbill, Zeta Upsilon**

**Spirit Award presented to Eta Sigma**

**President Awards presented to Katie Hale (Zeta Omicron) and Crystal Sivells (Epsilon Rho)**

**Most Improved Chapter presented to Epsilon Rho**

Counselor Final Report presented by Anthony Barbir

First: Delta Delta

Second: Eta Delta

Opposed: o

Abstain: o

Motion Passes

President Final Report presented by Jessica Gamble

First: Delta Omega

Second: Iota Kappa

Opposed: o

Abstain: o

Motion Passes

Nominations Committee Report presented by Brian Moran, Iota Alpha

First: Iota Alpha

Second: Eta Rho

Opposed: o  
Abstained: o  
Motion passes.

### **Slated Candidates**

President: Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta  
VPM: Erin Kreeger, Beta Eta  
VPSP: Shannon Mackey, Delta Delta  
Secretary: Shelby Coleman, Delta Omega  
Treasurer: None  
Alumni Secretary/Historian: None

### **Election Process Review led by Shelby Coleman**

#### **National Council Announcements**

#### **Officer Elections**

##### *President*

Floor is open for nominations of Northeast District President  
Christopher Lukasik is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee, he accepts.

Asked three time for additional nominations: none

Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District President

Open Elections for Northeast District President

Move to vote by acclamation: Delta Delta

Second: Eta Gamma

Opposed: Eta Alpha, Beta Eta, and Zeta Upsilon

Abstained: o

Motion fails

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

##### *Ballots given for voting*

2015 – 2016 Northeast District President is Christopher Lukasik

Elections closed for Northeast District President

##### *Vice President of Membership*

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

Erin Kreeger is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee, she accepts.

Asked three time for additional nominations

Eta Rho nominates Allison McClelland, she accepts

Delta Delta nominates Crystal Sivells, she accepts

Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Membership  
Open Elections for Northeast District Vice President of Membership  
Three minute platform presentation and two minute question and answer session. Two minute caucus

*Ballots given for voting*

2015 – 2016 Northeast District Vice President of Membership is Crystal Sivells  
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  
Shannon Mackey is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee, she accepts.

Asked three time for additional nominations: none

Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects

Open Elections for Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects

Move to vote by acclamation: Zeta Omicron

Second: Eta Gamma

Opposed: o

Abstained: o

Motion passes

2015 – 2016 Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects is Shannon Mackey  
Elections closed for Northeast District Vice President of Special Projects

*Secretary*

Floor is open for nominations for Northeast District Secretary  
Shelby Coleman is automatically nominated by the Nominations Committee, she accepts.

Asked three time for additional nominations: none

Floor is closed for nominations of Northeast District Secretary

Open elections for Northeast District Secretary

Move to vote by acclamation: Eta Sigma

Second: Gamma Chi

Opposed: Zeta Omicron

Abstained: o

Motion fails

*Ballots given for voting*

2014 – 2015 Northeast District Secretary is Shelby Coleman  
Elections closed for Northeast District Secretary

*Treasurer*

Floor is open for nominations for Northeast District Treasurer

Eta Alpha nominates Bree Hurley, she respectfully declines

Eta Sigma nominates Kyle Donelan, he accepts

Epsilon Rho nominates Adrienne Dibrell, she accepts

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*

2015 – 2016 Northeast District Treasurer is Kyle Donelan

Elections closed for Northeast District Treasurer

**Beta Eta, Eta Alpha, Delta Nu, Iota Kappa, & Zeta Omicron received recognition for applying for the Ritual Scholarship.**

*Alumni Secretary & Historian*

Floor is open for nominations for Northeast District Alumni Secretary & Historian

Delta Omega nominates Erin Kreeger, she accepts

Epsilon Epsilon nominates Ashley Mecca, she accepts

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*

2015 – 2016 Northeast District Alumni Secretary & Historian is Erin Kreeger

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 Separate Session

First: Delta Delta

Second: Delta Omega

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes

The Separate Session of the 2015 Northeast District Convention was adjourned at 6:45PM on Saturday March 14, 2015

## 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 Monika Monk, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Zeta Upsilon, Iota Alpha, and Gamma Kappa chapters.

*Music Education Awareness Award* – presented by Monika Monk, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to the Iota Alpha chapter at Marist College.

*Unsung Hero Award* - presented by Monika Monk, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Meghan Jacoby, Eta Alpha.

*Phenomenal Sister Award* - presented by Monika Monk, NED Vice President of Special Projects. It was awarded to Dominique Landrum (Zeta Upsilon), Jennifer Fletcher (Delta Nu), and Christine Rice (Epsilon Sigma).

*The Golden Typewriter Award* - presented by Shannon Mackey, NED Secretary. It was awarded to the Eta Delta Chapter at Howard University.

*The District Spirit Award* - presented by Jessica Gamble, NED President. It was awarded to the Eta Sigma Chapter at Towson University.

*The Most Improved Chapter Award* - presented by Jessica Gamble, NED President. It was awarded to the Epsilon Rho Chapter at Virginia State University.

*The Counselor's Award* - presented by Anthony Barbir, NED Counselor. It was awarded to the Iota Alpha Chapter at Marist College.

*The NEDAA Ritual Scholarship* - presented by Jasmine Johnson, NEDAA Vice President to the Delta Nu Chapter at the University of Maine.

*The Baton* - presented by Nicole Sanchez and Jonathan Markowski. It was awarded to Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta.

*The NEDAA Alumni Communication Award* - presented by Zara Simpson, NEDAA Secretary to the Delta Delta University at the University of Massachusetts.



## SECTION THREE: COUNSELOR'S REPORT

Hi everybody,

This past year has been an exciting one. I've had the privilege of working with a phenomenal district council. They've taken great strides to improve on district programs and processes, and innovate in ways that will set up the next Northeast District Council to hit the ground running.

One of the great roles I get to play is problem-solver for the district. I've had some incredible conversations this year with chapters facing some pretty big issues, and I noticed a trend. We don't like to talk about our issues. Sometimes we try to solve them on our own. Sometimes we choose not to deal with them at all. And sometimes it's just because we don't know what to do. So, what do you do when you don't know what to do?

Well, you have a few options.

1. First, start with the Sisters in your chapter. They're your sounding board and know what you're going through. It's amazing what open and honest conversations can help you achieve.
2. Next, talk to your Sponsor and Director of Bands. Chances are high that they've seen this situation happen in your Chapter before, and they can help you deal with the situation again. They can be a great resource and help move things forward.
3. Next, talk to your District Officers. These people sitting to my right are some of the most helpful, smart, passionate people you'll find in TBS. They are on point. They want to help. They know how to help. And if they don't know, they will connect you to someone that does. All you have to do is ask.
4. Next, talk to your Counselor. I've had many in-person and phone conversations with you this year (and notice I didn't say email, Facebook, or texting...we actually had a conversation and had an opportunity to identify and fix problem spots). And these conversations are where change can begin to happen. So keep calling me. And I'll keep calling you. I'm here to help.
5. Finally, talk to your National Officers. Naturally, you'll want to come to these fine folks first, but the National Council is always available to help as well. They're sitting

right here and will be here all night. Like they said yesterday, take some time to say hi and ask them questions.

If you couldn't already tell, you have an incredible network of people to approach when your Chapter is facing a particularly difficult challenge. And I didn't even include the amazing people sitting right next to you. Chances are, there's someone to your right and left going through your same situation, and they may have a great solution. All you have to do is ask.

If your Chapter needs help, 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 little time you have. Because honestly, in the grand scheme of things, you don't have a lot of time in Chapter. Soon you'll be moving on to bigger and (sometimes) better things. For some of you it'll be in a few years, but for others you only have a few short weeks left.

Always remember what's important: serving the bands and celebrating the Sisterhood.

It's been a pleasure to work with all of you over the last year, and I look forward to an even better year to come.

Thank you.

## SECTION FOUR: DISTRICT OFFICERS' REPORTS

The final reports of each district officer are represented below.

### **Final Report – NED Parliamentarian 2014-2015**

#### **Shelby Coleman Delta Omega – Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**

I have been eager to serve the Sorority since I became a Sister in November of 2012, and serving on this Council has been a dream come true. I have met so many wonderful people throughout these four short months, and I will be forever grateful for the experience I have gained. My four months serving as NED Parliamentarian have been overwhelmingly rewarding.

At the beginning of my term, I was extremely nervous to begin because I was unsure how my role was going to fit into the District Council. As I eased into the position of NED Parliamentarian, I had one goal in mind: to communicate with each Chapter so that their constitution could become the best it could possibly be. I have communicated with a majority of the Chapter Parliamentarians throughout the Northeast District at some point throughout my four-month term, and each conversation has fostered growth within the respective Chapters. Because of this communication, I believe I was successful in accomplishing my goal.

Upon being appointed to my position in December 2014, I began to search through OMRS to find the names and contact information of each Chapter Parliamentarian. I hoped to individually reach out to each Parliamentarian to make myself available for any questions or comments they may have. I also hoped to assist each Chapter in revising their constitutions so that each Chapter could develop the best document for their needs. I created a Facebook group for the Chapter Parliamentarians, with a few Presidents thrown in if the Chapter lacked the position. I used this group to post reminders of deadlines as well as some helpful hints for the Chapters as they combed through their constitutions to think of revisions. I was very happy with the results of this group as my posts sparked some good discussion within Chapters as well as between myself and the Parliamentarians. Each Chapter Parliamentarian with whom I conversed was asking great questions and was so eager to learn more about Robert's Rules, which made me extremely proud to be representing this group of Chapter Officers.

At the Northern Precinct at the University of Maine, I was able to hold an Officer roundtable, and this was one of the most rewarding experiences throughout my term as NED Parliamentarian. The Sisters who joined me at this roundtable were bouncing around ideas for twice the allotted time, and they were truly interested in formulating

new ideas that their Chapters could adopt to improve their business interactions. I found that at some points, it wasn't even necessary for me to be present to lead the discussion. The Parliamentarians were so invested in their positions and in ways to improve their Offices that they continued talking for as long as they were allowed, and I was so happy to be a part of that conversation.

The best advice I can give to the next NED Parliamentarian is to not be afraid to reach out to the Chapters. I have had so many interesting conversations with Parliamentarians just because I sent out a simple e-mail. Once the door is opened and the initial message is sent, it is so easy to communicate and offer worthwhile suggestions that can benefit an entire Chapter in the long run. I feel as if the Parliamentarian is often overlooked and regarded as a lesser position, but I believe that this position is one of the most important roles in a Chapter. Without the Parliamentarian's knowledge of Robert's

Rules of Order, it would be impossible for the Chapter to operate in accordance with the proper business code of conduct and would make it very difficult for the Chapter to conduct its business.

I have been familiar with Robert's Rules since I was involved with the Future Business Leaders of America in high school, but these four months serving on District Council reaffirmed my love for the book. It is so interesting to see how each Chapter can be so unique yet still follow the same set of guidelines. I am so impressed with each and every Chapter Parliamentarian that I interacted with throughout this term. I believe I have helped several Chapter Parliamentarians improve their constitutions, and I hope I have helped promote the importance of a solid Chapter constitution.

As this year's District Convention comes to a close, I would like to express my thankfulness to each and every Sister and Brother with whom I have interacted over the past four months. I have gained so much knowledge from these individuals, and I hope that I have served as a resource for the District throughout this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Coleman  
2014-2015 NED Parliamentarian

**Final Report – NED Alumni Secretary & Historian 2014-2015**  
**Megan Miranda Eta Alpha – Syracuse University**

My dearest sisters of the Northeast District,

Throughout the course of my term, my biggest goal was to learn. As a sister, I believe that we are never finished growing in Tau Beta Sigma and I knew that being a member of the Northeast District Council would help me to do so. However, I never thought that this would be as eye-opening of an experience as it has been. Over the past year I have learned so much about each of your incredible chapters and their alumni: from the confusion and frustration that stems from people who just don't seem to want to be involved, to the incredible successes of alumni events that made me so proud I was moved to tears. I often find myself in awe of the amazing things that each of you do every single day. This term has really helped me to take a step back and acknowledge the special things that make our district as beauTAUful as it is, and I am so thankful that it has given me an opportunity to do so.

While, I'm on the subject of "learning," I must admit there was a bit of a learning curve that took some time to adjust to at the start of my term. I couldn't seem to figure out exactly where I fit into the NED Council. However, with the support of my sisters on council, the sisters of my home chapter, and a few special people from NEDAA I figured things out. Once I found my place, I felt as though sisters of the district could get an idea of who I was and what I had to offer this organization. From then on out, I tried to instill an open door policy in which I was there if someone needed me, to support and guide them through struggles, or to share in the joys of success.

Furthermore, throughout the duration of this term, I have been trying to focus on a few small things that I thought could improve to help build strong alumni relations. I have invited more people than I can count to the NED Alumni facebook page, and sent out a link to the page to chapters asking that they invite their graduating seniors and recent alum. I find myself in a constant state of brainstorming new ideas and new ways for chapters to reach out to alumni, both young and old, which I tried to make available to anyone who was in need.

One project that I tried to complete that never fully came to fruition was the addition of an "Alumni Spotlight" on our NED Website or Weebly. This would have been a way for alumni to show how they have grown since being active members of Tau Beta Sigma, and to allow actives to see that sorority involvement doesn't have to end after just four years of college. This is something that I saw a lot of chapters doing, and knew that many sisters would benefit from seeing this kind of interaction on a district level. However, with the confusion of moving our website to a Weebly, the Northeast Notes online publication, and a few other things that happened along the way, I just didn't feel

it was the right time to roll out this project. I sincerely believe that sisters of the district could benefit from something like this, and I encourage the next alumni secretary and historian to find a way to bring this to the district!

Looking back on my term, I want to thank all of the district council for dealing with my "Oh my god what am I supposed to do?!" phone calls, for making me laugh when I felt like I could cry and for supporting me in every way possible. I truly never could have made it through this without you, and hey, I probably wouldn't be standing here if it wasn't for your words of wisdom (and excessive peer pressure) back in July.

Thank you, and thank you sisters of the NED for allowing me to serve in this position. "I can truly say it is an honor to be selected to serve."

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Miranda

TBS NED Alumni Secretary and Historian

### **Final Report – NED Treasurer 2014-2015**

#### **Cydney Mcguire Eta Delta – Howard University**

I am truly saddened to say this will be the last time I address you as District Treasurer. It has been a greater experience than I ever imagined and I look forward to passing on all I have learned to the next Treasurer. I came into the position with many goals and tried my best to fulfill them. Those goals including getting chapter treasurers involved on a district level, implementing more fundraisers, and providing guidance on budgeting. I am pleased to say I made strides on all of these.

One of my biggest goals was to get chapter treasurers more involved and improve transparency of the council. I worked on this through a few projects such as organizing a summer car wash, the fundraiser proposal submission page, and the restaurant fundraisers. I selected a fundraiser from the submission page, proposed by Eta Delta. We've actually been trying to execute that today but it's been difficult due to time constraints. We also had successful restaurant fundraisers at the Southern Precinct Meeting and District Convention, thanks to Theta Phi and Zeta Upsilon. We attempted the car wash but unfortunately did not have enough volunteers. Although all of these events did not occur, I believe they set the groundwork for chapter member being able to get more involved and have more of a voice on the district level regarding funds.

My next point of action was overall increasing fundraising. This year we conducted four fundraisers which is a definite improvement. We did the two restaurant fundraisers, will do pie in the face and sold lanyards. I really tried to implement fundraisers that were frugal and practical to do on a District level. Overall, I am really

satisfied how fundraising has gone. I could not have done any of it without the support of the council and District.

Being on District council has been immensely rewarding. It has been amazing learning about and give advice to chapters. One of the greatest aspects of being a District officer is meeting sisters from many different chapters and assisting them. To assist with budgeting, I edited the sample budget and instructions. I tried to create a document that was comprehensive and would require very little editing over time. Hopefully, the sample I created will continue to help chapters for years to come. I also tried to help chapters by providing advice during the precinct meeting round tables. Through those conversations, I learned that were all more alike than we think and have many of the same issues. With that being said, I would like to encourage everyone to lean on each other more. No matter where we are, from Maine to Virginia, we are one NED and we can help each other.

I am not sure words can express how much a joy this has been for me. I truly appreciate and love my fellow council members. It has been a pleasure to work with such hardworking, diligent, and dedicated leaders. Anthony and Jess really set a great tone and of course Chris did a great job since he has been on council for 12 years. I loved the “get it done” attitude this council had. Aside from the business, they are all great friends. I will always value their friendship. It is an honor to be selected to serve. Thank you NED for allowing me to serve you this year alongside amazing leaders and friends. See you at Nationals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cydney McGuire

Northeast District Treasurer 2014-2015

Eta Delta Life Member #3162

**Final Report – NED Secretary 2014-2015**  
**Shannon Mackey Delta Delta – University of Massachusetts**

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma,

It has been an honor to serve as your District Secretary for the 2014-2015 Term. I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by, and I am so thankful for all of the experiences I have had in this position. During my term I have worked with and learned from many

sisters around the Northeast District and made relationships that will last for years to come.

*This term I have accomplished:*

*Sister-to-Sister Pen Pals*

- Sending out a survey beforehand in order to match sisters up based on their personalities and similar responses and then giving out topic starters to keep the conversations going.

*My biggest goal for this term was to create ways to have better quality correspondence through more “face-to-face” communication*

- I spoke with many chapter secretaries about traveling to visit other chapters in the NED, and I am very proud of the response that I received as many chapters visited one another and made lasting friendships and strengthened the bond in so many ways.

*Chapter & Chapter Officer Contact Info*

- I contacted secretaries from around the NED to collect the officer contact information from their chapters in order to publish on the website.
- I compiled a document with their position, name, email, and phone number, which really helped chapter officers, as well as District officers, keep in contact with one another.

*Chapter Secretaries*

- I worked with chapter secretaries on various projects, such as chapter newsletters, to get them up and running and was there to answer any questions as the year progressed.
- I also worked with them on correspondence which they could use towards their Golden Typewriter submissions, which I am so proud at how many chapters submitted for.

*Social media*

- One of my goals for this term was to use social media more to promote District initiatives and deadlines through our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. I hope that in the coming years these pages begin to grow and become a more effective tool of communication within the NED.

Alongside my goals as District Secretary, I also achieved many personal goals through this position. I felt that I grew as a leader and someone that others can turn to when they needed help, and I don't think I could ever thank the Northeast District enough for giving me this opportunity and having faith in me. I want to take a moment and also thank my chapter, Delta Delta, 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 Delta. A huge thank you, also, to Chris Lukasik, who I confidently call my best friend and one of the main reasons I am standing in front of you today.

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 Jess, Chris, Monika, Cydney, Megan, Tylar, Shelby, and Anthony for everything you have done and working with me during this past year. I can honestly say that all of you have become some of my closest friends and I know I can turn to you for anything. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for all of 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 just 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 and I will never stop being in awe of all of the incredible work that every chapter in the NED has done this year.

Thank you again for everything; it has been an honor serving as your District Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,  
Shannon Mackey  
Northeast District Secretary 2014 - 2015

**Final Report – NED Vice President of Special Projects 2014-2015**  
**Monika Monk Epsilon Sigma & Zeta Omicron – Norfolk State & Virginia Tech**

Vice President of Special Projects

Final Report 2014-2015

- A. Awards and Recognitions
  - a. Created the Joint Relations award with the NED KKPsi Member at Large
    - i. This award will be given to an active brother of Kappa Kappa Psi and an active sister of Tau Beta Sigma that shows respect, exemplifies outstanding teamwork, and has positive communication with their respective brother or sister organization. The recipients of this award should show support for their brother or sister organization during their various service projects, events, and activities.
  - b. Changed the requirements of the Outstanding Service Award
    - i. Wanted to honor more chapters by having them discuss their service as a whole versus one service project

- c. Promoted participation in District and National awards
      - i. Used social media to promote awards
      - ii. Held one-on-one meetings with each VPSP/VPS to increase participation
  - B. Encouraged participation in National and District Programs and Projects
    - a. Helped promote TBS Focus on Five campaign
      - i. This campaign was used to promote participation in National programs
    - b. Discussed awards with each chapter's VPS/VPSP
      - i. Used one-on-one meetings to answer questions regarding awards
      - ii. Used Facebook group to promote each individual district award
    - c. Created #ServiceBeforeSocial
  - C. District Precinct Days
    - a. Organized a joint event with the KKPsi Member at Large over the summer 2014
      - i. Event had to be canceled due to lack of ticket purchases to meet group rate quota
  - D. Communication with District Chapter VPS/VPSPs
    - a. At the end of August, I had each chapter's VPS/VPSP schedule an one-on-one meeting with me to discuss any issues, problems, and concerns they may have been having and to discuss and promote all of the campaigns, district projects, national programs and national and district awards.
    - b. At the beginning of the Fall and Spring semester, I had each VPS/VPSP submit a Chapter Event Calendar of all of their chapter's events, including service, ritual, social and fundraisers.
      - i. This was to help promote different chapter events across the district on the old website's calendar
        - 1. Switched to different website
  - E. Final Notes:

Becoming the NED Vice President of Special Projects, for this past year, has truly been an honor. I am so proud of each and every chapter in this district and what everyone has accomplished throughout the year. Even though each chapter is unique from one another, we all have a common goal: service to our bands. I appreciate everyone who participated in both the national campaign, TBS FocusOnFive, and the district campaign, #ServiceBeforeSocial. It really means a lot to see chapters getting involved on both a district and national level. For future years, I hope to see the NED continue to grow and prosper. Thank you all again for this wonderful opportunity!

Respectfully submitted,

Monika Monk, NED Vice President of Special Projects 2014-2015

**Final Report – NED Vice President of Membership 2014-2015**  
**Christopher Lukasik Delta Delta – University of Massachusetts**

This is the final time that I will be addressing you as the Northeast District Vice President of Membership. I can not express the gratitude that I have for all of you for giving me the chance to serve in one of the most rewarding positions that this Sorority has to offer.

Learning about how each chapter works from the foundation has been a true honor. I have learned so much perspective on this sorority; we are so accustomed to assume that our home chapter's membership process is "the right way" to do it, but I believe that assumption has been broken down.

I started my term with a lot of hopes and goals for better membership within the Northeast District and I'm confident in saying that each chapter has grown closer and stronger through the promotion of Project Good Member. These activities not only strengthen the Sisterly bond, but provides outlets for everyone to learn something about their fellow chapter members. I'm so glad that Project Good Member was a huge success this year and I hope that continues with the next officer.

In the beginning of my term, I stressed changes that needed to happen with MEP's, some of them that went against some chapter's long held traditions. Although these changes went against tradition, the VPM's made the changes without worry, and I am extremely grateful that this change happened so easily, as well as impressed with the level of maturity each chapter dealt with these changes. As well, MEP collection went so smoothly, and I would like to think that my MEP Revision Weeks helped with that; another project that I would like the next District VPM to continue. The Membership Education Packet is one of the most important documents that a chapter has and I hope that chapters continue to revise theirs to keep up with the new standards, as well as adapting to changes in our sorority. As much as a Constitution is a living document, so is the MEP.

The chapter VPM is one of the hardest jobs that a person can undertake as they are in charge of frankly the happiness of chapter members. While it is a two-way street, good membership starts from leadership that offers up the resources to attain good membership. That falls under the umbrella of Membership. The VPM (and other related

jobs) oversees the education of candidates as well as the continuing education of the actives, and each chapter VPM in this district has done a phenomenal job. If I had any part in making that job easier, I feel like I have succeeded at my job as District VPM. On the joint level, myself and Ben Friedman have hosted a chat for candidates and new members; while, only one chapter participated, I hope that I was able to give a good perspective of the sorority to them.

Thank you to Delta Delta, my home, for the continued support I have gotten from you in my work with the District. Thank you for dealing with having a chapter President who was super interested in testing out Project Good Member activities.

Thank you to the Brothers of the Eta Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi for just being oh so Eta Phine.

Thank you to my travel buddy and true confidant, Shannon Mackey for all of the driving that you did. While I always offered to drive, we know with how poor my eyes are, it's for the better that I didn't drive. Thank you for always letting me come into your room to just vent about everything under the sun.

Now, some things never change. Last year, while I was serving as Alumni Secretary and Historian, I was more or less the "butt" of everyone's jokes (#17Again), and I figured that Shannon would be the new person to take on that role. Nope, it was still me this year. So I would like give a thank you to Monika for always giving me sass, which was always backed up by Cydney, Megan, Tylar, and Shelby, so thank you to all of you. The sass is actually a breath of fresh air, plus I always gave it back. In all seriousness though, thank you all for being an ear when I needed you, I truly appreciate it. Megan, I'm so happy that my peer pressure worked and I'm so happy to call you a friend.

Thank you to Jessica and Anthony; I can't begin to explain how many times when I felt like I have hit a wall and you were there to say "it's ok." Those two words go a very long way for someone who always runs around like a chicken with their head cut off.

To everyone, thank you for everything this year, thank you for the laughs, the support, the words of encouragement. I hope that I truly did this office justice.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,  
Christopher Lukasik

Northeast District Vice President of Membership 2014-2015

Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

**Final Report – NED President 2014-2015**  
**Jessica Gamble Delta Omega – Bloomsburg University**

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

A year ago today I stood on stage preparing to read my district secretary report....and today I can finally say, “it has been an honor to be selected to serve as your 2014-2015 Northeast District President.

Over the last twelve months I have had the pleasure of getting to know so many of you and your chapters. Not only do I call you my sisters, but my friends. From emails, to text messages, to phone calls, to snapchat.. it was wonderful to be able to get to know so many of you on a deeper level. One of the greatest joys of being District President is that you get to see, not only the difficult things we each deal with, but the success stories, the things that make us happy and proud to call ourselves sisters of Tau Beta Sigma.

In one-on-ones I asked, “What is one thing that makes your proud to be a sister?” Immediately, different scenarios and experiences were shared, vivid memories, smiles and tears of happiness were shed, all while pure joy filled the room. In those moments I could not have been more proud to hear sisters share their stories. It made me truly proud to be apart of such an amazing organization.

Another situation that made me sit back and really reflect on this position and my experiences in tau beta sigma, was watching the questions and advice given to each chapter president through our president facebook page. For all the chapter presidents in the NED, it has been wonderful working directly with you all. Through our group page and chats I saw amazing things happen. There are many struggles that come with being a chapter officer, especially chapter president. But each of you were able to seek advice from others, find resolutions to various problems, and turn it into something positive. It was incredible to see each of you grow as chapter leaders and work with you over this past year.

To National Council, National Leadership, and dignitaries who are here today. I cannot express enough how much I have appreciated your continually support and love. The many, many resources you have provided really helped me through this whole year, again thank you. You are all role models to myself and the rest of the NED, thank you for being the amazing people you are!

To Zeta Upsilon, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to organize, run, and execute this convention. For anyone who has when a part of a chapter holding a

convention, you know how much effort and countless hours it takes to plan an event as big as this. So thank you!

Kelsey, you did a fantastic job! Kelsey and I texted many text messages, emails, facebook messages, but both Kelsey and Rachel were always there for Anthony and I whenever we had questions or comments for them. No matter what hour of the night! Thank you again, I could not be more proud!

To Delta Omega, you guys are amazing. You are my sisters. My first sisters. You were my first family when I joined Tau Beta Sigma, in the Spring of 2011. Thank for you always be there forever, I wouldn't be in this spot today if it wasn't for you guys support and continually pushing me forward to be the best sister I can be.

Council: Tylar, Shelby, Megan, Cydney, Shannon, Monika, Chris. You guys are my rock. My very sassy, loveable, goofy, crazy, amazing rock. I will never forget the nights we spent, goofing with each other, making fun of each other, and growing closer together as a council. You guys have always been there for me, and reassured me when I felt like I should have done something differently. And backing me up when I need that little boost of encouragement. I could not have asked for a better council. You are my sisters and truly my friends.

And to Anthony. Oh Anthony. The "dad" of our little group. I honestly cannot say what I would do without your continued, support, guidance, wisdom. You are always there for me when I needed help, any questions, comments, or concerns I had. You were there to tell me "It'd be ok!" and "you're doing a great job" those little phrase made a world of a difference, and meant so much. I can not express with words how happy and lucky I am, to be able to work with so you over these last two years.

And lastly to the NED, I really cannot explain my love for this district. From Virginia to Maine. You guys are amazing. I have met so many amazing people through this past year. I've had so many laughs with you, and inside jokes, pictures, and loving moments. You guys are amazing sisters and I cannot be more proud to have been able to serve as your District President.

Much love in the bond, respectfully submitted,

Jessica Gamble.

2014-2015 TBS NED President.

## SECTION FIVE: JOINT PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Dear Brothers & Sisters of the Northeast District,

It has been a true honor to serve as Joint Presidents for Tau beta sigma and kappa kappa psi over the last year. Looking back to a year ago at the 2014 NED convention, we had no idea what to expect for this new year. I remember being on stage last year at banquet, closing out convention with a hit of the gavel, and turning to hug, someone I barely knew.

Over the summer we flew out to Stillwater, ok for district leadership conference. During this conference weekend we were able to sit down, talk about our mutual goals, and brainstorm for the upcoming academic semester and the precinct meetings and convention season that would quickly approach. We had the opportunity to sit down with other district presidents,

- Thank you
  - Eta Rho and Zeta Upsilon
  - Joint Convention Site and Publication - Bridget & Joanna, Advisers Seth & Emily
  - Host Precinct Chapters
    - Omicron
    - Epsilon Upsilon, Delta Nu
    - Theta Phi
  - Counselor and Governors
  - Councils, "times we've spent both socially and professionally have brought us closer together and really helped us click as a unit"
  - National Councils & NEDAA for continued support
  - Northeast District, thank all of you for all of your support and feedback throughout the year.
  - To one another
- What we've learned
  - DLC, and the opportunity to sit down to brainstorm our goals for the travel season, compare and build relationships with other district presidents KELLY, continued support of one another and the chance to share feedback and ideas
  - communication
  - patience
  - Being able to step back and adapt to different leadership styles

- even though we come from very different chapters we've been able to effectively work together-- similar to the national relationship between the fraternity and the sorority

- Initiatives

- communication has lead to improved relations and overall programming for district projects. Notably, Joint Relations Award created by Matt and Monika. This is also apparent in reading band. This year, Casey, Ben, and Shannon have worked so hard wit the host chapter to make sure everything ran smoothly. This year, reading band was a huge success with 140 brothers and sisters in attendance. We would also like to take this time to thank our student conductors, William Martin from EY and Jenna Stango from HA. Auxiliary around 70 in attendance.

- Charges:

- Increase communication between the joint council
- establish defined joint responsibilities to the joint council throughout the year's events
- continue providing joint resources and programming for the District
- Work as a Joint Council to focus on the Northeast Notes as listed in the Joint Convention Site Report

- Final

- its been great, thank you,

Jessica Gamble & Anthony Walker



## SECTION SIX: 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 2014-2015 NED Council.

Expansion and Membership: *Christopher Stackhouse - Chair, Christopher Lukasik and Nicole Kemp - Advisors*

The charges for the 2015 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 Project Good Member Manual and District Continuing Membership Education Packet 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.

Nominations: *Brian Moran - 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 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.

Ways and Means: *Adrienne Dibrell - Chair, Cydney McGuire and Adrienne Rall - Advisors*

The charges for the 2015 WAYS AND MEANS Committee are as follows:

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

Programs Committee: *Nicole Gramlich - Chair, Monika Monk and Jonathan Markowski - Advisors*

The charges for the 2015 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2014 Programs report.
2. Receive a report from the District VPSP which addresses the state of District and National programs.
3. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed.
4. Review District Award requirements
  - o Outstanding Service Award
  - o Life Membership Scholarship
  - o Golden Typewriter
5. Evaluate new programs presented by District Council members.
6. Review NED programs including:
  - o Precincts
  - o Districts
  - o District Days
  - o Precinct Days
  - o Sisterhood Week
  - o Project Good Member
7. Discuss the needs of Chapters and the District and generate ideas for new District and National programs that address these needs. Generate new ideas for new methods of local and District implementation of the National programs.
8. 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.

Jurisdiction: – *Jennifer Fletcher - Chair, Shelby Coleman and Jasmine Johnsons – Advisors*

The charges for the 2015 Jurisdiction Committee were 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.

Alumni and Historical Affairs: *Erica Davignon – Chair, Megan Miranda and Tamara Henry – Advisors*

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 2014 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

Sisterhood and Spirit: *Crystal Sivells - Chair, Shannon Mackey and Kathryn Kelly - Advisors*

The Charges for the 2015 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee were as followed:

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. Discuss making a joint song for the NED.

*Joint Committees*

Convention Site and Publication: *Joanna Hull and Bridget Russe - Chairs, Emily Anstey and Seth Sacher - Advisors*

The charges for the 2015 Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee were as follows:

1. Continue to work towards making both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District constitutions match exactly, in wording and phrasing.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Review and recommend tools for the district councils to make preparing convention site bids more accessible.

5. Update the responsibilities of the potential standing joint committee on publications and social media.

## SECTION SEVEN: 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: Membership, Nominations, Programs, Ways and Means, Sisterhood and Spirit, Alumni Affairs, Jurisdiction and Counselor's Award.

### **Membership Committee – March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Chaired by Christopher Stackhouse, Delta Omega

Advised by Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta, NED VPM 2014-2015

Advised by Miss. Nicole Kemp, Past NED Councilor

The charges for the 2015 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 Project Good Member Manual and District Continuing Membership Education Packet 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.
1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2013 NED Expansion and Membership reports.

The committee reviewed the NED Constitution and has seen fit to keep them as written pending the approval of the changes brought forth by Christopher Lukasik. Throughout the meeting we incorporated the information provided in the 2014 Expansion and Membership Committee report into our discussion. We also discussed the report as a whole and have seen to keep it as written with no changes.
  2. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
    - o Review of the 2014 Discussion

- MEPS, Project Good Member, & Sisterhood Week
  - o Addition of Existing Opportunities from 2015 Committee
    - Precinct & District Days, Precinct & District Conventions, Awards & Committee Chairs, & District Officer Positions
  - o 2015 Discussion of Ways to Improve Participation
    - Increase Awareness of Opportunities and Assurance of Dissemination of opportunities from Chapter Officers to General Membership
    - Place emphasis on **WHY** a Sister should participate rather than just what opportunities exist
    - Conventions
      - Paying for MC's Registration Fees
      - Paying for Chapter's Registration Fees
    - District Officer Positions
      - Have District Officers create videos explaining what their office entails and the benefits of being a District Officer
  - o Hindrances of Participation
    - Class Conflicts
      - Some Sisters couldn't attend Conventions to Classes
      - Expression of desire for Saturday & Sunday Conventions
    - Unknown Opportunities
      - Expressed desire for improved awareness at District & Chapter Levels
3. Discuss the protocol for colonization and what chapters and the district can do to aid the NVPCM's colonization efforts.
- o 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 a about a 10-month process.
  - o If you know of a school that is interested tell Kathryn Kelly.
  - o Talk to students about the process, not the Director of Bands.
4. Review and update the Project Good Member Manual and District Continuing Membership Education Packet as needed.
- o We reviewed the packets and saw no need for any corrections pending the updates Chris Lukasik will add upon the end of his term as NED VPM.
5. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of Chapter Operations in the Membership Education Process.
- o 2015 Definition of Chapter Operations
    - The structure and guidelines that govern how business is completed within a chapter, including:
      - Parliamentary Procedure;
      - Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised;
      - Chapter's structure and how that assist in making an effective meeting; and
      - The order of business in a chapter meeting.

- o 2014 Recommendations for teaching Chapter Operations
  - Mock Elections & Meetings
  - Ensure that all officers know the responsibilities of their office
  - Weekly Quizzes
- o 2015 Recommendations for teaching Chapter Operations
  - Hold a Parliamentary Procedures Workshop for MCs
  - Incorporate into Process
    - Breakdown of Procedures & Chapter Structure
  - Hold MC meetings that parallel the Chapter's Meetings
  - Insert MCs into officer roles and have them conduct sessions
  - Insert a Robert's Rules Motions Cheat Sheet in MC Handbook
- o District Level Assurance of Chapter Teachings
  - Creation of sample minutes that chapters can use for guidance in generating minutes
  - Ensure that Chapter Operations is included in Chapter MEPs
    - MEPs can be used for advocacy and reduce liability
  - Event Feedback Form Sample disseminated to Chapters to self-evaluate chapter operations post-events

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   | Challenges   |
|--------|--|--|
| Fall   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Better Recruitment-Marching Band Season</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Band Camp &amp; Move in-Recruitment Opportunities</b></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Scheduling around Band</b></li> </ul>  |
| Spring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>By not taking a class in the fall and waiting till spring, you can learn more of the potentials qualities</b></li> <li>▪ <b>MCs can see Chapter dynamics and working of Sisterhood</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Allows the Chapter to find Quality Sisters</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Prospective Members may take more classes</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Increased need for advertising, decrease in new potentials</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Could lose potentials to other Organizations</b></li> </ul> |

|  | Benefits | Challenges |
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| <b>Not Taking a Class During a Semester</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Improve the Bond and the assimilate new members into Chapter as Active Sisters</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Longer Rush Period</b></li> <li>▪ <b>More Opportunities for Bonding</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Allows Chapter more downtime between classes</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Scheduling around Band</b></li> <li>▪ <b>May Lose Some PMs</b></li> </ul> |
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|                                | <b>Benefits</b>  | <b>Challenges</b>   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>First Semester Freshmen</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>More likely to be Active for 3.5 years- low turnover rate</b></li> <li>▪ </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Unknown GPA</b></li> <li>▪ <b>At some schools, they aren't eligible to join</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Unaccustomed to College workload</b></li> </ul> |

We examined the 2014 committee's responses to this question and added additional benefits and challenges. We discussed different perspectives and the benefits and challenges on how chapters take fall versus spring classes, first semester freshmen, and not taking a class during a particular period.

7. Discuss ways to encourage Chapter retention and how the Chapters can create and implement Continuing Education into their MEPs.

Chapter Retention

- o 2014 Recommendations
  - Increase in number of Social Events
  - Social online chapter presence
  - Project Good Member
- o 2015 Recommendations
  - Increase of Communication between members
    - Inactive Exit Survey
      - Ask Inactive Members why they went Inactive
  - Project Good Member
    - Increase the number of Project Good Member activities to remind Sisters of why they joined
    - Save our Sisters
      - Work as a chapter to increase the bonds between each other



- Ensure that all members are involved in Chapter Business
  - Include Sisters who are not in office in chapter decisions
  - Have all Sisters participate in all of Chapter fundraisers, meetings, and service projects
- Academic Trouble
  - Sisterhood Checkpoints
    - Meet with Sisters and discuss how they are doing academically and what their academic plans are
  - Install Academic Plans for Sisters struggling with Academics
  - Create a Scholarship chair to work with struggling members
- Inspire members to come back
  - Work with your chapter on ways to improve relations and create an environment that will bring Inactive Members back

#### Continuing Membership Education

- o 2014 Recommendations
  - Weekly quizzes for Actives
  - PME Games
    - Jeopardy
    - Bingo
  - Big – Little Time
- o 2015 Recommendations
  - Increase use of District Continuing Membership Education Packet
  - We felt that we had discussed this topic in depth in other sections of the report.

#### 8. Review the Activities of the NED VPM.

We discussed some of the jobs that are required of the NED VPM as well as some of the other tasks that they took on this year:

- o MEP Revision Week
- o Revival of Project Good Member
- o District Continuing Membership Education Manual
- o Google Shared Drive for VPMs

#### 9. Discuss ways on how to introduce MC's into the Joint Bond through their Joint Organization.

- o MC Swap
  - MCs from KKPsi and TBS will hang out with other organization for the day
- o Joint Relations
  - MCs have joint service and social events through process
  - Joint Ceremonies
- o Joint Communications
  - Try inviting Kappa to TBS events
  - Joint Facebook Group
  - Joint Meetings
  - Liaison for professional groups

- o Other organizations besides Kappa
    - Most chapters attempt to reach out with the Department for correspondence
    - There is great reliance with PMA and SAI for those who have them at their institution
    - Started a little chapter for music education in high schools: “Daughters of Sigma”
10. Discuss ways on how chapters can promote collegiate education alongside Tau Beta Sigma.
- o Study Activities
    - Study Nights/ Mandatory Study Hours
    - Academic Plans for Struggling Sisters
    - Study Partners within Majors
  - o GPA
    - Can Grandfather set GPAs for new members
    - Have set GPA for privileges like being an Officer or Big Sister
  - o Priorities
    - Put yourself and your education before the Sorority

The charges for the 2016 Membership Committee are as follows:

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2015 Membership report.
2. Review and update the Project Good Member Manual and District Continuing Membership Education Packet as needed.
3. Discuss how chapters can improve participation at the district level as well as what opportunities for involvement already exist.
4. Discuss ways in which to include the teaching of Chapter Operations in the Membership Education Process.
5. Discuss reasonable goals for increasing quality and quantity of members.
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9. Discuss ways on how chapters can promote collegiate education alongside Tau Beta Sigma.
10. Review the Activities of the NED VPM

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

1. Promote the District Continuing Membership Education Packet and Project Good Member to chapters by making sure that all chapters are aware of these projects.
2. Monitor the Chapter adoption rate of the District Continuing Membership Education Packet and develop ways to increase the adoption rate if they are low.

3. Work with the NED Secretary to increase Chapter dissemination of information within their chapter about National and District Programs.
4. Continue with the practice of MEP Revision weeks and ensure Chapters include:
  - a. Chapter Operations
  - b. Continuing Membership Education
5. Work with the NED Parliamentarian to develop guidelines and suggestions for chapters for the teaching of Chapter Operations.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Stackhouse, Delta Omega (Chair)

Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta, NED VPM 2014-2015 (Advisor)

Miss. Nicole Kemp, Past NED Counselor (Advisor)

### **Members Present**

Christopher Stackhouse, Delta Omega (Chair)

Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta, NED VPM 2014-2015 (Advisor)

Miss. Nicole Kemp, Past NED Counselor (Advisor)

Alex Hartline, Eta Sigma

Amelia Moody, Delta Nu

Amy Hahn, Eta Alpha

Bomina Belden, Eta Chi

Brittney Dupuis, Delta Delta

Brooke Groff, Beta Eta

Courtney Brown, Epsilon Upsilon

Emily Smith, Epsilon Upsilon

Erin Carr, Delta Delta

Erin Kregger, Beta Eta

Jalen Swain, Eta Sigma

Jeanine Asay, Beta Eta (Proxy for Theta Phi)

Jenna Woodward, Delta Delta

Jill Regner, Gamma Omega

Jordan Ledwith, Delta Nu

Lauren Carman, Epsilon Upsilon

Lexi Whitehouse, Zeta Omicron

Lisa Cross, Gamma Omega

Meghan Jacoby, Eta Alpha

Teri McMillon, Iota Pi

Tom Delaney, Gamma Kappa

### **Nominations Committee - March 13th and 14th, 2015**

Greetings sister of the NED,

This year, as with every year, the nominations committee was asked to tackle the task of choosing the best possible slate for the District Council. After many hours of blood,

sweat, tears, and chocolate we have reviewed the eligibility of the candidates who have submitted their packets to us. I would like to thank all candidates who submitted packets for doing a fantastic job! Another special thank you to the 2014-2015 District Council for being the driving forces that they. Without their support, we would not have had such successful and fulfilling year as an organization. Next, I would like to thank my committee who came in and knew how to get the job done, not to mention put up with my terrible puns. Finally (“Oh thank God he’s almost done!”), I would like to thank my advisor, Anthony Barbir, for putting up with all of my shenanigans throughout the process.

The charges for the 2015 Nominations Committee are as follows:

1. Review the district and national constitution.
  - a) 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).
  - a) We found the following candidates to be eligible for district office:
    - a) Christopher Lukasik
    - b) Shannon Mackey
    - c) Erin Kreeger
    - d) Shelby Coleman
3. Review/create questions to interview candidates (specific to Officer & General).
  - a) 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. Typically the questions were in response to the answers provided by the candidate to inquire further into their previous answers.
4. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session.
  - a) All candidates introduced themselves to the delegation. Next there was a 15-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, being sure to ask the same questions if there are multiple candidates running for the same office.
  - a) 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.

- a) President- Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta
- b) Vice President of Membership – Erin Kreeger, Beta Eta
- c) Vice President of Special Projects – Shannon Mackey, Delta Delta
- d) Secretary – Shelby Coleman, Delta Omega
- e) Treasurer – None
- f) Alumni Secretary/Historian – None

The charges for the 2016 Nominations Committee are as follows:

1. Conduct the meet-the-candidates session and utilize that time to get to know the candidates before having to interview them.

The charges for the 2015-2016 District Council are as follows:

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.
2. Meet with the district counselor to discuss suggestions brought up by the nominations committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Moran, Iota Alpha (Chair)  
Anthony Barbir, Epsilon Kappa (Advisor)  
Olivia DeFilippo, Gamma Kappa  
Deanna Marner, Epsilon Omega  
Amy Thomas, Zeta Omicron

### **Programs Committee - March 13th and 14th, 2015**

Nicole Gramlich, Committee Chair  
Monika Monk, Advisor  
Jonathan Markowski, Advisor

The charges for the 2015 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. Review the NED Constitution and the 2014 Programs report.
2. Receive a report from the District VPSP which addresses the state of District and National programs.
3. Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed.
4. Review District Award requirements
  - o Outstanding Service Award
  - o Life Membership Scholarship
  - o Golden Typewriter
5. Evaluate new programs presented by District Council members.

6. Review NED programs including:

- o Precincts
- o Districts
- o District Days
- o Precinct Days
- o Sisterhood Week
- o Project Good Member

7. Discuss the needs of Chapters and the District and generate ideas for new District and National programs that address these needs. Generate new ideas for new methods of local and District implementation of the National programs.

8. 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.

**Review the NED Constitution and the 2014 Programs report:**

The changes we would like to make were submitted to the Jurisdiction Committee.

**Receive a report from the District VPSP which addresses the state of District and National programs:**

The report was received.

**Evaluate the website and make suggestions to Webmaster if needed:**

No changes were deemed necessary.

**Evaluate new programs presented by District Council members:**

- The VPS and VPSP from most chapters knew about programs, but some chapters or chapter members who did not hold a position did not know about the programs or requirements.
- The “#ServiceBeforeSocial” is a great way to promote service and understand how other schools serve.
- Project Protect Music 2.0 is a program that many chapters participate in, sometimes unknowingly. Promotion through social media of this program will help to make the program more transparent.
- Project Good Member is fantastic resource for chapter VPMs.

**Review NED programs including**

- **District/District Precinct Days**

It was found that even when a District Precinct Day was planned, the event fell through. The NED VPSP suggested planning a joint District initiative. For district days, a wide initiative that includes service and is optional is a viable option.

- **Precinct Days**

It was found that precinct days also do not work.

**Discuss the needs of Chapters and the District and generate ideas for new District and National programs that address these needs. Generate new**

**ideas for new methods of local and District implementation of the National programs.**

- It was found that there is a real need for education on the current programs before discussing and generating new ideas for programs. A lot of chapters were doing projects that unknowingly fulfilled program requirements. An addition to membership education would be beneficial.
- There was a lot of talk of the need of better joint relationships where schools have both organizations. We brainstormed ideas, but realized that the programs are unique to Tau Beta Sigma and that joint district initiatives can address the problems.
  - Joint district initiatives can and will help joint relations within schools and the NED.
- We currently do not have a program addressing our ideals in relation to leadership development. Leadership workshops hosted by Tau Beta Sigma chapters for members of the band who are nonaffiliated would be beneficial to band and/or chapter members.

**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.**

The committee was tasked to go to tagboard.com and look at “#ServiceBeforeSocial” and “#FocusOnFive.” This website is a great resource for sisters to use to find out how chapters around the nation are fulfilling program requirements and serving their bands.

We talked in depth about the National and District programs and what they entail, the guides that are available, how to get involved and who to contact.

The charges for the 2016 Programs Committee are as follows:

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

The charges for the 2015-2016 Vice President of Special Projects are as follows:

1. Re-work “District Days” and plan a joint district initiative.
2. Create campaigns through social media to promote current District and National programs.
3. Discuss methods for a program that promotes leadership development.

The charges for the 2015-2016 District Council are as follows:

1. Charge the VPM to work with chapter VPMs in the NED to incorporate National and District Programs into Membership Education.

Being the Programs Committee Chair was a huge learning experience, and I am very thankful for this amazing opportunity. Thank you to my advisors for answering all of my many questions and thank you to all of the sisters in my committee who helped make the three meetings run as smoothly as possible and contributing such great ideas. It was an extremely productive time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Gramlich, Eta Alpha (Chair)  
Monika Monk, Epsilon Sigma, Zeta Omicron, NED VPSP (Advisor)  
Jonathan Markowski, Delta Delta, National VPSP (Advisor)  
Lauren Matzoni, Delta Omega  
Deana Benson, Epsilon Upsilon  
Christina Mastrull, Eta Alpha  
Allison McClelland, Eta Sigma  
Brittany Rogan, Gamma Kappa  
Anna Scillitoe, Gamma Kappa  
Sarah Orleck, Delta Delta  
Raven Carter, Epsilon Rho  
Sidney Freeman, Epsilon Rho  
Cheyenne Lynch, Epsilon Upsilon  
Shyann Gales-Polard, Iota Pi  
Kate Fletcher (MC), Eta Alpha

### **WAYS AND MEANS Committee Final Report - March 13th and 14th, 2015**

Chair: Adrienne Dibrell- Eta Delta  
Advisor: Adrienne Rall  
Advisor: Cydney McGuire

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.

The charges for the 2015 WAYS AND MEANS Committee are as follows:

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

We began with discussion of fundraising. What is a fundraiser, the purpose, and identifying your audience. Upon determining this we were able to determine the characteristics of a successful fundraiser. A successful fundraiser has active participation, uniqueness, it reaches its goal, and it raises the appropriate amount of money.

Charge #5: Create a list of individual chapter's successful fundraisers to be included in the Fundraising Activity Forum on [tbsned.org](http://tbsned.org).

#### Delta Delta

- Polar Plunge: sisters jump into a lake based on a certain amount of donations
- Band Banquet: Flower sales for tables or individual people

#### Zeta Omicron

- AcaFestiPella: Acapella singing event with charged entry

#### Eta Delta

- Date Auction
- Bake Sales
- Scratch-n-give: Scratch a ticket and give the amount scratched off

#### Gamma Omega

- Plant Sales: recycle glass bottles and put plants in them to sell

#### Zeta Upsilon

- Selling of letters
- High school band competition

#### Eta Chi

- Candy Grams and other candy sales

6. Brainstorm ideas for the 2015-2016 district fundraiser to be researched by the incoming TBS NED Treasurer.

- Photo Booth Sales
- Restaurant Fundraiser
  - o Difficult without a tax ID number
- Online Marketplace
  - o Selling paraphernalia online
  - o Central location for members to find paraphernalia
  - o Link present on district and national web pages
- Chapter donation of items to sell at districts
  - o Reduces use of fundraising budget
  - o Variety of items to be sold

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

Ways to reach of non band people:

- Social Media
- Donation Website
- Flyers and other promotions
- Collaborating with other organizations (combine influence, PR, and reputation)
- Alumni Involvement
- Incorporate familiar causes

Fundraiser Ideas

- Carnival day on campus
- 5k race
- Lincoln to Lincoln: Send a penny, receive another form of money with Lincoln on it

Difficulties of NED treasurer:

- Partnering with chapters for fundraisers
- Executing fundraisers as one person
- \$400 fundraising allocation makes it difficult to preorder anything to sell

Rejoining after lunch

Upon the opening of second session we began discussion of the 2014-2015 budget. When reviewing the budget we began with expenses as to give the committee a full understanding of the money going out of the district in order to appropriately discuss the amount of money coming in.

Opening balance: \$2,044.57

Expenses:

Many of the line items were budgeted at \$0.00 or were not changed. Below are the expenses that we deemed necessary for change or discussion.

Winter Meeting budgeted at \$300. Projected actuals were \$126.40. We were under budget \$173.60. Based on discussion of the budgeted and actual from the 2013-2014 year as well as this year it was decided that it would remain budgeted at \$300.

Mediations were budgeted at \$200. Projected actuals were \$0.00. After speaking with Anthony Barbir and learning that Nationals fund any travel to chapters by the District Counselor we decided to drop the budget to \$0 and reallocate these funds.

Fundraising was budgeted at \$400. After much discussion it was decided that that number would remain the same. With the new ideas that the committee came up with

the 2015-2016 treasurer will be able to research the appropriate pricing and come up with the best option for any fundraising.

National Convention/DLC was budgeted at \$300. National convention has not come to pass yet, but the committee discussed, under the advice of Adrienne Rall, that we would drop the budget to \$250 because some of the costs are covered by National Headquarters.

NIB Travel Grant was a new line item added this year to match Kappa Kappa Psi. The NIB Travel Grant is granted to members of the NIB to cover some of the costs of travel. That will be budgeted at \$100 each year to equal \$200 by each NIB session.

#### 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. The projected actuals were \$761.99. Although we were over \$261.99 the budget will remain at \$500 because the expenses are based solely on the availability of officers to travel to all precinct meetings. This year every officer traveled to every meeting, which accounts for the overage.

Officer Travel to Districts was budgeted at \$500. This budget will remain the same, but should be looked at each year based on the location of officers and the distance they will have to travel to attend District Convention.

Each year Officer Travels to both Precincts and District Conventions should be evaluated to determine if more money is needed based on the current council.

The total expenses were budgeted at \$3,150.00. Projected actuals are \$3,416.99.

#### Income:

Fall Allocations were budgeted at \$1,100. Projected actuals are \$1,256.50. The budget for these allocations will be raised \$50 due to a consistent surplus for this line item.

Spring Allocations was budgeted at \$200.00. Although this money has not been collected yet the budget has been raised \$50 due to consistent overage in this line item in past years.

Fundraising was budgeted at \$1,200. Projected actuals are \$500.00. With the realistic knowledge of fundraising on a district level along with the new ideas the committee has come up with to be properly executed we have dropped this budgeted income to \$800.00.

Delegate Fee was budgeted at \$810.00. Projected actuals were \$600.00. Because there is one less chapter than last year the budget has been dropped to \$780.00.

Total income was budgeted at \$3,310. Projected actuals are \$2,556.50.

The charges for the 2016 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.
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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

Charges for the 2015-2016 Treasurer:

1. Research new fundraising ideas, specifically an online market, to find cost effective solutions to utilize less of the budget and raise profit.
2. Find new ways to spin old fundraisers to increase participation
3. Work with chapter Presidents or Treasurers to promote any fundraisers within chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Dibrell- Eta Delta (Chair)

Adrienne Rall- National Vice President for Communications and Recognition

Cydney McGuire- Treasurer

Tatiana Weaver- Delta Omega (2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate)

Stephanie DaSilva- Delta Delta

Arissa Vallee- Delta Delta

Nick Cestra- Eta Chi (3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate)

Virginia Kibler- Zeta Omicron

Cassidy Seyfert- Zeta Upsilon (2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate)

Jessica Witt- Zeta Upsilon

Shaneequa Bennett- Eta Delta  
Trent Smith- Eta Rho  
Emily Sayen- Gamma Omega (1<sup>st</sup> Delegate)

## **Sisterhood and Spirit Final Report**

Tau Beta Sigma  
National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.  
From the desk of the Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Chair:

Sisterhood and Spirit Committee opened at 11:05 am  
Starting with Introductions and leading to the review of charges

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

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

The first topic discussed this year was our individual chapters' joint social and service events. This was facilitated as an open discussion question each sister in for anyone in attendance to answer. In efforts to solidify the difference between service and social projects, we separated the two and had two different discussions and merged them together at the end.

When discussing the service end of this topic many sisters stated that they complete joint service with their chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi through advancing the freshman experience within their band programs as well as music department by having freshman specific events such as joint auditions, freshman music festivals, an a end of camp reception. This all helps foster unity within the programs as well as providing information to the newly enrolled students about the two organizations. Other sisters also spoke on their various successful service projects that they do that can be useful to other chapters as well. Below is a list of a service projects discussed.

| <b><i>Various Service Projects</i></b> |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b><i>Small Scale</i></b>              | <b><i>Large Scale</i></b>   |
| Fitting and Altering Band Uniforms     | Relay for Life              |
| Serving Meals to Band                  | Save the music              |
| Set Up of Events (Concerts)            | Music Enrichment in Schools |

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Disassembly of Events (Concerts) |  |
| Adopt A Highway                  |  |

Additionally, the committee discussed the possibilities of completing few of these projects jointly. This in efforts will foster unity and service between brother and sister chapters as well as exceptional service.

Socially, the committee took on the same tactic by discussing all the social events that is done in their chapters that have been successful. The most concise answer that was discussed was having themed parties that lets sisters “let their hair down” and bond. In addition another main social aspect that most chapters spoke about was a Secret Sister. This is when a name is drawn randomly and for the set duration the sister that has selected you has to give you positive reinforcements as well as small tokens. Below is a list of discussed social possibilities.

| <b><i>Various Social Projects</i></b>                                   |  |
|---|--|
| Game Night  | Themes Parties<br>(Halloween, Valentine’s Day, etc.) |
| Chapter Games<br>(Role Play like Harry Potter)                          | Brotherhood/Sisterhood Dates                         |
| Joint Concerts  | Joint Spirit Weeks                                   |
| Chapter Talent Shows  | Band “Switch Day”                                    |
| Awareness Days<br>(Take a stand on an issue that affects the community) |  |

We also discussed how some of these joint social and service ideals can be implemented successfully on a district level.

After the conclusion of that discussion the chapter went on to learn TBS Stroll and Chants.

The committee meeting was called to recess for lunch at 11:50 am until its next appointed time.

Committee reconvened at 1:05 pm.

When the committee reconvened after lunch, we immediately continued with a refresher of the TBS Chants.

The discussion of bonding with our brother organization as well as other organizations on our campus was the next charge. The charge was to discuss ideas for bounding that can be taken back to sisters’ home chapters. Numerous ideas were stated, however a key aspect had to be taken into consideration. Creating bounding activities that are friendly for chapters who have coeducational membership. One suggestion was a game night, this is when all the sisters play different games such as Xbox, Kinect, Wii,

PlayStation 3, and more. This was suggested because friendly competition can be always good and when in the midst of having fun, and game playing is a neutralized activity; with that is neither more masculine nor feminine. Below are the additional bonding activities that were discussed:

| <b><i>Bonding Activities</i></b>  |
|---|
| <b><i>High Tea Party</i></b><br><b><i>Karaoke Nights</i></b><br><b><i>Movie Nights</i></b><br><b><i>Sister Dates</i></b><br><b><i>Boxers or Socks</i></b><br><b><i>Random Acts of Kindness</i></b><br><b><i>Pick Me Up Packets</i></b><br><b><i>Taps Activity</i></b> |

The next order of business was to discuss the Spirit Box and decorating it for this very convention. The purpose of the Spirit Box is to anonymously leave nice and inspirational notes for chapters and individuals who are at attendance of convention. However, it regrets me to report that the Spirit Box is not able to be accessed at this time due to certain circumstances. In efforts to keep the same mission of the Spirit Box the committee came up with a few new and improved ways to keep the Spirit Box going via digital media! Three of the main ideas were:

- ***Central Text:*** To create a text messaging service that sisters can anonymously text their kind and nice messages to and it be displayed via projector at the Separate Sessions. (It will be monitored and filtered for profanity and fowl messages)
- ***UMass Flirts:*** A site where individuals can post positive things anonymously during convention. This will be displayed via live feed during Separate Sessions. (automatically filters fowl messages)
- ***TBS Snapchat:*** A live feed of kind messages that will be displayed in the Snapchat with a specific hashtag such as #Ned2015

The last thing discussed was the creating a joint NED song. This charge came with quite a bit of discussion and the committee in it's entirety was engaged. Sisters began speaking on how most northern schools have joint songs that they do sing with the brother, however that is their tradition. Different questions were posed as to how we as a district can work toward making this a success. At the conclusion of the discussion two scenarios were created for as to how we can implement this charge for next year.

- ***Scenario 1:*** Post a district wide challenge for chapters to come up with a joint NED Song.
- ***Scenario 2:*** Creating a separate committee at convention to handle the creation and selection of the NED song.

Preceding the review of the charges, we then went on to fully 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 throughout the course of the

committee. This was the final review of all the wonderful pieces Dr. Kelly taught us. We thank her and decided that it would be great to perform the stroll at the Separate Session #2.

The Charges for the 2016 Sisterhood and Spirit Committee are as follow:

1. Discuss ideas for joint social and service events with other sisters as well as brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi.
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. Create a system that can be digitally use as the Spirit Box.
- 5 .Go over the system on constructing 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 more joint relations with brother chapters
3. Participate in more joint social and service projects with brother chapters as well as other sister chapters

The Charges for the 2015-2016 District Council are as follow:

1. Continue to work on joint relations
2. Create a means for a digital version of the Spirit Box  
Announce in the beginning for people to know where it will be located, what it

The Charges for the 2015- 2016 District Council President are as follow:

1. Create a system that can aid in the construction of a joint NED Song.
2. Use the aid of the District Officers Council to help with the

This year I had the distinct privilege of being the chair of the Sisterhood and Spirit committee. I am truly grateful for the opportunity as we have all come together to fellowship and become more knowledgeable within or beloved Tau Beta Sigma. Sisterhood is one of the essentials in having a successful chapter and I hope that this committee has been of great service to the convention this year. In closing, I only have one more thing to do....

**T A U B E T A S I G M A; Tau Beta Sigma!**

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sivells, Epsilon Rho, Virginia State University

***Seated Delegates:***

Jenna Flood, Delta Nu

Melanie Slusar, Eta Sigma (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Katie Russavage, Delta Delta (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Matthew Young, Delta Omega (3<sup>rd</sup>)



Mac Palao, Eta Rho (Eta Rho Proxy)

***Other Sisters in Attendance:***

Olivia Penrod, Gamma Chi  
Erin Kenney, Eta Alpha  
Sarah Willsey, Eta Alpha  
Natalie Chambers, Epsilon Epsilon  
Meredith Sehlayer, Gamma Chi  
Devin Botnick, Eta Sigma  
Katie Caulfield, Delta Nu  
Sandee Hirsh, Delta Delta  
Kirsten Peterson, Delta Delta  
Katelyn Westerholm, Zeta Omicron  
Bria Bowers, Epsilon Rho  
Jessica Watson, Epsilon Upsilon  
Ceyenne Lynch, Epsilon Upsilon  
Elizabeth Patterson, Epsilon Upsilon  
Becky Waghorne, Eta Alpha  
Micalys Reyes, Eta Alpha  
Kiki Lee, Eta Alpha  
Delana Williams, Eta Alpha

***Advisor:*** Shannon Mackey, NED Secretary 2014-2015

***Co-Advisor:*** Dr. Katherine Kelly, Life Member of the Eta Delta Chapter, Past NED Counselor

**Alumni and Historical Affairs Report- March 13th and 14th, 2015**

The 2015 Alumni Affairs Committee is charged with:

6. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
7. Review NEDAA and any activities
8. Review charges set by the 2014 Committee to the Alumni Secretary and Historian
9. Brainstorm ideas for promotion/education/increase incentives of life membership, NEDAA, TBSAA, and other alumni associations and charge that list to the incoming officer
10. Review alumni and history workshops at precincts and district convention and determine their effectiveness; brainstorm ideas for future workshops

Throughout our committee meetings we discussed how chapter communicate with their alumni. Most of the chapters presented used similar means of communication. Most chapters send emails to their alumni explaining what is happening and new in the chapter. Chapters used Facebook groups for their alumni. The issue brought up by the committee was that many of the emails they had in their databases were out of date. Another concern was the use of Facebook as a primary source of communication. This use can alienate certain alumni to be left out due to their choice to not use social media.

To ensure that alumni came back to visit, some chapters held events the same weekend every fall and spring. Homecoming was a big time for alumni to come back because of the football game. The committee suggested holding a pot luck or get together for alumni and actives during Homecoming weekends. In the spring, some chapters held picnics and even included alumni's children in these days. This created an opportunity for alumni to share their families with their Tau Beta Sigma families. The committee always suggested holding these events with Kappa Kappa Psi to promote joint relations. These events invitations were sent via email, Facebook, and word of mouth.

During the discussion about NEDAA, the issue of lack of communication and information occurred. NEDAA offers the Senior Luncheon, Keynote speaker, Ritual Scholarship and Alumni Communication Award. The Senior Luncheon is there to introduce seniors on what happens after graduation and information about NEDAA. It also gives graduating seniors a place to network with other soon-to-be alumni. The committee discussed about how they wanted this information to be advertised more, especially during Precincts. Another award NEDAA holds is the Keynote Speaker contest. The committee liked this contest because it gave Brothers and Sisters an opportunity to speak their opinions/experience about KKPSi and TBS. It allowed other chapters see how similar we all are in the NED. There was a "negative" about this contest. The committee felt that the speaker was overlooked during opening joints. They encourage NEDAA to find better placement for the presentation of the Keynote Speakers, such as during the awards segment of banquet. The committee agrees that the Ritual Scholarship is a valuable resource for chapters to attain items to create a positive ritual experience for all. The issue with the awards and scholarship was the lack understanding and publicity. A suggestion from the committee would be to make NEDAA awards and scholarship due at a different time than the National and District awards/scholarship. This would make it more prominent to chapters.

While reviewing the charges set by the last Alumni and Historical Affairs Committee to the Alumni Secretary and Historian, the committee concluded that Megan Miranda was available to chapters, but it was a hardy task to uphold. Megan admitted that there were some faults on her behalf, but there were a lot of charges set for this position and the committee felt that she tackled the most important ones. The committee felt that there were multiple emails sent out about different District activities. A major issue the committee discussed was the lack of information and accessibility of it on the website. The committee felt that the chats were available, but due to conflicting band schedules, it was difficult to do so. One issue on the chat was the overwhelming feeling it created especially when it was on Facebook Chat. A suggestion was to find another source of communication such as Google Hangout or Discussion Boards.

When reviewing the incentives on Life Membership, TBSAA and NEDAA the committee wanted more information. Graduating seniors stated that it would be helpful to have a document available that listed the benefits of these opportunities. This also falls onto the responsibility of Chapters. As a committee, we decided there needed to be a clearer process of what happens when Sisters graduate. We discussed possibly having an "exit

process” that would be required of Seniors. This process would include information on all the different ways to be an “active alumni”. The committee discussed the possibility of holding a workshop on these opportunities during Precincts at a time where the majority of Juniors and Seniors could attend. The following workshops about Alumni and History were held throughout the 2015 Travel Season:

*Alumni:*

“So You’re Going Alumni, Now What?” – Matt Karlinski – KKPSi (Northerns, Southernns and Centrals) --only open to Brothers

NEDAA Career and Leadership Skills – NEDAA (Districts)

Alumni as a Resource – Mike Napolitano (Districts)

Music Advocacy & Making a Difference – Amy Heavilin (Districts)

Music After College Band – Beth Bronk (Districts)

*History:*

“Our Past a History Bold... begins with Ritual” – Sue Carr (Districts)

The committee wanted to see more History workshops next year. We found that it would be useful to have a workshop on ways to preserve history other than scrapbooking.

The Alumni Affairs committee charges the 2015-2016 NED Alumni Secretary and Historian with the following:

1. Create/Promote a user friendly guide for seniors on becoming an Alumni (ex. exit process requirements)
2. Making sure that the History page is assembled and updated on the Website to strengthen the knowledge of Sisters within the Districts
3. Communicate and promote the following to Chapters:
  - a. TBSAA
  - b. NEDAA
  - c. Life Membership
  - d. Scholarships
  - e. Awards
4. Promote communication between NEDAA and Actives before Actives graduate (ex. a workshop for experience)
5. Encouraging and hosting “round tables” for Alumni to get in contact with Actives. (this could be done through Google Hangout, Discussion Boards etc)
6. Promote TBSAA and NEDAA
  - a. awards
  - b. social media sites
7. Ensure that there are workshops available about History how to preserve what you already have (different ways other than scrapbooking)

## 8. Promote National and NED History

The Alumni Affairs committee encourages each Chapter in the District to communicate the following:

1. Create a scholarship for full or partial Life Membership
2. Participate in District History initiatives (awards, projects, etc.)
3. Make seniors aware of their options and how to become an alumni through the "exit process"

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

1. Brainstorm different placement times for the Keynote Speaker to make it more prominent
2. Hold workshops during precincts about NEDAA
3. Promote awards and scholarships earlier
4. Brainstorm different ways to increase communication with Chapters and Alumni

The charges for the 2016 Alumni and Historical Affairs Committee are as follows:

1. Review charges set by the 2015 Committee to the Alumni Secretary and Historian
2. Review the website and information on it, making sure that the History section is up to date and an easy to access educational tool
3. Discussion on how to communicate with alumni (activities, ideas, etc.)
4. Review NEDAA and any activities
5. Brainstorm ideas for promotion/education/increase incentives of Life Membership, NEDAA, TBSAA, and other alumni associations and charge that list to the incoming officer

The Alumni Affairs committee charges the 2015-2016 Northeast District Council with the following:

1. Hold at least one workshop for Alumni and one for History during travel season
2. Promote Alumni through "Spotlight" on the website, listserv, or Facebook
3. Extend a formal invitation to TBSAA and NEDAA representatives about running workshops at Precincts and attending the Alumni Affairs Committee in 2016

Respectfully submitted with MLITB,

Erica Lynne Davignon, *Alumni and Historical Affairs Committee Chair* - Delta Delta

Megan Miranda, NED Alumni Secretary & Historian, *Committee Advisor* - Eta Alpha

Tamara Henry, TBSAA EC, *Committee Advisor* - Beta Eta Life Member

Kelly Balezos, *Committee Recording Secretary* - Delta Delta

Erin Kreeger - Beta Eta

Mary Kate Gentile - Beta Eta

Kyle Donelan - Gamma Kappa

Leslie Etzweiler - Gamma Omega

Zachan Voltz - Gamma Omega

Sarah Currie - Epsilon Upsilon

Katie Hale - Zeta Omicron

Nia Imani - Theta Phi

Marcus Wyche - NEDAA , Beta Eta Honorary/Life Member, KKPsi Life Member

Sue Robash Carr- Delta Delta Life Member, NEDAA

Kristen Collins - Eta Sigma Life Member

### **Jurisdiction Committee Report March 13th and 14th, 2015**

After hearing that I had been selected to chair this committee, I was excited, yet incredibly nervous. However, my advisors and the committee helped me feel more comfortable. During our meetings, we worked diligently to address the charges that the 2014 committee set for us. The committee's charges were 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.

With these charges in mind, we proposed changes to the following sections, all of which will be described in detail following the acceptance of this report. For clarification, this means by accepting 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:

- 3.403, part f
- 3.404, parts a, b, c, and add part g
- 3.405, parts d and h
- 3.407, part i
- 6.102
- 6.103
- 6.106
- 8.205
- 8.207
- 9.102

The charges for the 2016 Jurisdiction Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2015 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.

The charges for the 2015-2016 District Council are as follows:

1. Work with the Joint Site and Publications Committee to review and evaluate any parts of the constitution involving Northeast Notes.

Special thanks to Shelby Coleman for pressuring me into applying to chair a committee, Jasmine Johnson for her support and guidance, the Dream Team, and the entire Jurisdiction Committee for your time and patience in working with me to make this a smooth and productive experience!

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Fletcher, Delta Nu (Chair)

Shelby Coleman, NED Parliamentarian (Advisor) Jasmine Johnson, NEDAA (Advisor)

Sophie Tenaglia, Zeta Omicron

Stephanie Russell, Delta Omicron

Derek Duquette, Zeta Upsilon

Kelsey Nelson, Epsilon Rho

Katelyn Olsen, Eta Alpha

Jared Aguilar, Eta Rho

Leslie Kmetz, Delta Delta

Emily Lowe, Delta Delta (proxy for Eta Gamma)

Emillie Wright, Gamma Kappa

Jenna Stango, Eta Alpha

Ciara Barkley, Theta Pi

Chesney Mulaski, Delta Omicron

Isabel Bohrer, Delta Nu

Red text indicates a proposed deletion.

Blue text indicates a proposed addition.

## CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Jurisdiction

*Jenny Fletcher, Chair; Shelby Coleman, Advisor; Jasmine Johnson, 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.

1. Review the 2014 NED Constitution.

*Vice President of Membership*

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

**Original:** f. To maintain and make available a database of programs for Post Initiate Education and Project Good Member through the Activity Forum on the District website.

**Proposed:** f. To maintain and make available a database of programs for Post Initiate Education and Project Good Member **through the Activity Forum on the District website.**

**Rationale:** Activity Forums are basically dead. Keeping this without that phrase leaves it open for the next VPM do what they think is necessary. Chris is going to be suggesting that they turn the PGM manual into a google doc that everyone has access to.

*Vice President of Special Projects*

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

**Original:** a. To maintain and advertise the requirements of the Life Membership Scholarship, Music Education Awareness Award, All Star Service Award, Unsung Hero Award, and Phenomenal Sister Award. The Life Membership Scholarship shall be due no later than December 1 and shall be awarded before the end of the fall semester. The remaining awards shall be due at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of District Convention and shall be awarded at District Convention.

**Proposed:** a. To maintain and advertise the requirements of the Life Membership Scholarship, Music Education Awareness Award, All Star Service Award, Unsung Hero Award, and Phenomenal Sister Award. The Life Membership Scholarship shall be due **no later than December 1 and shall be awarded before the end of the fall semester at least two weeks prior to the start of District Convention and shall be awarded at District Convention.** The remaining awards shall be due at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of District Convention and shall be awarded at District Convention.

**Rationale:** The Life Membership Scholarship should be chosen two weeks before District Convention, like the other awards. There are more Sisters to choose from who qualify.

**Original:** b. To work with the District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange joint events in the form of at least one Precinct Day per precinct per year.

**Proposed:** b. To work with the District Vice President Member at Large of Kappa Kappa Psi to arrange joint events in the form of at least one Precinct Day per precinct a joint event per year.

**Rationale:** This opens the door to other opportunities like a Districtwide service event or something of that nature. Precinct Days haven't really been successful in the past.

**Original:** c. To maintain and make available a database of programs for service and special projects through the Activity Forum on the District website.

**Proposed:** c. To maintain and make available a database of programs for service and special projects through the Activity Forum on the District website.

**Rationale:** This point needs to be removed since the website has changed and Activity Forums are basically dead.

**Original:**

**Proposed:** g. To promote and help maintain all District programs and/or create new programs if deemed necessary.

**Rationale:** We have other District programs and we should help each other with promoting and discussing them.

*Secretary*

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

**Original:** d. To notify all Chapters by February 1st that a yearly Chapter Report must be submitted by the Chapter Delegate at the Northeast District Convention.

**Proposed:** d. To notify all Chapters by February 1st that a yearly Chapter Report must be submitted by the Chapter Delegate at the Northeast District Convention.

**Rationale:** This is usually done by the President and/or Parliamentarian when Chapters submit their Delegate forms.

**Original:** h. To revise and promote the Chapter Operations Materials Binder by September 30th via the District listserv and other means of communication.

**Proposed:** h. To revise and promote the Chapter Operations Materials Binder by September 30th via the District listserv and other means of communication.

**Rationale:** This is everything we already do, just in written form.



*Alumni Secretary and Historian*

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

**Original:** i. To serve as the Advisor to the Alumni and Historical Affairs Committee, and to invite a representative of NEDAA and TBSAA to be present at the Committee meeting.

**Proposed:** i. To serve as the Advisor to the Alumni **and Historical** Affairs Committee, and to invite a representative of NEDAA and TBSAA to be present at the Committee meeting.

**Rationale:** The committee name needs to be updated.

Change all circumstances of “Alumni and Historical Affairs” to “Alumni Affairs” as per the previous amendment.

8.101, 8.207

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

**Original:**

- a. Letter from Administration
- b. Letter from both Chapter Sponsors
- c. Letter from Director of Bands
- d. Meeting Facilities
- e. Projected Accommodations
- f. Financial Statement
- g. Tentative Budget
- h. Membership Statistics
- i. Dining Facilities
- j. Parking
- k. Transportation
- l. Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone)
- m. Preferred and Alternate Dates
- n. Entertainment.

**Proposed:**

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

- d. **Meeting Facilities** Overview of meeting facilities, such as occupancy, setup options, pictures of rooms, campus maps
- e. Projected Accommodations, such as hotels and rates
- f. **Financial Statement** Financial summary from each Chapter and Joint Chapter, if applicable, to include:
  - 1. Current balance
  - 2. Projected balance at the time of the scheduled District Convention
  - 3. Projected fundraising goals
- g. Tentative Budget
- h. **Membership Statistics** Membership Status Statistics (Active, Associate, Conditional, etc.)
- i. **Dining Facilities** Available Dining Options
- j. Parking
- k. Transportation including: driving directions, local airports, train stations, public transportation, and bus depots
- l. Contact Information (Electronic Mail and Telephone)
- m. Preferred and Alternate Dates
- n. **Entertainment.**
- n. Overview of Technology options such as what resources are available

**Rationale:** This was to match the Brother and Sister District bid requirements.

#### 6.103

**Original:** Each host chapter shall compile a chronological operations manual of information, which details their activities during the year prior to and including the District Convention, as well as contact information for the convention committee chairs. This operations manual shall be given to the new District Convention host by June 1st.

**Proposed:** Each host chapter shall compile a chronological operations manual of information, which details their activities during the year prior to and including the District Convention, as well as contact information for the convention committee chairs. This operations manual shall be given to the new District Convention host **by June 1st no later than four (4) weeks after District Convention.**

**Rationale:** This was to match the Brother and Sister constitutions, as well as change the date for both organizations.

#### 6.106

**Original:** 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 (2) hard copies of the bid must be submitted to the Joint Council.

**Proposed:** Two (2) hard copies of the completed Bids for District Convention must be submitted to the Joint Council by the final call for Convention Bids in the first joint session of Convention. An Electronic completed Bid for District Convention must be received by the District Councils one (1) week prior to Convention. Completed bids must include each section that is outlined in 6.102. Two (2) completed hard copies of the bid must be submitted to the Joint Council.

**Rationale:** This was to match the Brother and Sister constitutions, and also to allow for a fuller examination of the bids by the District Councils, Counselor, and Governors.

#### 8.205

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

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

**Rationale:** The President should not be the only one to make recommendations. It should be changed to District Council.

#### 2. Check that all information in the constitution corresponds with current practices in the District.

##### 9.102

**Original:** Two (2) issues of the District Newsletter shall be published per academic year. The first publication shall have a submission deadline of November 1, and shall be sent out no later than December 1. The second publication shall have a submission deadline of February 15th, and shall be handed out at the Northeast District Convention.

**Proposed:** Two (2) issues of the District Newsletter shall be published per academic year. The first publication shall have a submission deadline of November 1, and shall be sent out no later than December 1. The second publication shall have a submission deadline of February 15th, and shall be handed out at the Northeast District Convention.

**Rationale:** We don't know what the District Newsletter is.

#### 3. Compare the NED constitution to the National constitution for discrepancies.

- No discrepancies were found.

4. Review the efficiency of the one page summary for officer Candidates for the 2016 Jurisdiction Committee.

- The committee feels that the one page summary is efficient as long as the candidate packet is made available online and via the listserv.

**Charges**

*The charges for the 2016 Jurisdiction Committee are as follows:*

1. Review the 2015 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.

*The charges for the 2015-2016 District Council are as follows:*

1. Work with the Joint Site and Publications Committee to review and evaluate any parts of the constitution involving Northeast Notes.

## SECTION EIGHT: 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 the the District Presidents.

### **Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee Report 2015**

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters of the NED,  
We would like to begin the final report of the Joint Convention Site and Publication committee by thanking all who sat on the committee and our advisors, Emily Anstey and Seth Sacher. Without all of your suggestions and constructive feedback we would not have been able to be as productive as we were. We are confident our recommendations for the 2016 District Convention site is in the best interest of the District, as well as our recommended changes for the Northeast Notes.

The charges for the 2015 Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee were as follows:

1. Continue to work towards making both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District constitutions match exactly, in wording and phrasing.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Review and recommend tools for the district councils to make preparing convention site bids more accessible.
5. Update the responsibilities of the potential standing joint committee on publications and social media.

The 2015 Joint Convention Site & Publication 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 (Sections 13 and 14 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 worked toward the charges that were charged to us via the previous year's committee.

The Committee discussed the amendment proposed, and agreed on a suggestion for the final jurisdictional changes. The Committee continued to work towards reestablishing the Northeast Notes as a regular publication in the Northeast District.

The charges for the District Council of 2015-2016 are as follows:

1. Work as a Joint District Council to focus on the Northeast Notes in the following ways.
  - a. The Tau Beta Sigma Secretary and Alumni Secretary & Historian, and the Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary/Treasurer and the Historian/Alumni Liaison collaborate to publish the Northeast Notes.
    - i. Recommend the publishing of the Northeast Notes is done on each district website.
    - ii. Recommend to focus the first issue on the execution, and the second issue on the promotion
  - b. The two Vice Presidents of Membership promote from the individual chapter level the Northeast Notes as a means of member education.
2. Recommend that the council look into the feasibility of splitting the Joint Convention Site & Publication Committee into two separate joint committees.
3. Continue to hold workshops and opportunities for chapters for more information about hosting and putting in a convention bid.

The charges for the 2016 Joint Committee Site and Publication Committee are as follows:

1. Continue to work towards making both the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Constitutions match exactly, in wording and phrasing.
2. Pending the outcome of the reinstatement of the Northeast Notes during 2015-2016 convention year, discuss further ways to advance the Northeast Notes, and possible changes to this suggested method of publication.
3. Review and recommend tools for the district councils to make preparing convention sites bids more accessible.

The 2015 Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee, committee chairs and advisors are thoroughly pleased with the quality of the bids and overall presentations to host convention for 2016. We wish to thank Syracuse University and Marist College for submitting such quality bids, and hope that in the coming years that bids are equally impressive. Furthermore, we hope that the future council and committees continue to support more chapters in successfully placing bids for the committee to review. Due to the abundance of work to reestablish the Northeast Notes, we highly encourage the

Joint District Council considers splitting the current committee into two. We as a committee, believe this change would foster greater joint communication about important topics that matter to both of our organizations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## SECTION NINE: 2015-2016 BUDGET

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| <b><i>2015-2016 Budget</i></b> |               |
| <b>Expenses</b>                |               |
| Winter Meeting                 | <i>\$300</i>  |
| Fundraising                    | <i>\$400</i>  |
| National Convention & DLC      | <i>\$250</i>  |
| NIB Travel Grant               | <i>\$100</i>  |
| Officer Budgets                | <i>\$0</i>    |
| Officer Travel to Precincts    | <i>\$500</i>  |
| Officer Travel to Districts    | <i>\$500</i>  |
| <b>Income</b>                  |               |
| Fall Allocations               | <i>\$1150</i> |
| Spring Allocations             | <i>\$250</i>  |
| Fundraising                    | <i>\$800</i>  |
| Delegate Fees                  | <i>\$780</i>  |



## SECTION TEN: CHAPTER REPORTS

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

### **Beta Eta**

Service Projects: Early Week Survival Kits: At the beginning of marching band season, the Mighty Sound of Maryland has an Early Week band camp, which starts a week before school. It is a very strenuous time for most people, especially new members who may not be prepared, so the sisters provide survival kits at registration. We give out bags filled with water, pencils, chips, granola bars, paper clips, Band-Aids, etc. Hump Day Dance: This social event takes place in the middle of our Early Week, before school starts. This tradition is the first opportunity for band members to really socialize between sections and have a relaxing few hours during the strenuous week. We provide the music, food, and refreshments at the dance and clean up afterwards. Penny Wars: For about six weeks, we hold a Penny War for the Marching Band. Each section has their own jug to collect donations. Pennies were worth +1 points and dollars are worth +100. Any other change is counted as negative points (quarter: -25, dime: -10, etc.). This year, we raised \$494. Homecoming Carnations: A few weeks before homecoming we announce to the band about buying carnations for their friends in the band. This year we sold around 600 carnations. Halloween Candy: We filled Halloween printed bags with candy for every member of the marching band and distributed them at practice.

This semester we will have 5-6 MC's. First Degree will be held on February 28, 2015. Before the process starts active sisters are required to take a Topic Test which is an exam that covers all of the information that the MC's are expected to learn during their process. In order to be active that semester sisters must 80% or above. In order to accept a little sister, actives are required to earn a 90% or above. The MC's are asked to choose their Big Sister and Brother instead of having them selected for them. We have four different events that MC's and actives attend during the process. We also have required Topics that occur approximately once a week, during which MC's are tested on their information. We are trying to encourage bonding this semester between MC's and active by having an MC/Active social page to help connect sisters and MC's

We work for FMI at Ravens football games. They sponsor student groups and pay a commission for each worker per game. Through FMI we sell Ravens merchandise at 4 different carts on multiple levels. This year we brought in approximately \$350 per game. We work all of the fall games and some special events in the spring and summer. This provides us with enough money for the year and is our main fundraiser. We also sell carnations at Homecoming and are planning on bringing hairbows and other accessories to sell at Districts.

### **Delta Delta**

The Delta Delta chapter has made significant strides in the realms of membership, service and fundraising. In the realm of membership, we have made the quality of membership a priority through instituting Project Good Member into our regular schedule. Project Good Member activities are excellent ways to learn about each Sister on a more personal level and we have successfully done that. We have done activities like the Cross the Line activity and a poster of compliments activity. These activities leave everyone feeling better and closer to others.

On a membership intake level, in the Spring of 2014, we initiated 4 new members (the Gamma Mu class); in the Fall of 2014, we initiated 12 new members (Gamma Nu); and for this semester, we have a class of 5

membership candidates (Gamma Xi). Between March 2014 and March 2015, we have welcomed 6 new Honorary Members!

When we began this year, a review of the budget as well as our bank statement, we realized that we had much less money than we thought we had; our working balance, after all of our standard allocations, was \$20, with an overall bank balance of \$750. Realizing this, we have made fundraising our priority. We have held fundraisers like: restaurant fundraisers, bake sales, the Polar Bear Plunge, craft sales on our Etsy account. These fundraisers have been both fun and beneficial for our chapter! As of the beginning of March, we have an overall bank balance of \$2,002. We have learned so much from this year of fundraising as to what makes an event successful.

In the realm of Service, we have fully committed ourselves to the bettering of our service to the UMass Bands, as well as the fulfillment of District and National Programs. We have bettered our day to day service of setting and breaking down chairs and stands, lining the practice fields with paint and other pertinent projects for the Band program. On the District level, we have planned two chapter events that fall under Project Protect Music: we have planned a 5K Road Race where all proceeds will be going to Ludlow High School band program; and, we have held instrument petting zoos which have helped young students choose which instrument they want to play in 4th and 5th grade band. On the National Level, we have held/planned 5 Women in Music Speaker events; one of them being Dr. Carol Hayward from Bowling Green State University. On March 1, 2015, we held a Scouting for Music event where we helped 4th and 5th grade Girl Scouts earn their musicianship badge! Service is our number 1 priority in our daily chapter operations, and we are looking forward to the next level that we will bring our chapter service.

The Delta Delta chapter has seen great successes, as well as areas where we need to improve. In each area of success and improvement, we have turned it into a learning opportunity and grown as Sisters in the Bond. We are looking forward what next year brings!

## **Delta Nu**

Service has always been one of the most important aspects of our chapter. Once the school year begins, we're already jumping into new projects. On the first day of marching band band camp, we join up with our brother chapter and put on a barbecue for the entire band. It's a great way for returning members to catch up and for us all to make new friends. One day during the week, we give out Popsicles for everyone to enjoy and take a little break. The longest running project we have in the fall semester is band breakfast. Every night before a football game, the Vice President of Service and other sisters make muffins for the band to eat before our 8AM rehearsal the next morning. The dining halls at UMaine don't open until 10am on weekends, so it's a great way for the band to get some substance before a long rehearsal. Our chapter works jointly with the brothers throughout the marching season to fix and hem uniforms. The committee meets three times a week to work in the uniform closet from after rehearsal ends till whenever they think they're done. At the end of each season, we work with our brother chapter to host a band banquet. We base the theme off of the halftime music for that season. We put together awards and the Vice Presidents of Service from each chapter emcee the evening. It is a lot of work and we start planning in October to make sure we have a venue and menu ready to go by December. Everything from the decorations to the food is planned by TBS/KKY. Every semester, we go to one of the piano teacher's house and do some spring/fall cleaning inside and outside. This is always one of our favorite projects. Over the whole school year we work with our local middle school for Project Protect Music. We have sisters attending rehearsals during and after school. They help the kids with rhythms and music reading. We also go and help set up and take down for their concerts every few months. It's always a lot of fun to hear the kids play and look so proud after a concert. In the second semester, service keeps going full throttle. This semester we are getting involved with our local Kiwanis club to try and kick

start a Kiwanis doll project. We are also trying to reboot our Girl Scouts badge program. One thing we are working on achieving is a memorial garden for a music student who was very involved with our bands, but was not a part of either organization. She passed away recently of Cystic Fibrosis but she remains close to our hearts and we are planning a garden that we will tend with the brothers to honor her. Service was something that was close to her heart and her passion only fuels us in everything we do. The very last service project is on Maine Day. It is a day the school dedicated to service to the school in May. We take that day to clean our music building top to bottom with the brothers.

This year, our chapter focused a lot fundraising and rebuilding our accounts. In the past semester we have done quite a few fundraisers. We did our annual dinner date fundraiser, which gives people the opportunity to bid on a sister for a dinner, or some sort of meal. During this fundraiser, our director of bands offers up a dinner to be bid on which generates a lot of excitement and competition. We also did a basket raffle in which we sold calendars to raffle off a prize basket for each week in December. This year our baskets included: Holiday Wrapping, Holiday Baking, UMaine Fan Pack, and a New Years Eve basket. Our most recent and successful fundraiser was raffling off a signed University of Maine Men's Ice Hockey team goalie stick. This required sisters to walk 'The Hockey Line' before home games to sell tickets to students. As a chapter, we've been working at doing fundraisers we haven't done in the past. We are in the process of planning fundraisers like selling must haves for surviving a long day of classes (coffee, snacks) in the Class of 1944 Hall, our music building. We are currently getting our Etsy account back up and running to sell TBS/KKY items and possibly other Greek letters for the other sororities and fraternities at UMaine.

Delta Nu has had the wonderful and exciting experience of welcoming our Beta Beta membership class into the sisterhood this year—that's 9 new sisters! As an MC service project, our newest sisters gave the chairs in our band's rehearsal room some much-needed TLC, which included scraping gum and band-aids of the bottoms, taping up broken edges, and disinfecting. They also cleaned practice rooms! Beta Beta started their MC process during the end of October and became sisters in January. All nine of them have been a helpful, wonderful, and fun-filled addition to our Sisterhood thus far.

This year, the Delta Nu chapter has been passing around a "Five and Eight Notebook" during our meetings. Each week, one of the 5+8 is written on a new page in the notebook. We pass the notebook around the room and each sister (or MC) writes a sentence or two about someone who they feel exhibits that part of the 5+8. Examples of some of the great responses we've recently gotten are:

#8 of the Eight: Fortitude to see an ideal, to seize upon it, and to follow it wherever it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma.

"Maren was seriously awesome for coming to the clean---up this morning! Everyone in general is doing a great job with keeping up and being on top of their respective offices, so good job! It's also really encouraging to see how well everyone is working with each other"

#2 of the Eight: Demonstrated loyalty and dependability to those persons and institutions deserving of it.

"The sisters in Marching Band were great, and had GREAT PS+D. Super shout--- out to the seniors, and also everyone who did clean---up, Marching, AND Pep this weekend! You all are great!"

This semester, we hope to place emphasis on keeping up morale, enthusiasm, and excitement about service and membership within the Sisterhood. There is lots more fun to come!

## **Delta Omega**

Delta Omega has completed a variety of service projects in the past year. We have ushered all concerts within Bloomsburg University's music department. We have also provided juice and cookies at halftime of every home football game. In the fall, we volunteered at the Columbia County Band auditions at Berwick High School and a high school band competition at Central Columbia High School. We set up chairs and music stands before each band rehearsal and put them away at the rehearsal conclusion. Delta Omega is also responsible for the organization and maintenance of the marching band uniforms. Outside of band, we have volunteered at the local SPCA and participated in the Haunted Husky Hollows, which is a haunted woods organized by the University around Halloween. We anticipate participating in several more events during the spring, including The Big Event (a university-wide community clean-up) as well as Jazzfest and Springposium, which are two music events for high school students hosted at our University.

In the fall semester, Delta Omega initiated eight new Sisters into the bond. We revamped some of our membership activities to make them more interesting and fun for the MCs as well as the active Sisters. Our chapter Mediator organized a membership activity for the new class during their process to promote positive relationships and interactions. Our chapter revised our MEP and is working on improving our post-membership education. We have conducted several "feel good" activities during chapter meetings, including a yarn activity, where we all become intertwined based on common interests, and a "warm fuzzies" activity, where each Sister receives a paper on which each of the other members of our chapter has written a positive comment or compliment. Delta Omega also has a traveling gnome that is given to our Sister of the Month, which is voted upon by the general membership.

Delta Omega has been working very hard to improve its financial situation over the past year. We have participated in several fundraisers that have included selling Krispy Kreme Donuts and lollipops. We are in the process of coordinating several Dine to Donate fundraisers with local restaurants. Our treasurer is in the process of organizing a Lincoln for Lincoln fundraiser and is also reaching out to our alumni for support. In the fall, our chapter also sells "band camp kits" to the marching band. These kits include a three ring binder and page protectors for holding music, a sharpened pencil, and a dot book for writing down drill coordinates.

## **Delta Omicron**

These are the things that the Delta Omicron chapter has been doing the past year, including service, membership, and fundraisers. The chapter has been very busy serving the bands and the community. The first thing we worked on was passing out uniforms for the marching band here on campus. Every other Friday, the chapter served at a local high school's concession stand, AC Valley. The chapter worked on cleaning out the ritual closet and reorganizing it. We also ushered senior recitals and the different concerts on campus. We set up the stage for the concerts and set up one day a week for the concert band rehearsals. We ushered and ran a bake sale for the NAFME recital. Other things we do for the band are organizing the uniform room, and getting ready for the new marching band uniforms that we are getting next marching band season. We also hosted and help run the Piano Festival auditions last year. Not only do we serve the bands, but we try our best to help out the community. Some ways we do that are through adopt a highway, twice a year. We also made dog treats for and took dog toys to the local animal shelter. We plan on participating in the campus wide community day, and walking 24 hours for relay for Life.

We started our recruitment this year on September 11, and held events once a week, bi weekly. Some of the events included, dinner with the sisters, game night, AC Valley, a Halloween party, and the dog treat making night. Some things that we are working on as members of the chapter are strengthening our bond, continuing our education of the sorority, and working on our musicianship by holding a recital at the end of the semester, which all of our members will be in. Our sisterhood committee, which is in charge of planning

events that bring all of the sisters together, plan events throughout the year. Some of the events were a sisterhood brunch, Halloween party, a pink out event for Relay for Life, a sisterhood gym day, a t shirt letter exchange and a sisterhood bonding day. The bonding day included different activities that brought all of the sisters together and strengthened the bond.

The Delta Omicron chapter has done many fundraisers in the past year. Our most successful fundraiser was canning at Walmart. Some other successful fundraisers were: duct taping our director of bands to the wall, selling Stone house dip mixes, spare a dollar and hosting a dining to donate with Applebee's. We also take and sell Tau Beta Sigma bracelets, crests, magnets, and car decals at different conventions. We are planning on canning again, Lincoln for a Lincoln with our alumni, and duct taping another music professor to a wall.

## **Epsilon Epsilon**

### *No Report Submitted*

## **Epsilon Omega**

Ending the school year of 2013 the Epsilon Omega chapter awards a returning member of the band a \$250 scholarship towards band fees.

This scholarship is given at the band banquet. The band banquet is financed and hosted by the Epsilon Omega chapter. During the summer months Epsilon Omega hosts two car wash fundraisers.

In the fall of the academic school year of 2014-2015 the Epsilon Omega chapter supplies the water coolers and the plastic cups for the Morgan State University Magnificent Marching Machine's preseason band camp activities. We also retrieve the water and serve it to the band. During the second week of band camp activities the Epsilon Omega chapter hosts a week of events including but not limited to game night, "no talent" talent show, Ice cream social, and bowling at our local bowling alley. As the end of band camp approaches and the football season begins the sisters coordinate with the band staff to assign and distribute uniforms to all members of the band. When the band takes a band trip the Epsilon Omega chapter coordinates with the band staff to provide, prepare, distribute and serve the band meals before leaving, on the bus, or at the game.

During homecoming week we create a personalized spirit bag for each member of the band. The bag consists of a variety of candy. During the holiday season we prepare a meal for the band (originally targeted for band members unable to travel home for the holidays but is open to all members) commonly referred to as spaghetti dinner.

## **Epsilon Rho**

During the academic year of 2014 - 2015 the Epsilon Rho chapter of the Virginia State University has been on the up and up. This year we have been more active within the sorority on many levels. District wise we have committed to being a chapter that participates in #ServiceBeforeSocial Campaign, and tend to keep to this tradition as our chapter flourishes in the future.

As an Epsilon Rho first, the chapter welcomed five new sisters into the great bound and sisterhood of Tau Beta Sigma ! This fall we initiated five ladies who we felt exemplified the Eight to Five within their crafts in our marching band ensemble know as the mighty marching Trojan Explosion. This group of ladies was very diverse where we had auxiliary members as well as instrumentalist. Epsilon Rho is very proud to call the new ladies our sisters in the bond forever.

In addition this year in efforts to build a greater chapter financially, we created a PayPal account where sisters can send donations and also active sisters to pay their chapter dues!! This became a convenient and easy way to fundraise as well as keep track of funds and allocate them in an appropriate manner.

All in all this year has been great for Epsilon Rho and we only wish to get better from here. If you need to reach our lovely chapter, please feel free to email us at [epsilonrho1975@gmail.com](mailto:epsilonrho1975@gmail.com)

## **Epsilon Sigma**

### *No Report Submitted*

## **Epsilon Upsilon**

We have done many services for the band over the past year. Every year we have participated in Relay for Life and we are planning to work with the local high school to help with the indoor percussion and Winterguard competition. We work on many things with the band including uniforms and reorganizing the music.

We just took in a class of 5 new sisters tonight so we increased from 5 to 10 active sisters and 1 conditional sister. We have had worked together as a whole for this MC Class as hard times fell on the chapter and we were without a VPM. It has been a hard time but we got it done and are very proud of them.

We are lacking very much with our fundraising. Most of the fundraisers we have done have not got as much revenue as we would have liked. We have done t-shirts and penny wars and are currently looking into fundraising at Districts.

## **Eta Alpha**

Eta Alpha currently has 25 Active Sisters, 3 Conditional sisters, and 15 Membership Candidates. Though Eta Alpha is a strong chapter, we believe that there is always room for improvement. That being said, we have been working on our membership retention, chapter morale, and our membership candidacy process. With the guidance of the Project Good Member Activity Guide, our chapter created an "8 & 5 Journal" where sisters can record ways that we see each other living by our ideals. We also use a special twitter account to recognize sisters who achieve great things over the course of the year. Then these achievements are brought to chapter on a weekly basis. Switching gears, our VPM attempted to create an open door policy, in which sisters can come to her to discuss any concerns within the chapter that may lead to sisters going conditional or inactive. Lastly, our membership candidacy process has become more transparent to ensure that our membership candidates feel safe, secure, and informed before attending events. Through this, we hope to instill in them a sense of trust and responsibility, which will carry over into sisterhood. Overall, Eta Alpha is making great strides in terms of membership and we hope to continue to do so in the coming years.

Eta Alpha started off the school year with our annual band camp service. Brothers and Sisters make a joint effort to make sure check-in for marching band section leaders, rookies, and veterans runs smoothly. Sisters are primarily in charge of fitting and dispersing uniforms for every member of the Syracuse University Marching Band during and after band camp. We move students into their dorms, fit shakos and dinkles, and make sure each student is prepared for band camp and the season to come. Uniform service is a continuous service for sisters, and this year was an exceptionally busy year. We not only assign uniforms at the beginning of the season and collect them at the end, we collect them throughout the season and send them off to dry cleaning. Another notable service that we have provided for the band is organizing social events.

For the NY State Fair we provided rides for anyone who wanted to attend. We also organized a pumpkin-picking event in October. The Marching Band occasionally uses an alternate facility for practices.

Sisters provide rides to this facility and also load and unload the equipment truck for school-owned instruments. We load and unload equipment before and after band trips, also. During band trips, sisters organize snack packs to hold people over during long bus trips. We organize snack packs for football games, as well. Throughout fall and spring semester, sisters set up receptions for wind ensemble, symphony band,

and concert band performances. In the spring sisters setup and tear down chairs and stands for concert band rehearsals and occasionally high school honors bands performances. Although we participate in a lot of service for the university bands, we also like to reach out to the community. This year, we will be walking in and donating money to the Syracuse Relay for Life, the Komen Race for the Cure Breast Cancer walk, and the MS Walk. We also take part in Adopt-a-street, where we pick up trash on a portion of a street in Syracuse whenever we can devote an hour or two. Sisters had the opportunity to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald house in Syracuse this semester, cleaning the facilities and making food for the families staying there, which inspired a few sisters to volunteer separately. It is highly encouraged in the chapter to do your own service projects. Many people send cards to veterans as their own projects.

This year was a very busy year in fundraising for Eta Alpha. Our fundraisers this year included a Refurbished Uniform Sale, Band Camp Supply Sale, Knit Headband and Cellphone ID holder sale, and a Syracuse University Marching Band Apparel Sale. For the Refurbished Uniform sale, Tau Beta Sigma-Eta Alpha and Kappa Kappa Psi-Eta Phi decided to do a joint fundraiser by turning the old uniforms into handbags, pillows, and laptop and iPad cases. The duration of this fundraiser was September 2013 to October 2015 and profit was \$1,950.77. In addition to selling old uniforms, Eta Alpha continued our Band Camp Supply fundraiser. Every year we send out an order form to rookie members of the Syracuse University Marching Band that includes various items for incoming freshman. This year, we included SUMB scarves, mugs, Band Camp "Survival Kits", and SUMB bumper stickers. The duration of this fundraiser was June 2014 to September 2014 and the profit was \$606.83. The third fundraiser that Eta Alpha has done this year is our Knit Headband and Cellphone ID holder sale. This year we continued to sell winter headbands and cellphone ID cases in our Schine Student Center. This fundraiser began in November 2014 and is still on going, and the profit made thus far is \$209.75. Finally, the last fundraiser that Eta Alpha has done this year is the Syracuse University Marching Band Apparel sale. We sold SUMB pajama pants and SUMB sports bras to the current members of the SUMB as well as Alumni. Jointly, we fundraised with Eta Phi and sold SUMB tank tops. The profit of this fundraiser is undetermined and the fundraiser is still continuing.

### **Eta Chi**

Throughout this year we have improved on a lot of service projects. We have done cleaning of the fine arts center and the marching band field. We have also worked at a music festival, repainted stands, and we will soon be working piano extravaganza which is a piano competition through URI.

With membership we have taken a fall and a spring class. The fall class was 4 members and our spring class is currently 3. We have also learned to work together as a group more and improved the relations between all of the sisters.

With fundraising, we sold bags of candy for halloween and we also sold candy grams for christmas. We are working on a St. Patricks Day fundraiser now and we also sell roses and water at every concert that involves band in our fine arts center.

### **Eta Delta**

During the marching season we have very little spare time, so the majority of our service events our serving the actual marching band including but not limited to being servers during breakfast, passing out lunches, alterations and much more. On our free days we also did meal preparation at the DC Central kitchen. This current semester we are working on our biggest event called "Day of Service" we decided to invite surrounding schools in DC to do different service projects. This event will take place April 18th. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Project Good Member, this had been a key component in our bi-weekly meetings. Doing the different activities has brought us closer together as sisters and made us more cohesive as a chapter. We also had new membership candidates this semester which increased our chapter by roughly 57%. Fundraising has been a challenge this year, but one we've conquered. From the numerous bake sales, penny wars, 50/50 raffle, over this academic year along with a penny war, selling of hand scrubs, and our biggest fundraiser the female auction. The auction raised over \$1,500 while also bringing the band closer.

### **Eta Gamma**

Over the past semester and a half Eta Gamma has had a lot of opportunities to grow. We started off the year with our marching band season, with some pep band mixed in. We had a smaller chapter than in the past, which was definitely an adjustment for us, but we did our best to continue serving our bands. We continued our usual service of maintaining the marching band uniforms, filling the water coolers, making new pep books, putting together marching band care packages, carrying the first aid kit, and putting up the Goalie/Sieve sign at hockey games. In addition, at the end of every semester we make "stress baskets" for band members during finals period. This our marching show was titled "Ritmos de Fuego," which was very difficult and challenging compared to anything we have done in the past.

In terms of membership, this was our second year trying out a new MEP schedule. In the past we did rush events and the MEP in the fall, but for the past two years we have had rush events in the fall and the MEP in the spring. This was a decision that last year's VPM and President came to, along with our Sponsor, to hopefully give our prospective MC's more time to get a better idea of what being a sister is. So far, all is well, as we love our Alpha Mu's and our Alpha Nu's!

We are very excited this year in terms of sports and band, as our men's hockey team just won their first Beanpot since 2009! We also have had very exciting seasons in general for hockey and basketball, both in terms of the band and our teams. The band (and most of our Sisters) performed Uptown Funk while marching on ice at one of the men's hockey games; Sisters were also in charge of distributing the ice cleats for the band. In between all these games and Winter Percussion, we have also had First Degree, Joint Ceremony, and Second Degree with our three new MCs! We are looking forward to Third Degree, playoffs, and hopefully seeing our Sisters at National Convention in the summer!

### **Eta Rho**

This year our chapter has done quite a lot for ourselves and our band. In addition to fulfilling national requirements we have made many strides in our own service and membership areas of our sisterhood. From expanding our service reach to incurring new members and strategies to expand upon our impact that was a sisterhood have on our band program. At James Madison, we have a large marching band program, nearly 485 marching members, so it is imperative that we constantly change and better ourselves in the cause of our band.

In service we have made most of our strides. In addition to the service we have already held for the band, from being members of our leadership team, to being assistants in our band office, our sisterhood had reached out to the community to broaden our reach. We have helped Girl Scout troops in our area receive their music awards. Also, we have tried to foster a place in which collegiate band can thrive by going to high school and middle schools in our area to provide service to their band programs. Skyline middle school in fact has become a staple place for our service from instrument tutoring to babysitting. Also, we have made ourselves more available to our staff so that the entire band staff can adequately benefit from our ability to serve.



A few of our longer strides have also come about within our fundraising and the installment of new members. As a chapter we have streamlined fundraisers so that they become more effluence for our band including our largest fundraiser at Parade of Champions, our universities high school marching competition. Also, we have offered our fundraising services to a local middle school to show them how best to raise money for their band program In addition to our increased fund raising, we have also added a new class in the past year to our 28 person chapter, and currently we have taken 4 membership candidates for the spring semester. We have had them become more involved in the sisterhood during their process by making ourselves more open to them than in the past. We have also added more context through which to choose quality individuals over a basis of numbers for the chapter.

We have made many strides in the past year and we are ready to continue in the future.

### **Eta Sigma**

Eta Sigma has been very busy within our chapter business this year. Through the service of our college band, we continued our yearly tradition of providing breakfast to the band throughout band camp, overnight band trips, and other large activities that the band participates in. We also have been actively setting up and taking down the band's rehearsal gear along with our brother chapter. Another service project we have done this year is coordinate, organize, and distribute brand new uniforms to the members of the band. Outside of our band, we have visited local high schools to help prepare for their football games and marching band performances/competitions. We have done this specifically in Parkville, MD and Burtonsville, MD. So far in our current semester, we are traveling with our Winter Guard to serve as their floor crew. We have also set up office hours in the band's administrative office to help assist our outgoing administrative assistant, while at the same time have been organizing concert band music and serving our community through clothing drives and operating blood drives.

In membership, our VPM is hard at work utilizing Project Good Member. We have an activity during every meeting to strengthen our knowledge of our sister values and of our relationship with each other. In the fall, we added three new sisters to our chapter and are looking forward to adding a few more sisters this semester as well as promote three individuals that we have decided are deserving of recognition of Honorary status. In order to prepare our current sisters for the responsibility, we hold "Big Workshops" that help answer questions on how to effectively guide Membership Candidates through their process.

With Fundraising, Eta Sigma has been trying to reach a goal of expanding our balance and funds by 50%. We now keep a detailed and oriented record of every expense and gain that the chapter goes through. This includes the budgets of the individual offices and chairs. We have set up fundraisers with Yankee Candle and Friendly's and we have also created and sold environment friendly water bottles that favor our marching band look. We have also sold T-Shirts that advertise the title of our Marching Band show. Presently, we have just ended a fundraiser with Joe Corbi's and have three separate dates to hold a fundraiser with Tutti Frutti frozen yogurt. We also plan to sell items at District Convention. We will raffle off a hand crafted, non playable, Saxophone. We also plan to sell painted canvases and homemade car decals.

To summarize, Eta Sigma is constantly thinking of new ways to expand our boundaries with every aspect we can think of. By 2018, we want 40% of our sisters to graduate with a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. We want to not only serve the bands at our institution, but also bands in our community and offer assistance to other organizations who are deserving of it. We have a drive to continue to grow and strive.

### **Gamma Chi**

This past year we have been doing our part and doing any service we can for the bands. We hold receptions after orchestra, jazz band, etc, concerts. In the fall, we, along with KKY, cleaned our practice marching band field, helped with marching band uniform returns, and made snack bags for away performances. Also, this Spring our chapter is working on the Focus on Five campaign.

For membership, we had a class of two in the fall, this semester we have a class of five. They are doing well and keeping active when it comes to any meetings or projects we may have.

We have done a few fundraisers this past year. Each brother and sister work in Soupy. In the fall we were selling pink paracord bracelets for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In the previous MC class of the fall, they sold homemade snowglobes to fundraise for their membership dues. We also do joint fundraisers with KKY such as sandwich sales and waffle sales that we make right on the spot for whoever would like to purchase some.

### **Gamma Kappa**

This year at Gamma Kappa, we have been trying to expand our service, and integrate service more into our Membership Education Process. In the fall, our chapter helps set up and serve food at football games, distribute uniforms, and we help high school bands with parade marching. Also in the fall, we help each rehearsal with set up and breakdown of the field, along with various other tasks that may need extra assistance. We also helped our music department by painting our music stands and labeling them with the name of the music department. This spring, we have plans to host an Instrument Petting Zoo at a local school to expose kids to music. We also helped our Brother chapter with uniform collection and preparation for cleaning. Our fall membership class is currently organizing a group to paint practice rooms in our music building, and our current membership class is working towards solidifying their service project. We also try to do our part by donating finances to our bands Tower Project to help build a Band Tower, and by also donating money to band students participating in our 18-hour long dance marathon to benefit the local Children's Hospital.

As part of our initiative to integrate service more into our Membership Education, we hosted a service Rush event. At this Rush event, we opened up the opportunity to the band to join us with going to a nursing home to perform. Part of our brainstorming in the fall including ideas about how to expand our service and one of those ideas was spreading music to our community. The Rush event was a great success and everyone had a great time. Our Membership Education Process is very similar to what it has been in the past, except we are always revisiting events to make sure everything is the best that it can be, and making sure we are giving meaning to everything that we do.

As for fundraising, one project we are always working on is doing chair setups for Jorgenson Theater on campus. What we do for chair setups includes going to the theater and changing the arrangement of the floor seating for Jorgensons events. This has always been a consistent fundraiser for us. In the fall we also held a Candy Gram sale for band members to buy candy to send to their friends on our next bus trip. It was a great success and we sold a lot of bags of candy! We are hoping to do something similar in the future and also continue the candy sales at concerts. We also fundraiser at the District Convention by selling our handmade turtles, joint assembly tee-shirts, and sunglasses.

### **Gamma Omega**

Gamma Omega has been very active over the past year. In the fall, we had four new MCs and right now, we have six new MCs. Over the course of the year, the sisters have had a great time getting to know these new MCs. This could have been through the fun rush events that were planned to the socials hosted by the MCs. The MCs have been enthusiastically learning about the sorority and the members of the Gamma Omega chapter.

In addition, the chapter has been busy with many service events. In the fall, the chapter welcomed the band members back with treat bags and fitted them with their uniforms. Around Thanksgiving, the entire sisterhood put on a dinner for the band with the proceeds going to the local food bank. The sisters also participated in high school band competitions and local community service. The sisters are currently planning to participate in Relay for Life.

Gamma Omega is also actively involved in fundraising. In the fall, the sisterhood sold sweatshirts and t-shirts to the band to commemorate the amazing season we had. The sisters also held a Smash Brothers tournament for the entire community with all of the profits going towards Relay for Life. In addition, the sisters held a plant sale for the entire university showing off our creativity by decorating the bottles the plants would be in. Overall, Gamma Omega has been a very busy chapter over the past year.

### **Iota Alpha**

Service has become our biggest priority this year, as we have felt that we have faltered in our abilities in the past few years. Our VPS Kaitlyn Devrous made it her mission to schedule many service projects for the band and the community which were enjoyable as well as rewarding, and all related to the 5 and 8 of Tau Beta Sigma. This includes:

During band camp, we provided the band with help in setting up the practice field, and making sure the freshmen were getting acquainted with the other band members and giving out popsicles to the band after a grueling day of marching in the sun. We went to Walter Panas high school where a brother Alumnus is now running the Music Department there. We played with their small student band to bring awareness to the Walter Panas community and pump up the crowd for the game. We completed a Walk4Hearing to benefit the Hearing Loss Association of America. This was by far my favorite event of the semester. We raised over \$300 as a chapter to help the association raise money to buy equipment for people who are deaf. For the first time, Marist College went to a marching band conference, the New England Collegiate Marching Band Festival. It was awesome to play with so many big bands as well as see the sisters from UConn, the Gamma Kappa Chapter. The sisters handed out goodie bags for the bus ride to keep the band members perky and excited to play. Luckily for us, we were able to contact a Girl Scout troop in Dutchess County as well as a library Poughkeepsie and come teach the young children there about music. We did workshops where we informed the kids about music through many exciting activities. Our fall concert this year was titled "Red white and Blue, We all thank you" and it supported the Wounded Warrior project. To aid in this, we wrote letters to soldiers as a chapter and then as a band. For our Flute choir, we arranged all of the music in the music library and made multiple copies for every song and part for future use. As a joint service project with Kappa Kappa Psi, we went caroling at Dutchess Cares, an assisted living home near Marist. The residents loved hearing us play traditional Christmas songs and we loved being able to brighten their day. We hosted a midterms and finals study break for the band to help alleviate some of the stress of exams and give out free food! We had many freshmen come to the event as well as other members of the band. We also played at the president's faculty luncheon for staff. It was a great time to show some of our professors what we do in our spare time, as well as thank the administration for all of their hard work.

Our Membership Education Process has really flourished this year, and establish a Continuing Education component as well/ This is a great way for us to remember all of the information we learned when we were MCs, right along side the curriculum for the actual MCs. Our VPM Rosie Mastroianni has created more engaging activities for the sisters so we are remembering the information more efficiently and not just learning for the test. This spring we have taken in a class of 10! We are extremely excited to provide the opportunity to these band members to become leaders and thrive in the Tau Beta Sigma environment.

For fundraisers this year, Tau Beta Sigma has hosted two bake sales which proved very successful as well as sold Music at Marist Sweatshirts for the first time. These were a great success and everyone who bought the sweatshirts is very excited to wear. For Band Camp, we sold Band Camp Survival Kits and this helped raise a lot of money for our chapter. We are constantly trying to think of new and successful fundraiser ideas to support our chapter and the band.

### **Iota Kappa**

The Iota Kappa chapter's motto is "Friends for a lifetime, sisters forever!" What better way to build friendship and sisterhood than through bonding activities? Our chapter prides ourselves in fostering close bonds with one another. This school year we focused on building bonds with one another through small scale events such as sister dates to larger scale events such as our annual holiday celebration. Our programming chairs made sure to create an atmosphere that strives to strengthen bonds with one another. In addition to developing closer bonds with the sisters within our chapter, Iota Kappa has been working to improve our relations with other chapters. In the past year, Iota Kappa has met with different chapters from around the NED, including Gamma Omega at Pitt, Zeta Omicron at Virginia Tech, and Iota Lambda at UNC. We have been sending cute letters of encouragement around midterms and finals in the fall (and soon to continue in the spring) to chapters with whom we do not normally correspond, such as Delta Delta. Our chapter has planned a joint chapter field day for March 7th with Zeta Omicron at Virginia Tech for a day of fun, bonding, and meeting new sisters and membership candidates. In an effort to further understand the history of our chapter, Iota Kappa has facilitated contact with our alumni in a variety of ways. Our alumni secretary updated our alumni contact information and sent out bi monthly newsletters. Iota Kappa had a reunion at Arch's Frozen Yogurt after our Homecoming game. Alumni have also been in attendance at chapter events including rush week, chapter, and our First Degree Ceremony.

Iota Kappa is devoted to serving the Cavalier Marching Band and other band programs in the Charlottesville community. The chapter began our academic year of service at band camp. Our service projects range from small gestures, such as handing out ice pops after outdoor practices, to larger, more demanding tasks, such as constructing drill binders. We continue our service throughout the fall semester playing a pivotal role in the daily operations of the Cavalier Marching Band by assisting with uniforms and game day preparations.

The Iota Kappa chapter's spring semester of service involves increased involvement in the university community from assisting the music department by ushering to fundraising for the university's newly formed Winterguard.

So far this semester, we have planned and executed, under the direction of our Vice President of Membership Sarah Jane Eaton, eight rush events including: rush information session, s'mores night, pajama party, cupcake wars, a service event, game night, crafting, and fiesta night. Following our formal tea and voting, we extended five bids and all five accepted their bids. The MCs are meeting weekly with our VPM for membership education classes and are beginning to meet with our programming co-chairs to learn the sayings and steps of our annual special ceremony. Currently, our MCs are working to complete their service project.

### **Iota Pi**

Over this year the Iota Pi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has done some great things. Starting with service, we have done a variety of service projects for our band and our mentor group as well. We have done service projects such as, band room clean-up, passing out uniforms, polishing horns, giving out snacks and water to the band on trips and performance days, giving out packages to the freshman to help them during summer band camp, just to name a few. Outside of our band, we have done a clothing drive for the homeless. Also, we

have a group of high school girls who are apart of the Camden High School Marching Band who we mentor. Sometimes the girls come to our practice to get the college marching band experience and others times we travel to Camden and spend time with them and also help them with their step show.

We have had many fundraisers this year and some upcoming ones as well. In the fall, we had a wristband sale. We sold wristbands to on campus students and faculty with our marching band logo on it to raise money for our band program. Also, we had our semi annual walking taco sale in which we put all the ingredients to make a perfect taco into a doritos bag and sell them. This is one of our most popular fundraisers. In October, we participated in the Greek/Social Fellowship step show and placed 1st raising 1000 dollars for our chapter. Some of our upcoming fundraisers are Taubucks cafe, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi joint party and another walking taco sale.

For membership, the Iota Pi chapter has welcomed six new honorary members. Two of our honorary members are our band directors, one is the dean of students, another the orange crush dance coordinator, one the secretary or the music department and one the wife of our head band director. This was a very big accomplishment for our chapter. Currently we have two membership candidates who are set to go through their third degree at the end of March. We are so excited to welcome these two ladies to our chapter and our sorority.

### **Theta Phi**

Over the past year, the Theta Phi chapter has been focused on community service, music appreciation, and hosting the NED 2015 southern precinct. We also have had an intake class during the fall semester of 2014. The Theta Phi chapter has come together to make these things the top three goals of the year. Starting with the intake class in the fall semester of 2015, following the tradition of having an information heavy Membership Education Process, the initiate class of Fall 2014 had an information and sisterhood inclusive process. We incorporated sister visits along with daily mandatory classroom in order to teach the both the history of Tau Beta Sigma and the tradition of the Theta Phi chapter.

As well as a membership education process, the chapter has been focused on community service. We formed a partnership with a local marching band and paid attention to what each section in their band needed. Some of the sections needed one on one attention, other sections needed assistance with tuning, and some other sections needed attention focused on technique. Overall, the band director greatly appreciated our efforts and requested that we make it a yearly effort. As the Hampton Marching Force grows, we hope that our little brothers and sisters locally grow as well.

Finally, the chapter has been focused on music appreciation. Along with the national program "Focus on Five", we have hosted a Women in Music seminar and have plans to make it a series long seminar with other prominent African American women musicians. Along with this, we have attempted to further build the relationship between our own alumni and the active members in order to foster a stronger bond, specifically pairing active members with their respective alumni who played the same instrument. We have been focusing on building the morale of the band by pairing our upperclassmen, along with the chapter members who are upperclassmen, with freshmen and first year band members. Through this, they learn not only the culture of the university, but the culture of their respective academic majors.

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Service wise, our chapter began our year by participating in a highway cleanup with various organizations on our campus. Although this occurred prior to band camp, we were able to get a modest amount of band members to come out and support the community's efforts. Prior to band camp check ins, with the assistance of our brothers, we were tasked with making copies of the large amount of music needed for the first week of band camp as well as organizing it all by sections. For band camp, we handled the vast majority of check ins for all new and returning band members by ensuring keys were given to the proper individuals and that the band program was adequately assisted by Residence Life. We also gave out mini Band Camp Survival packs that held small gender-specific essentials and healthy snacks. During our first break day, we hosted our joint annual Spa Day where we gave entry-level sports medicine relief, hand/arm/shoulder/leg massages and cucumber eye packs to the tired band members. As the season became well under way, we continued our "WaTAU Works" program (buying bottled water and passing it out to the band during/after games), our Keep It Fine program where we clean up the outside of our Fine Arts building and our Study Lock In program where we provided midterm and final (both semesters) tutoring to band students along with refreshments. For Homecoming, we prepared and distributed a moderate continental breakfast for the band to help add some additional energy to the rigors of the day. Around this time we were tasked with our yearly duty of painting band chairs and stands with our SOS symbols to keep them from being used by other programs. In addition to having responsibility over the University Bands libraries, we also handled programming and invites to our concert band's performances. Socially, our chapter kicked off our year with our Band Camp Cookout (in conjunction with our brothers) where we served food and provided an atmosphere for new and returning band members to meet and greet after check-in. On the same day as our Spa, we held our annual Band Camp Party where members could let loose after the stressful week and get to know each other off the field. Later that weekend, we facilitated our first WaTAU Wars between new members and returning members. We held our annual Halloween Bash for the band that encouraged sections to dress up and compete in our contest after rehearsal and in preparation of this event; we decorated the band area in true spooky fashion. Contest prizes and pizza were given at the end. After our Homecoming game, we opened up our plot to all band members and other organizations on campus. We provided food and an atmosphere for good fellowship. Our next social event was a movie night we held for the band near the close of the semester where we provided scary movies and moderate refreshments for those in attendance. During our SisTAUhoo Week, we held a game night that was open to all members which allowed for a reaffirmation of bonds between bandmen. Leadership wise, our chapter helped jointly facilitate our annual Band Bash that we consider to be both a service and leadership cultivating project. Taking the entire Fall semester to prepare for, this eventful day involves us bringing in high school students from various local schools and teaching them our current songs and chants before bringing them along with us to a pep game performance. By having the music prep beforehand, this project allows individuals in the band to exemplify their leadership skills alongside section leaders who may otherwise be overwhelmed by the larger numbers. This also gave the younger students to have an inside view of a collegiate band. By having this program implemented, we are also able to handle a large chunk of our recruitment quotas for the year. In the two years we have done this project, we have already seen repeat appearances and been able to recruit from those high schools.

#### Membership:

Due to the intimate nature of our chapter and University Bands (membership wise), Theta Pi has had many a deliberation on how we will bring new members into our bond without lowering the Ideals that we hold in such high esteem. As we outlined last year, we have continued to use our new approach to grooming our potentials when they arrive through the band program. Our Adopt-A-Pup program that fosters SUCCESSFUL freshman matriculation is an excellent illustration of how providing an academic and social support system for all incoming freshmen will augment their scholarly and musical growth, as

well as their interest in Tau Beta Sigma. After our initial contact during band recruitment, we all become actively involved in their matriculation through the University Bands by hosting a moderate amount of activities under the aforementioned umbrella program. Each academic year, we hold at least one formal interest meeting where bands women are able to speak candidly with us and receive information in a concentrated manner.

#### Fundraising:

Our major fundraising activity is our custom made Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi binders as well as selling fuze beads in the form of popular symbols for Greek organizations.

### **Zeta Omicron**

Zeta Omicron has been working diligently this year to find the perfect balance between serving the bands and serving the community. We have completed and helped with a wide variety of service projects, including but not limited to: Adopt-a-Highway, Relay for Life, Tech Honor Band, VBODA concert assessments at Blacksburg High School, MV Field Day, Band Parents Weekend, special needs instrument petting zoo, baking cookies for the Marching Virginians and the basketball pep band, hosting a NIB recording session, and performing a concert at a local retirement home. With a large increase in our membership size (over doubling in the last two years), we have been able to accomplish more than we have in the past by staggering helpers and not having the entire circle at every event. We have also enjoyed being able to work with all three of the music and band-related service organizations on our campus, Kappa Kappa Psi, Delta Omicron, and Nu Kappa Epsilon. One of our most important focuses is our joint relations, and we have been ecstatic to be able to complete even more service with their help!

Fundraising has been an integral part of our personal success as a group this year. We can attribute our attentiveness to this category to the realization that we only had a minuscule amount of about \$6 in our account a couple of years ago. There has been a constant struggle to bring this number up since that time, so we set our fundraising goal for the year at \$1500 and we were very close to raising that amount in just the Fall semester! Because of this, we bumped our goal for the year up to \$2000, and we are fully expecting to exceed that amount by the end of the year due to the many fundraisers we have set up from now until May.

Our immediate past Treasurer and current Treasurer have done an outstanding job this year, working through our financial insecurities and frequently setting up new and interesting fundraisers for us to try.

From a membership standpoint, as mentioned previously, we have over doubled our size in a relatively short amount of time. Growing pains are a natural side effect that comes along with that, but we have been able to work through it as a chapter very efficiently. New sisters and their Bigs go through a new membership workshop (run by our Membership Chair) at the start of their first Active semester. This has been able to answer questions that may have come up throughout their Membership Candidate process, or about our chapter and being a sister. We also have multiple other workshops throughout the year that have been great tools for the members of our chapter, including but not limited to: Robert's Rules of Order workshop, Hazing workshop, Alcohol Policies workshop, and Self-Esteem workshop. Overall, Zeta Omicron has had a fantastic year of change and growth, through the service, fundraising, and membership aspects of our organization.

### **Zeta Upsilon**

Zeta Upsilon has spent the past year building leadership. After building on service the previous year, we wanted to focus on yet another focus in our 8 and 5; this time, leadership. We have done a number of activities that have built on our understanding of ourselves. This, we found important, because to be able to

understand how we are leaders, we needed to understand ourselves. This is why we did activities, at meetings, that focused on leadership (such as the human knot and Myers-Briggs tests).

One thing that we are still struggling with is focusing on music. Though we love music and band, our overall performance in music is low. For now, we have decided to put off our yearly musicale to focus on music by having a sister or two playing in meetings. We are also focusing on improving on singing our loyalty song because this is our weakest hymn in our hymn workshops.

Overall, Zeta Upsilon is in a very good year. We had some struggles last year, but we are really working on building our bond and focusing on music, service, leadership, and many other aspects that would make us better Sisters. We are succeeding in fundraisers (bake sales, raffles, dine for dollars), participating in National projects, and have taken one class and in the process of another. We, the Sisters of ZY, are happy for the growth and success of this year.